



Trail 3 - Wheeler Creek Loop: Icebox Canyon Route

Duration: 3 hours

Distance: 4.5 miles

Difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead: Wheeler Creek

Elevation: Wheeler Creek trailhead: 4870'; Icebox Canyon Junction: 5520'

Avalanche: Known avalanche path from Wheeler Canyon to Art Nord

Map: Snowbasin 7.5' quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: Not needed

Dogs: Allowed

Introduction: This trail is an enjoyable loop that passes by steep cliffs at the beginning and end of the trail, follows refreshing Wheeler Creek for the majority of the trail, and takes in Icebox Canyon-- all in one route. Begin at Wheeler Creek trailhead (as you did in trail 1 and 2), go to Art Nord trailhead (as you did in trail 2), then take the Wheeler Creek Middle Fork trail and drop into Icebox Canyon where it hooks back up with the trail to Wheeler Creek trailhead.

How to Get There: Wheeler Creek Trailhead: Head up Ogden Canyon S.R. 39 for 6 miles. Wheeler Creek Trailhead sits just below Pineview Dam on the south side of the road. Parking available at the trailhead.

Trail Description: From Wheeler Creek trailhead follow the trail for 1 mile. At this point, a sign on the right will tempt you down into Icebox Canyon, but wait, we'll come at it from the top. Pass by this sign and continue straight to Art Nord trailhead following the old service road (just as we did in trail 2). Once at Art Nord, head down between the two information kiosks (Middle Fork trail) where the trail dips down by the creek, crosses a set of bridges, and then climbs out, all the while in near

proximity to The Old Snowbasin Road. The Middle Fork trail continues on for a little over 1 mile paralleling The Old Snowbasin Road most of the way. Use the parallel route of the road to make sure you're on route. After a mile, at the next trail split, head right, down into Icebox Canyon. In Icebox Canyon you'll be snowshoeing right next to Wheeler Creek for 1.2 miles where you will then come back out onto the trail at the junction you passed on your way in. Icebox canyon is filled with trees, often shade, and you can expect that it will be lovely, but likely a bit cold. As you come out of the small canyon you'll find yourself back on the original Wheeler Creek trail where you can easily find your way back to the trailhead and your car.