

Cascade Sled Dog Club Training Site Evaluation

BRING: map to write route(s) on, GPS, odometer, altimeter, a digital camera. For maps, try printing out target area from [maps.google.com](https://maps.google.com). Rough estimates of elevation can be obtained from [hillmap.com](https://hillmap.com) using coordinates if altimeter is unavailable.

Smartphone users, your phone can be all these things, assuming service.

Please be detailed in your written evaluation and complete all three (3) pages

Evaluator(s) and contact info:

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Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Drive time/distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles/minutes from \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Day Visited: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Visited: \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total other vehicles/people seen: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROAD CONDITION TO POSSIBLE STAGING AREA:** Please describe the road leading to possible staging area:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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	Circle One:	Details if necessary:
Passable for trailers?	<b>YES / NO / UNKNOWN</b>	_____
Season closures likely?	<b>YES / NO / UNKNOWN</b>	_____
Gates present?	<b>YES / NO / UNKNOWN</b>	_____
Adequate turnaround area for long vehicles or vehicles with trailers?	<b>YES / NO / UNKNOWN</b>	_____

**STAGING AREA:** Please describe the staging area including road surface and condition:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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	Circle One:	Details if necessary:
Trailer Access?	<b>YES / NO / UNKNOWN</b>	_____
Approximate total number of vehicles that could stage here:	_____	_____
Easy access to training road/trail directly from staging area?	<b>YES / NO / UNKNOWN</b>	_____
Other features/amenities:	_____	_____

**TRAINING ROAD / TRAIL:** Please describe, in detail, the road or trail to be used for training:

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**For what length did you scope this road/trail: \_\_\_\_\_ miles round trip**

**Select all that apply to this possible training road/trail:**

- Pavement section at beginning of trail (approximately how long \_\_\_\_\_ mile(s))
- Pavement section inside trail (approximately how long \_\_\_\_\_ mile(s))
- Completely paved
- Small or Pea-sized Gravel
- Large Gravel
- Dirt
- Large ruts
- Large rocks in trail
- Road – regular vehicle type road
- Trail
- Logging road
- Access to water: (Circle type: creek / river / pond / lake / other-describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Width of trail:** \_\_\_\_\_ approximate feet

Does the width vary substantially in parts? **YES / NO / UNKNOWN**

Is the width of the trail generally suitable for a team pulling an ATV? **YES / NO / UNKNOWN**

Does the width allow for two ATV teams to pass safely the majority of the time? **YES / NO / UNKNOWN**

**Steepness of trail:** \_\_\_\_\_ approximate overall grade

Are there steep grades? **YES / NO / UNKNOWN**

How many steep grades? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate steepness of these grades? *Describe* \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate length of the steep section(s) *Describe* \_\_\_\_\_

**LOOPS AND TURNAROUNDS:**

**Select all that apply to the possible turnaround/loop options on this trail:**

- Loop (approximately how many miles out \_\_\_\_\_ mile(s))
- Multiple Loop options (approximately how many miles out \_\_\_\_\_ mile(s))
- Buttonhook turn(s)
- Teardrop turn(s)

Approximate turning radius of these turnaround spots \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe turning options in detail:

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**Hazards? Describe:**

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How busy do you believe this road/trail might be with non-mushing traffic/recreational use:

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Additional Comments (use the back of paper too):

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In your opinion:

- Road/Trail not at all appropriate for any mushing activity – do not investigate further
- Road/Trail possibly appropriate for mushing with all types of teams (ATV, Cart, Scooter)
- Road/Trail possibly appropriate for just small teams (Bike/Scooter)
- Road/Trail possibly appropriate for shorter (4 miles or less) loops
- Road/Trail possibly appropriate for longer (more than 4 miles) loops
- This road/trail is our unicorn, suitable for all CSDC purposes – GO INVESTIGATE NOW

**Please mark up your map with the noted staging areas, hazards, water access, gates, loops, etc.**

Please return this form along with any associated photos and/or maps, to the CSDC Trails Committee by e-mailing them to [cascadesdc@me.com](mailto:cascadesdc@me.com) with the subject “training site evaluation”. ~~~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! ~~~