

## Cross Country Ski Trails in the Jemez Ranger District and Valles Caldera National Preserve in the Jemez Mountains

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From Albuquerque take I-25N to Bernalillo. Take US-550N to San Ysidro and take NM-4 past Jemez Springs to La Cueva and Valles Caldera National Preserve

More detailed trail descriptions are presented in the following sources:

1. Trails information by Mike Meier on the N. M. Cross Country Ski Club Web site.
2. **Ski Touring in Northern New Mexico** by Sam Beard. Available at Ski Club monthly meetings.

In the following table, trailhead (TH) locations are given in miles from La Cueva located at the intersection of NM-4 and NM-126.

TH (miles)	Name of Trail or Ski Area	Class*	One-Way Distance (miles)	Comments
<b>Trailheads on NM-126 West of La Cueva</b>				
3.9	San Antonio Hot Spring	I	5	N on Forest Road 376
6	Fenton Hill Road	I	Variable	Forest Road 144
<b>Trailheads on NM-4 East of La Cueva</b>				
2.5	Redondo Campground Area	I	Variable	Ski CG and surrounding forest
6.6	East Fork Ridge Trail	I-II	4.5	
<b>Los Griegos Mountain Parking Area</b>				
9.2	Ladera Trail	I-II	3	
9.2	Elk Ridge Trail	II	2	Elk Ridge TH on Ladera Trail
9.2	Las Conchas Burn Trail (N side of NM-4 just E of Los Griegos parking area)	I	Variable	Access to Eastern part of East Fork Area
<b>Peralta Area on South Side of NM-4</b>				
12.4	Corral Canyon Trail	II	2.5	
12.4	Calzada Trail	I-II	2	
<b>Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP)</b>				
13.8	Entrance. Visitor Center is 2 miles N on plowed dirt road. Trail maps are available at Visitor Center and on VCNP Web Site			
---	La Jara Loop Trail	I	1	Groomed
---	History Grove Loop Trail	I	5	Groomed
---	South Mountain Trail	II	5	
<b>Coyote Call Area is in VCNP. S Side of NM-4 approx. 2 miles E of VCNP Entrance</b>				
---	Coyote Call Loop Trail	I-II	3	
---	Rabbit Mountain Trail	II-III	3	TH on Coyote Call Trail
<b>Santa Fe National Forest and Bandelier National Monument</b>				
18.3	St. Peter's Dome Road	I	5	Forest Road 289
18.4	Upper Frijoles Ski Trails	I	Variable	Parking on N side of Hwy
<b>*Difficulty Classes – Class I: Easiest; Class 2: More Difficult; Class III: Most Difficult.</b>				