

## Directions for the Snowshoe Trail to Rueben Jones Shelter and on to the China Ridge Cabin

It's not marked on any of the maps, but there is a snowshoe trail that will take you to the Rueben Jones shelter and then beyond to the China Ridge cabin. For the most part it follows the Parker mountain bike trail, but there are numerous deviations because some sections of the Parker trail follow ski trails and we do not want snowshoers walking down ski trails.

1. Start off by taking the Owen trail - I suggest doing it counter clockwise (better views). To get on the Owen trail follow the snow shoe signs from the Longhouse that are to the right of the ski trail. Once you get to the point that the Owen and Kaeden trail split, you are basically on the Parker Trail (ie the Parker and Owen trails follow the same route for a distance)
2. At the far end of the Owen trail, there's a spot where the Owen trail, the Ridge ski trail and a barb wire fence line all come together in a bit of an opening. Go through the opening in the fence (where the ski trail goes) and you should see a blue sign saying "Parker" (and signs of previous snowshoers entering the bush at that point). Follow that trail.
3. A couple hundred meters or so along and the flagged snowshoe trail will cross over the 2010 ski trail. In the summer, the Parker bike trail runs along 2010, but the flagged snowshoe trail will take you parallel to the 2010 until the Parker leaves the 2010 (at which point you join back up with Parker).
4. Another couple hundred meters or so along and the flagged snowshoe trail again deviates from Parker where Parker joins again in with the 2010 ski trail.
5. After another 200 metres or so, the trail emerges into an opening where the Ridge trail, the Burn Road, the Biffy by pass and the 2010 ski trails intersect. There is also a green outhouse at this location. The Parker trail at this point follows the Biffy by pass trail, snowshoers will take the flagged (currently in yellow) trail located to the right of the "biffy". This trail will cross the Biffy by pass after 300 metres or so and then follow the Parker trail all the way to Rueben Jones.
6. At Rueben Jones look for the Parker trail to the left and behind the shelter, and follow the Parker trail all the way to the China Ridge cabin. It will cross over a number of ski trails along the way. At the "T" intersection of the Ridge trail and Lind Burn trail, the Parker trail is the distinct path through the bush at the top of the "T".