

Spooner resumes groomed cross country trails

For the first time in four years, cross country trails are being groomed at Spooner Lake State park.

The 6 mile trail system is free. It is made possible by a partnership between Nevada State Parks and Nevada Nordic, a nonprofit group based in the basin.

Nevada Nordic has spent hundreds of hours planning and grooming the system of trails at Spooner.

The trail system includes several teardrop loops, offers skate and classic skiing, and is intermediate with flat rolling terrain. The plan is to expand the trails in the future to increase distance and difficulty.

Ski trails will close when the snowpack gets thin enough that grooming would have a harmful impact.

Trail etiquette, according to State Parks:

- Do not walk on the trail in shoes or boots.
- Dogs should be on a leash of not more than 6 feet in length and off to the side of the groomed trails.
- Snowshoers are welcome, but should stay to the far edge of the trail and be careful not to mar the center of the trail for skate skiing, or the tracks set for classic skiing.