

## Big Bar Ski Trails

### Site Identification

**Nearest Community:**  
Clinton, B.C.

**Geocache Location:**  
N 51°10.328'  
W 121° 34.245'

**Altitude:**  
1146m

**Ownership:**  
Crown Land

**Accuracy:**  
5 meters

**Overall Difficulty:** 1.5  
**Overall Terrain:** 1.5

### Access Information and Restrictions:

15 km North from Clinton. From Highway 97 at top of hill at rest stop turn west onto Big Bar Road (hard packed dirt/gravel) for 8 km following signage; once at the trail head start out west heading between the warm-up hut and the outhouses to reach the Clinton Creek Community Watershed & Forestry Rd 3015. There is no vehicle access along these trails except by permit.

### Parking Advice:

Pull off of Big Bar Lake Road and park near Cross Country Ski Trails' legend sign.

For more information or to report a problem with this site please contact:

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There is far more than just cattle and cowboys northwest of Clinton. High above the Fraser River, between Big Bar Canyon and Highway 97, lays one of the most amazing plateaus. A geological wonder draped with meadows and fine forests, the Big Bar region swathing the Fraser Plateau is a pristine wilderness with magnificent views. In view of the majestic Marble Mountain Range and high above the many limestone cliffs, the trails and creeks are outdoor enthusiasts' dreams come true.

With a multitude of trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking crisscrossing the plateau, vistas of the area in every direction will awe everyone who chooses to venture into this unique ecological wonder. And at any time while enjoying the trails you may just meet up with a true Cariboo cowboy.

People of the Cariboo thrive in the outdoors, so it isn't any wonder that when the snow is perfect and the sun is shining they will venture out to enjoy the marvels of meandering through a crisp winter wonderland. When the soft dry snow drapes the Big Bar recreation area the enthusiasts don their cross-country skis and head out for a jaunt under clear deep blue Cariboo skies.

True to their lifestyle of cattle and horses, the Clinton Snow Jockey Club ensures that the many trails are well maintained. The intertwining network of trails are cleared in the warmer summer months and groomed for skiers in the winter months. Shelters have been erected to protect users from the harsher elements, whether it is wild winds, icy sheets of sleet and hail, pelting cold rains or a hot blazing sun.

You can picnic at the shelters or carry on to many of the wonderful spots to sit and enjoy the surrounding views or wait to experience the living nature of the Cariboo.

The more than 25 kilometres of groomed trails varies from short stretches of less than half a kilometre to several kilometres stretches. However, depending on how you approach the network one can travel more than the 25 kilometres, as the trails crisscross and intertwine. And don't forget you must be sure to allow yourself travel time to return to the parking area where you started out.

The Big Bar trails are best approached not only with the safety and survival gear outdoor enthusiasts must travel with, but the most important piece of equipment – a camera. You will not want to return home without the opportunity to reflect and revisit your great Big Bar Trail adventure. The photos you choose to take will awe all those who view them and remind you that you will be returning at the next opportunity to absorb the bountiful beauty of the Big Bar area and the scenic trails enjoyed in all seasons.

The Big Bar trails are a splendor, a natural treasure hidden high upon the Fraser Plateau in Gold Country.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY & SOURCES

Shewchuk, Murphy. *Cariboo Trips & Trails*, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, Markham, Ontario 2008

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#### **Letterboxing Clues:**

From parking lot walk 30m to welcome warm up hut. Follow trail to the right of hut 40m and find 3 stumps. Look in hollow root of third stump.