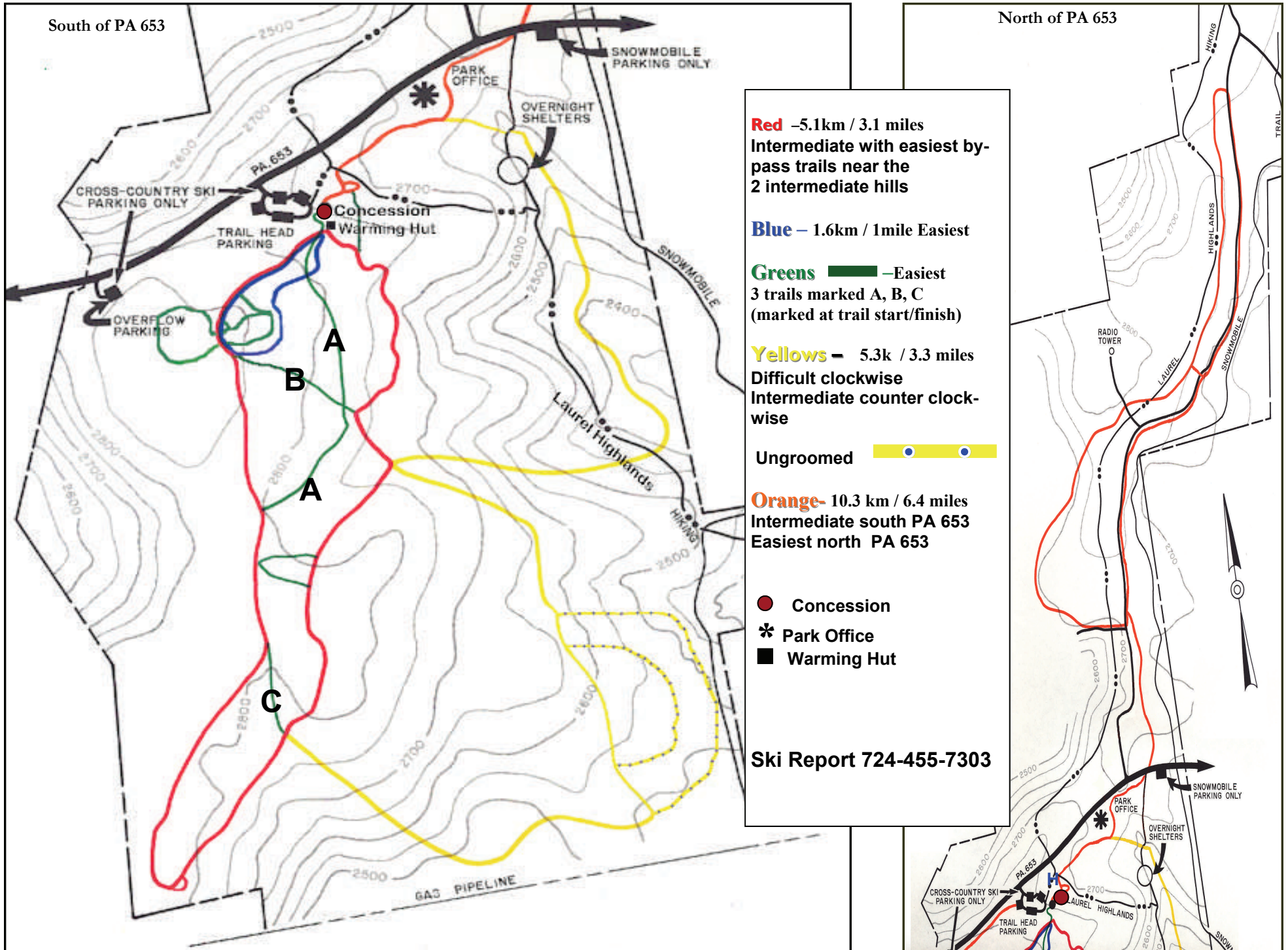


Laurel Ridge State Park Cross Country Ski Area



Red -5.1km / 3.1 miles
Intermediate with easiest by-pass trails near the 2 intermediate hills

Blue - 1.6km / 1mile Easiest

Greens -Easiest
3 trails marked A, B, C
(marked at trail start/finish)

Yellows - 5.3k / 3.3 miles
Difficult clockwise
Intermediate counter clock-wise

Ungroomed 

Orange- 10.3 km / 6.4 miles
Intermediate south PA 653
Easiest north PA 653

-  Concession
-  Park Office
-  Warming Hut

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Blue Trail - This relatively easy trail is approximately 1.7 kilometers long and is ideal for beginning, inexperienced cross country skiers. It begins at the start of the Red trail and continues on an uphill portion of the Red trail until a sharp left turn and a long, gentle downhill take you back to the concession. The trail is ideal for skating or diagonal striding.

Red Trail - The Red trail is just over 5 kilometers long and is the main ski trail which is groomed for skating or diagonal striding. The entire trail meanders through the woods, and it has four downhill (starting at the 2.5 kilometer mark) to navigate, two of which are intermediate in steepness. Easier bypass trails at these hills are present. The trail is most often skiable and holds snow well in low-snow conditions.

Orange trail- The Orange trail is 10.6 kilometers in length, with a cutoff which shortens it to 7 kilometers. There is only one very steep downhill on this trail, located shortly after entering the trail from the concession. The trail then takes the skier to Rte 653, which must be crossed to continue onward. After crossing Route 653, the trail follows the road until the 5 kilometer mark, where it turns into the woods and continues in a gently rolling fashion. The wooded portion eventually meets the road section, where it can be taken back to the concession. The trail is groomed for skating or diagonal striding.

Green Trails- These trails are generally interconnecting trails which connect sections of the Red trail system. However, the green trails (the Garstka loops) located just before the turnoff to the Blue trail are excellent beginner trails and are groomed for skating and diagonal striding. Maps are positioned at some of the intersections to show your location.

Yellow trails- The yellow trails are classical striding trails that are not groomed as wide nor as often as the Red, Blue, Green and Orange trails. The Yellow trails offer more backcountry experience and include intermediate hills.

The Yellow trail marked with Blue dots off the far Yellow loop have blue blazes on the trees and are not groomed at all.



Groomed and Tracked trails
for Classical and Freestyle skiing



Hours- Christmas to St Patrick's Day we are open Tuesday thru Sunday 9-5 (also open on Holiday Monday's), otherwise Fri, Sat, Sun 9-5 (conditions permitting)

Trail Fee required
Rentals available

Directions:

From Pittsburgh, take Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 9 (Donegal), Left on to RT31 then make a right on Rt 711, and go 10 miles to Normalville. At Normalville (the stop sign at the "T"), make a left turn and travel approximately 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Rt 653 East (a two lane road) and travel ~ 5.5 miles to the Ski Center. Turn right at the sign indicating the Cross Country Ski Center (the sign will be on your left) to enter the parking areas.

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