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On a sunny winter day, enjoy the views from these exposed trails:												
	Bridger E	Battle Ridge Trail	8.7	900	207	G,SS	X	X	Views down Bridger Mountain range			
	Madison E	S Fork Spanish Creek Road	13.4	735	110	SS	X	X	from Ted Turner's gate to below Pioneer Falls	MH10		
	N Gallatin	Limestone Creek	4.0	500	250	SS	X		Views of Bozeman & Bridgers	S28		
	N Gallatin	Lower Mt Ellis	6.0	2400	800	SS		X	Caution: avalanche danger?	S27	X	
	Paradise W	Goose Creek Road	4.6	621	270	G,Ss	X	X	muddy & icy in Nov; road can be bad			
	Four Corners	River Road to Gallatin Buffalo Jump	3.8	160	84	G	X		historical marker; does road get muddy?			New
Other options for good weather days:												
	Bangtail	Jackson Creek Road	5.2	540	208	SS	X	X	pretty valley along creek	MH22		New
	Bangtail	Olson Creek Rd	5.0	400	160	G	X	X		S15	X	
	Bangtail	Stone Creek Road	4.0	400	200	G	X			S17		
	Bridger W	N Cottonwood Creek	8.0	2000	500	SS	X	X	Views of Gallatin Valley; walk along creek	S2,J15	X	
	Hyalite	Grotto Falls	2.5	250	200	G	X		Waterfall	S54,J34		
	N Gallatin	Sourdough Canyon (Bozeman Creek)	10.0	800	160	G	X	X	Caution: dogs & skiers	J24,MH		
Snowshoes will probably be needed in these areas:												
	Bridger E	S Brackett to Ross lookout	5.2	809	311	SS		X	View of Ross Peak		X	
	Bridger E	The Chutes & Ross Overlook	5.0	835	334	SS		X	View of Ross Peak			
	Hyalite	Big Meadow/Lick Divide/Buckskin	5.7	1165	409	SS		X	Climb rocks to view of Hyalites			
	Hyalite	Big Meadow/Lick Divide/trail back	5.0	1165	466	SS		X	Climb rocks to view of Hyalites			
	Hyalite	Big Meadow to Buckskin	2.6	360	277	SS	X					
	Hyalite	Wild Horse/Hood Crk/Wild Horse	6.3	850	270	SS		X	deeper snow beyond 4-way intersection			
	Hyalite	Wild Horse to lunch logs / meadow	5.6	860	307	SS		X	deeper snow beyond 4-way intersection			
	Hyalite	Langohr Road to Sunshine Lead Mine	4.2	530	252	SS	X		views of north Hyalite canyon			
	Hyalite	Lick / Missing Link / Buckskin *shuttle*	5.7	900	316	SS		X				
	Hyalite	Moser Creek Loop	7.4	750	203	SS		?	do early in winter before snowmobiles come	S44		
	Hyalite	Moser Triangle	4.3	740	344	SS	X		views of Mt Ellis & Bridgers; little used trail		X	
	Hyalite	Moser-Buckskin Loop	4.7	800	340	SS		X	heavy ski & snowmobile traffic	S45		
	Hyalite	Palisades/Maxey Cabin snowshoe loop	4.5	617	274	SS		X	-0.75 miles if bushwhack from Maxey to parking area			
	Hyalite	Palisade Falls from E Fork Hyalite Road	2.7	410	304	SS	X		Frozen waterfall			
	Hyalite	Window Rock Cabin	3.6	200	111	SS	X		roads between cabin and Window Rock Road			
	N Gallatin	Eagle Rock (need permission)	4.6	915	398	SS	X		<i>requires neighborhood resident as escort</i>			
	Gallatin Cyn	Indian Ridge	4.1	1200	585	SS		X	views of Storm Castle & Gallatin Crest	J60		
On a windy day, these trails are sheltered by trees or canyons:												
	Bridger E	Mid Brackett Crk skiers chutes	4.1	685	334	SS	X					
	Bangtail	Grassy Mountain - 1st overlook	5.0	1000	400	SS		X	View of Crazy Mountains	J6		
	Bridger W	Sypes Canyon to overlook	4.0	1240	620	G,SS	X		View of Bozeman & Gallatin Valley at top	S6	X	
	Bridger W	Truman Gulch lollipop	6.0	1600	533	SS		X	New switchbacks fall 2015			
	Hyalite	Crescent Lake Loop	2.5	240	192	SS	X		Return along Hyalite Reservoir	S50,J30,MH14		
	Hyalite	Crescent Lk to Window Rock Cabin	4.7	430	183	SS		X	Stunning view of Hyalite Alps at end	J31		
	Hyalite	Hyalite Creek Trail to Apex Falls	7.6	1200	316	SS	Arch	X	Grotto, Arch, Chasm, Shower, Apex Falls	S55		
	Madison E	Hell Roaring Creek	5.0	500	200	G,SS	X	X		S58		X
	N Gallatin	Bear Canyon	4.4	400	182	G,SS	X			S30,J22,MH17	X	
	N Gallatin	Chestnut Mtn->Frog Rock overlook	6.0	1700	567	SS	X	X	3.6 miles across from Frog Rk; 6 miles to above it			

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	N Gallatin	S Cottonwood Crk to 3rd bridge	5.0	200	80	G,SS	X	X	Hike along creek	S43,J26		
	N Gallatin	Sourdough Ridge	6.0	1870	623	SS		X				
These trails are usually snow free & dry - no need for grippers:												
	Paradise W	Hogback Ridge	5.2	2025	779	-		X	flowers by May 1			XX
	Horseshoe Hills	Headwaters State Park	3.5	33	19	-	X		Historical markers			
	Horseshoe Hills	Horseshoe Gulch Road, Manhattan				-			park at fishing access; walk on county road			
	Madison W	Bear Trap Cyn to Bear Trap Crk	7.0	175	50	-		X		J78		XX
	Madison W	Bear Trap Cyn - west side	4.8	343	143	-	X		creek crossing at Warm Springs parking area			
	Madison W	Madison Buffalo Jump cliff walk	3.1	725	468	-	X		add on north loop for 3.8 mile loop; historical i			XX
	Tobacco Roots	Lewis & Clark-Middle View/Cave Gulch	5.8	1511	525	-		X	flowers by mid April			XX
	Tobacco Roots	Three Forks Jefferson River Tr (paved)	6.0	0	0	-		X	asphalt trail to near Sacagawea's abduction site			
	Tobacco Roots	Doherty Mountain BLM (off-trail)	5.0	1650	660	-		X	Explore an area without trails			
	Madison E	Axtel Anceny Road from Fishing Access				-	X		park at fishing access; walk on dirt roads; floods in spring			X
When the roads are icy or parking lots might not be plowed:												
	Bozeman	Manley Meadows	3.7	34	19	G		X				
	Bozeman	Cherry River both loops	1.4	0	0	G		X				
	Bozeman	Cherry River to Glen Lake	2.2	40	36	G		X		S22		
	Bozeman	E Gallatin Rec Area	2.2	0	0	G		X		S23		X
	Bozeman	Legends-Creekwood-Bridger Creek	2.5	0	0	G		X		S26		
	Bozeman	Story Mill Spur (depot) to Legends	4.9	375	153	G		X				
	Bozeman	Story Hills Trail-Big Gulch	3.5	540	309	G		X				X
	Bridger W	W Bridger Foothills Trail towards Sypes	7.0	2100	600	SS		X		J21		
	Bridgers S	The College "M" via west loop	2.5	850	680	G		X				X
	Bridgers S	Drinking Horse	2.4	700	583	G		X		S19,J1		
	Bozeman	Peet's Hill/Burke Park	4.1	435	212	G		X		J97		
	Bozeman	Peet's Hill/Burke Park/Gallagator loop	5.6	436	156	G		X				
	Bozeman	Gallagator Trail	2.2	0	0	G		X		S33,J98		
	Bozeman	Sourdough Trail	3.2	100	63	G		X		S37		
	Bozeman	Sourdough-Sundance Loop	2.8	153	109	G		X				
	Bozeman	Painted Hills	2.5	300	240	G,SS		X		S35		
	Bozeman	Kermodi St Loop	1.5	150	200	G		X	views of Frog Rock, Mt Ellis,M; gully out of wind			New
	N Gallatin	Triple Tree	5.4	845	313	G		X				XX
	N Gallatin	Kirk Hill (overlook + NE loop #2)	2.2	776	705	G		X	avoid the switchbacks on return leg	S41,J96		X
	N Gallatin	Kirk Hill/Hodgman Canyon	4.4	1270	577	SS		X				
	N Gallatin	Kirk Hill to Leverich	5.0	1855	742	SS		X				
	Bozeman	100 Acre Gallatin County Regional Park	1.3	25	38	G		X				
	Bozeman	100 Acre to Bzn Pond (West Side Loop)	5.5	100	36	G		X				
	Bozeman	Clifden Loops from Ridge Athletic Club	3.0	36	24	G		X	Add on Petra Academy wetlands (0.8 mile)			
	Four Corners	Middle Creek loop	1.8	35	39	G		X	HOA told Sam it's OK for us to hike there.			
	Four Corners	Black Bull loops	4.5	320	142	G		X	Open to public; don't use parking lot or bathro			XX
	Four Corners	Elk Grove inner & outer loops & lake	3.0			G		X				New
For a longer excursion, consider driving to:												
	Gallatin W	Swan Creek	6.0	520	173	SS		X		MH9		X
	Gallatin W	Moose Creek Rd	5.4	665	246	SS		X		MH9		

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	Gallatin W	Porcupine Creek	5.0	650	260	SS				S72,J44		
	YNP	Tepee Creek to Tepee Pass	6.0	900	300	SS				S76,MH2		
	YNP	Daley Creek	5.2	350	135	SS				S78		
	YNP	Specimen Creek	4.2	240	114	SS				S80		
	YNP	Bacon Rind Creek	4.2	200	95	SS			must park at Fawn Pass	S81		
	Madison W	Jack Creek	5.6	700	250	SS			1'30" drive			
	Butte	Ringing Rocks	5.9	1040	353	-			1'15" drive			X
S=Stone, Robert												
Some early spring options (in addition to the "dry" hikes):												
	Bridger W	Sypes to Bridger Foothills Tr	6.4	1600	500	G		X	dry early spring; views			
	Madison W	Cowboy Heaven	6.2	1500	484	?		X	reportedly dry in April; 12.8 mi, 3192 ft to top			X
	Madison W	Copper City	6.5	1330	409	-	X	X	wildflowers in late April; no wind protection			XX
	YNP	Rescue Creek (shuttle)	7.9	354	90	-			mostly downhill; wildlife: dry April; 2 hour drive			New

