

# SNOWFOX RIDGE TRADING POST

## Setting description

The Trading Post at Snowfox Ridge sits on a bend in the Witbeck River. Snow is on the ground here for more than 8 months of the year and this can be tough country, so owners Hen and Reki Ingreforr make sure to cater to the needs of travellers as well as traders. Twin sisters who few can tell apart, the Ingreforrs are hardy, fierce and fair.

## Adventuring goods for sale

- 1 No-Snap Snowshoes - strung with home-cured reindeer sinew. Very strong!
- 2 Boot Chains - walk on water (nb. frozen water) with this pair of gripping, iron chains. To be fastened around soles of boots.
- 3 Perry's Pitons - branded with the trusty 'Double P', climb your way to the top by hammering these spikes into rock and attaching your ropes!
- 4 Frostbite Gloves - prevent bothersome frostbite with our double-layered reindeer gloves. Insulated with a layer of reindeer fat (please avoid piercing).
- 5 Excellent Sleeping Bag - sleep inside this excellent bag. Insulated and padded with owlbear feather, this excellent owlbear pelt bag will keep you dry and warm.
- 6 No-blind Sno-blind - keep your sight when it's bright with these obsidian goggles
- 7 Blizzard Bird - take a little tweeter on your travels! If a snow storm is a brewing, this little yellow bird starts a spewing! (Nb. the spewing is very loud and messy)
- 8 Bunny Bait - when hunger calls, lure a bunny from its burrow in the snow. Dinnertime! (Nb. local species are vicious fighters and tough when cooked.)

## Local food and potions for sale

- 1 Catfish steaks - marinated and wrapped in cured skins
- 2 Cobcake - wedges of delicious cobnut cake, sweet, nutritious, filling. Eat dry, buttered or soaked in milk.
- 3 Cryck Leaf - brew in water for a peppery, warming tea
- 4 Elder Potion - with herbs and ground smoke-dried elderberries, drink this to mask your scent in the forest.
- 5 Bearshite balm - sterilised, mixed with certain herbs, spread this on animal-caused injuries for fast healing
- 6 Ivy Root dust - massage into frost-bitten appendages to reverse the necrotic process.

## People visiting the Trading Post

- 1 Yangus Gilbert, a walker attempting to be the first explorer to find the source of the Witbeck. Is keen to draft in companions for this final leg.
- 2 Labeth Ondaire, seeking to steal rare bird eggs to sell to city collectors. Callous and unpleasant. Doesn't enjoy the cold and seems unprepared for the forest.
- 3 Winelegs, a river trader who is famed for bringing booze up the Witbeck. Carries dozens of drunkard's rumours. Very close with the Ingreforrs.
- 4 Colban son of Neevi, from the hills to the east, who brought pelts to trade. Camping overnight before heading home, he likes gambling with 'softy' outsiders.
- 5 Walterus of Dorroch Abbey, a monk on a pilgrimage to cave where St Ghosay fought the Devil Bear.
- 6 Captain Nira, the only survivor of a military expedition into the Western Ridges. Bruised and ragged, shocked Nira tells of an attack by monsters and mages.

## Services offered to travellers

- 1 We can help arrange a forest guide or advise on directions and local places. We can also provide details of local flora and fauna (free if you are polite).
- 2 Camp overnight (one night only) with one hot meal included (choose breakfast or dinner). Best local rates.
- 3 Hire a pack mule - price on application. Choose from Dangy, Kickfoot or Startleboy. You MUST return him.
- 4 Laundry services - garments scrubbed and fire-dried. If you have no other body coverings you must stay in your tent. Priced per garment.

## Local places of note

- 1 Treefall Grove, a clearing in which if you face north, all you hear is the sound of falling trees.
- 2 Gregor's Hut, where the wizard Gregor can be found during the snow months. He has a particular skill in forest magic and divining the future from a face.
- 3 The Fish Womb, a mountain lake where fish travel to breed. A water sprite is said to drown unkind people here in offering to the fish god who enjoys bitter flesh.
- 4 The Slate Mines, an old and abandoned mine complex, said to be deep and very dangerous.