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Wisconsin Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Guide

Northwest Wisconsin is a region rich in Nordic skiing tradition and history and blessed with some of the best cross country ski trails in the country. Not only are there literally hundreds of kilometers of groomed trails, but they represent a wide range of family-oriented to athletically challenging experiences in a setting of incredible natural beauty.

With the region's strong Scandinavian heritage, it was only natural that Nordic skiing took root in northwest Wisconsin. Farmers, loggers and settlers of Norwegian, Finnish and Swedish extraction used cross country skis for work, recreation and transportation dating back to the early part of the twentieth century.

Much of the area's "modern" Nordic skiing heritage can be attributed to the late Tony Wise and the development of Telemark Resort in Cable. Wise was one of those larger than life characters whose accomplishments helped elevate cross country skiing to a much higher level of awareness in the Midwest and the country. He was the former owner of Telemark Resort which, when started in 1947, was one of the first downhill ski areas in the Midwest. As such, it quickly became a hot spot for winter sports in the area. Wise also recognized the potential for cross country skiing at Telemark; a system of trails was laid out and Telemark began to make its mark in the world of cross country skiing.

To further promote Telemark Resort and its cross country ski trails, Wise also went on to create the American Birkebeiner cross country ski marathon. Starting with only 54 skiers in 1973, it has grown to enormous proportions and now attracts over 9,000 skiers. The American Birkebeiner Ski Trail, originally created specifically for this event, has become

the most significant cross country ski trail in the U.S.

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Landmark dates in the history of cross country skiing in northwest Wisconsin include 1975 when the United States Cross Country Ski Team including Bill Koch—who would later go on to win a silver medal in the 1976 Olympics—came to Telemark

to train, 1978 when the first World Cup cross country ski races were held on the Telemark Trails, and also that year the Worldloppet League, an affiliation of international cross country ski marathons, was formed by Tony Wise at Telemark.

Not long after Wise undertook his efforts to develop the Telemark Trails, cross country ski trails began springing up all across northwest Wisconsin with many developed by the U.S. Forest



Service in the surrounding Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. After an auspicious beginning, it wasn't long before the landscape was dotted with numerous trails of all sizes and descriptions, most of which continue to offer pleasant and challenging cross country skiing opportunities today.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is just about as silent a "silent sport" as you can find. The soft sound of your snowshoes packing the snow and your own heartbeat are about all one can hear as you make your way through the woods in the deep snow of our long Northwest Wisconsin winters. But where does one go to enjoy this increasingly popular winter sport? Unlike cross country skiing, developed snowshoe trail systems are still evolving across the region. We are fortunate, however, to have many excellent places to explore here in the wilds of Northwest Wisconsin.

Of course, the real die-hard adventurer doesn't even need a trail and can just head out into any tract of undeveloped land. For you, vast county forests and National Forest lands will provide ample opportunity to explore. Existing hiking and nature trails also offer fantastic snowshoeing options, many through deep woods in remote areas with others close to towns or major highways.

From the easy and rolling to trails that take you through some of the most rugged terrain in the region, there is a trail for everyone.

The quiet, the healthful exercise and fresh air, or the intimacy with wildlife and the forest – all good reasons to try snowshoeing in northwest Wisconsin. It doesn't take any special skills, but the rewards are many. We hope you enjoy your snowshoeing experience here in northwest Wisconsin and come back often to explore other parts of the region. And please, tell your friends. Good snowshoeing to you!



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TRAIL NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO TRAIL MAP ON PAGES 12 & 13

1. ABR TRAILS

E5299 Pioneer Rd. • Ironwood, MI 49938 906/932-3502 abr@gogebicrange.net • www.abrski.com 60 km of numerous loops, easy to most difficult, skate/classic and classic only.

2. AFTERHOURS SKI TRAIL

Brule River State Forest Ranger Station Rd. • Brule, WI 54820 715/372-5678 22 km of trails beginner to advanced. Classic and skating.

3. AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER TRAIL

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation P.O. Box 911 • Hayward, WI 54843 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com • www.birkie.com Cable to Hayward-70 km point-to-point plus 5 km series of looped trails at 00 trailhead.

4. ASHLAND SKI TRAIL

Ashland Ski Trails Association 1121 19th Ave. W • Ashland, WI 54806 715/682-2950 • tomc@cheqnet.net www.cheqnet.net/~tomc/asta Four loops with connecting trails. 5 km total trail. Groomed for skating and classic.

5. BALSAM BRANCH XC SKI TRAILS

Nordic Ski Club of Amery Amery, WI 54001 • 715/268-7565 11 km of trails groomed for classic and skating.

6. BEAR CROSSING SKI TRAILS

Jim/Lori Livingston • Medford, WI 54451 715/785-7564 • jljam@midway.tds.net Nine looped trails that total 4 miles. Hilly trails north, flat trails south.

7. BEAVER BROOK SKI TRAIL

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8. BLUE HILLS TRAIL

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9. BRANDT PINES SKI TRAIL

Governor Knowles State Forest Box 367 • State Hwy. 70 Grantsburg, WI 54840 • 715/463-2898 Gentle to moderately rolling trails through woodlands.

10. CAMP FOREST SPRINGS TRAILS

N8890 Forest Lane Westboro, WI 54490 • 715/427-5241 www.campforestsprings.org 18 km of trails groomed for skating and striding. Great terrain and regular trail grooming. Also a ski hill, tubing hill, ice rink, snowshoe trails, rentals and free PSIA-certified instruction on Sunday afternoons.

11. CAMPUS TRAIL

MEDFORD, WI 54451

Approximately 1.88 km groomed for classic and skating. Outer loop-1 km, Inner loop-.88 km.

12. COON LAKE TRAIL

Viking Ski Club of Frederic Frederic, WI 54834 • 715/327-4158 5.3 km groomed for skating and classic with segments of easy and intermediate difficulty and one series of steep, more difficult loops.

13. COPPER FALLS STATE PARK

Copper Fall State Park Mellen, WI 54546 • 715/274-5123 Four loops, beginner-intermediate. Total of 8.3 km.

14. DOUGLAS COUNTY SKI TRAIL

Douglas County Convention & Visitors Bureau Superior, WI 54880 • 800/942-5313 chamber@superiorchamber.org www.superiorchamber.org Three trails of 5 to 11 km skating and one 4.1 km classic trail.

15. DRUMMOND SKI TRAILS

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16. FLAMBEAU HILLS SKI TRAIL

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27 km - Trails are groomed for classic
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17. FORT FOLLE AVOINE SKI TRAIL

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18. HATCHERY CREEK PARK

Hayward Area Ski Trails Association P.O. Box 1175 | Hayward, WI 54843 715/634-8685 1.15 km, 1.9 km, 4 km loops groomed for skating or classic. All trails are lighted from dusk to 10 p.m. Trails connect to American Birkebeiner Trail.

19. HAYWARD HOSPITAL SKI TRAILS

Hayward Area Ski Trails Association (HASTA), P.O. Box 1175 Hayward, WI 54843 • 715/634-8685 Two easy loops of 2 km and 3 km, close to the city of Hayward.

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21. HICKORY RIDGE XC SKI TRAIL

Chippewa County Forest and Parks P.O. Box 482 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715/726-7880 14.2 km of trails in 3 loops in Bloomer. Challenging with rolling to steep terrain around numerous lakes. 2 warming shelters on trail.

22. HIGH POINT SKI TRAIL

W3206 Cty. Rd. RR • Ogema, WI 54459 715/767-5287 14 km over some of the hilliest terrain in the state. Groomed for classic. Lighted night skiing on Wednesdays or by appointment. Snowshoeing permitted on ungroomed side of trail.

23. HOLY CROSS SKI TRAIL

Holy Cross Rd. • Phillips, WI 54555 Price County Tourism • 800/269-4505 tourism@co.price.wi.us www.pricecountywi.net Moderately hilly and rolling terrain through a variety of forest types. Very scenic. Excellent family tour. 9.6 km groomed for classic. Snowshoeing also.

24. INTERSTATE PARK TRAILS

Interstate State Park St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 715/483-3747 • foxj@dnr.state.wi.us Six trails, mostly beginner to intermediate, 1.6 to 4.8 km.

25. JERRY JAY JOLLY PIKE'S CREEK TRAIL

Bayfield County Forest

Courthouse/Box 832 Washburn, WI 54891 715/373-6338 Il km classic and skate trail through very scenic ravine and forest. Connects to Mt. Ashwabay Recreation Area - trail pass required. Snowshoeing permitted on ungroomed side of trail.

26. LADYSMITH H.S. LIGHTED XC TRAIL

Rusk County Tourism 205 W. 9th St. S • Ladysmith, WI 54848 715/532-7246

A warming house and 1.6 km lighted loop groomed for skating and classic. An additional .6 km trail is groomed on the Athletic Field. Cross Trail -.2 km cuts across lighted trail.

27. LEISURE LAKE TRAIL

National Park Service St. Croix Scenic Riverway Trego, WI 54888 | 715/635-8346 Two classic groomed loops of 2.7 and 3.2 km.

28. MECCA TRAILS

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29. MONTREAL TRAIL

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15 km, classic only through pleasantly
hilly terrain.

30. MT. ASHWABAY RECREATION AREA

Ski Hill Rd. • Bayfield, WI 54814 715/779-3227 Seven trails 3.5 to 15 km. Skate/classic and classic only from beginner to advanced.

31. MT. VALHALLA-VALKYRIE AND TEUTON SKI TRAILS

USFS Washburn District 113 E. Bayfield St. Washburn, WI 54891 715/373-2667 • Ihobbs@fs.fed.gov Two sets of loops: Teuton - three loops 3.5 to 6.6 km, more/most difficult, skate/ classic; Valkyrie - three loops 1.7 to 10 km, easy to more difficult, classic only.

32. MUKWONAGO SKI TRAIL

USFS Great Divide District 10650 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843 715/634-4821 Loops of 2.2, 4.4, 7.5, 13.6 km. Groomed for skating and classic.

33. NAMEKAGON SKI TRAIL

Mogesheen Resort 23380 Missionary Pt. Rd. Cable, WI 54821 • 715/794-2113 mogres@cheqnet.net Loops of 1.7, 2, and 3.3 km. Easy/ Intermediate. Groomed classic only.

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34. NEWMAN SPRINGS SKI TRAIL

Hwy 182 • Park Falls, WI 54552 Price County Tourism 800/269-4505 tourism@co.price.wi.us www.pricecountywi.net 11.2 km of scenic easy to difficult classic trails. Snowshoeing permitted on ungroomed side of trail.

35. NORDIC WOODS SKI TRAIL

c/o Riverbrook Bike & Ski Hwy 70 E · Spooner, WI 54801 715/635-2134 info@riverbrookbike.com 10.7 km of trail. Generally intermediate level. Half is groomed classic only and the rest is groomed for skating and classic. There is also short beginners loon.

36. NORTH END SKI TRAILS

North End Ski Club P.O. Box 192 • Cable, WI 54821 715/798-3599 One 12.5 km loop with two shorter cutoffs, skating and classic, and an It km classic-only trail. Degree of difficulty: Intermediate.

37. PALMQUIST FARM TRAIL

N5136 River Rd. Brantwood, WI 54513 800/519-2558 PalmquistFarm@centurytel.net 37.6 km of beginning to intermediate trails groomed for skating and classic. Snowshoeing permitted on ungroomed side of trail.

38. PATTISON PARK TRAIL

Pattison State Park Superior, WI 54880 | 715/399-3111 Three connecting loops from 2.4 to 6.9 km.

39. PENOKEE MOUNTAIN SKI TRAILS

USFS Great Divide District 10650 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843 715/634-4821 8.6 km/most difficult, 5.1 km/more difficult, 3.2/more difficult. Classic only.

40. PERKINSTOWN SKI & SNOWSHOE TRAIL

USFS Medford District Medford, WI 54451 • 715/748-4875 Two sets of loops: West - 4.1 to 12.5 km, more/most difficult; East - .8 to 3.3 km, easy/more difficult. Skating and classic.

41. PHILLIPS SCHOOL FOREST TRAIL

N. Worcester Rd. • Phillips, WI 54555 Price County Tourism • 800/269-4505 tourism@co.price.wi.us www.pricecountywi.net 5.6 km. Winds through diverse forest and open meadow. Gently rolling to steep hills. Something for every skill level. Snowshoeing permitted on ungroomed side of trail.

42. RIB LAKE SKI TRAILS

Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club Rib Lake, WI 54470 715/427-5676 • www.skiriblake.com 25 miles of diverse trails plus a two-mile beginner's loop.

43. RICE LAKE SKI TRAIL

1800 College Drive., UWBC Campus, Rice Lake Rice Lake Ski Trail Association info@ricelakenordic.com www.ricelakenordic.com 3km of lighted skiing on flat terrain. Groomed for classic and skating. Rice Lake Ski Trail Association.

44. ROCK LAKE TRAIL

USFS Great Divide District 10650 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843 • 715/634-4821 Loops of 1.8, 2, 4, 7, 11.5, and 16 km. Single track. More difficult. Classic only.

45. ROCKMAN'S WOODS TRAIL

Barron Area Nordic Ski Trail Association 715/637-6460 • 715/637-4489 banta@chilbardun.net 3.6 km of ski trails through a mature oak-maple forest and 1.9 km of open field skiing and 1.5 miles of snowshoe/ winter hiking trails. Trails are located on the south side of Barron, adjacent to the high school.

46. SEELEY SKI TRAIL

Seeley Ski Club P.O. Box 505 • Hayward, WI 54843 715/634-6449 5 km and 7.5 km loops/skating and classic. Dogs welcome.

47. SISTER'S FARM TRAILS

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Three loops totaling 5.6 km with short
interconnecting trails.

48. SOLBERG LAKE/SQUAW CREEK TRAIL

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beginners. Classic only. Snowshoeing
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49. SPOONER CITY TRAIL

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50 SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL FOREST

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51. TELEMARK RESORT SKI TRAILS

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52. TIMBERLAND HILLS SKI TRAILS

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53. TIMM'S HILL TRAIL

W3206 Cty Rd. RR • Ogema, WI 54555 800/269-4505 • info@timshilltrail.com www.timmshilltrail.com 16.1 km of trail connects the High Point Ski Trail at Timm's Hill in Ogema to the Rib Lake Nordic Ski Trails in Rib Lake. The south end of the trail is fairly flat and gets progressively hillier offering more of a challenge for the intermediate to advanced skier. Groomed for classic and skating. Snowshoeing permitted on ungroomed side of trail.

54. TOMAHAWK LAKE SKI TRAIL

Town of Barnes 3360 Cty Hwy N • Barnes, WI 54873 715/795-2782 Two loops 2.7 and 7 km with cut-off, easy to more difficult, classic only.

55. TOTOGATIC TRAIL

Washburn County Forest 850 W. Beaverbrook Ave. Spooner, WI 54801 • 715/635-4490 Four loops: 3.8, 7.4, 8.6, and 7 km. Easy to advanced. Groomed single track classic.

56. TRADE RIVER TRAIL

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57. TREGO LAKE SKI TOURING TRAIL

National Park Service St. Croix Scenic Riverway Trego, WI 54888 • 715/635-8346 Three loops - 1.5 to 2 km, beginner to advanced, classic only.

58. TROLL HOLLOW AT TROLLHAUGEN SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA

2232 100th Ave. • Dresser, WI 54009 800/826-7166 x223 www.trollhaugen.com 2.5 km classic and skating on man-made snow. Great early season option.

59. ULLER TRAIL

MECCA • P.O. Box 371 Mercer, WI 54547 • 715/476-2240 30 km, classic only through hilly and remote terrain.

60. VEIKKO SKI TRAIL

USFS Great Divide District 10650 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843 | 715/264-2511 Point-to-point trail, approximately 5 km. Backcountry/ungroomed.

61. VOYAGER VILLAGE SKI TRAIL

www.voyagervillage.com Groomed for skating and classic. Snowshoeing on golf course terrain.

62. WEBB LAKE AREA SKI TRAIL

www.burnettcounty.com Three trails of 2, 2.5 and 4.2 km through aspen, oak and pine forests.

63. WEST TORCH RIVER SKI TRAIL

USFS Great Divide District 10650 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843 715/634-4821 1.3, 2.7, 5.9 and 8.1 km loops. Generally flat and easy. Ungroomed.

64. WINTERGREEN SKI TRAIL

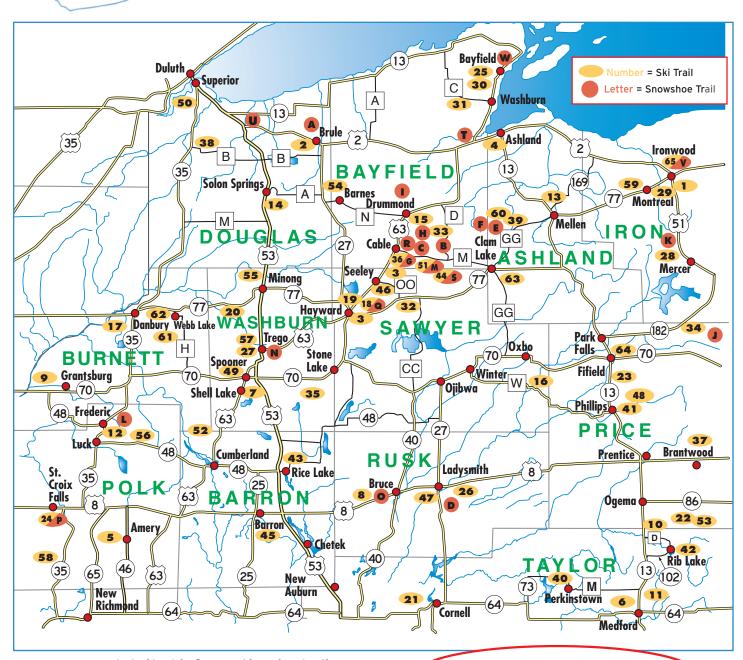
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the experienced. 11.5 km Groomed for
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65. WOLVERINE NORDIC

Wolverine Nordic Ski Club 1312 Cloverland Dr. Ironwood, MI 49938 906/932-5858 www.wolverinenordic.com 27 km of skate and classic trails from easy to most difficult. Snowshoeing also.



Trail Locator Map



More detailed information including downloadable maps can be found at:

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Snowshoe Trails & Hikes

TRAIL NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO TRAIL MAP ON PAGES 12 & 13

A. BAYFIELD ROAD SNOWSHOE TRAIL

A 2.25 mile hike located 3 miles north of Brule. Along this historic route, the first road between Superior and Bayfield was built in 1870.

B. DIAMOND LAKE SNOWSHOE HIKE

Loops of 1.25, 2, and 3.6 miles offer a variety of options over moderate terrain on walking trails located near Diamond Lake in Grand View.

C. FOREST LODGE NATURE TRAIL

715/798-3890 • www.cablemuseum.org These two idyllic hikes are managed by the Cable Natural History Museum and located in the town of Namakagon.

D. FLAMBEAU MINE TRAIL

Rusk County Tourism 311 Miner Ave. E. Suite N133 Ladysmith, WI 54848 • 800/535-7875 2.5 miles of generally flat trails through grassland, woodland and forest habitats.

E. MORGAN FALLS/ ST. PETER'S DOME

The Morgan Falls area in Marengo offers several snowshoe hikes, including St. Peter's Dome (with a terrific view from the top), Canyon Creek and the Veikko Trail. There is a U.S. Forest Service parking fee at the trail head.

F. NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL MARENGO RIVER SEGMENT

Located in the Marengo Semi-Primitive Area, this segment of the North Country Trail offers excellent views of the surrounding countryside, plus a glimpse back in history as it was once home to a small settlement of Swedish families during the early 20th century.

G. NORTH END SNOWSHOE TRAILS

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H. PORCUPINE LAKE WILDERNESS

The Porcupine Wilderness in Drummond is a 4,443 acre federally designated Wilderness Area and includes a portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail. A pointto-point hike of 6.9 miles with shorter options are available.

I. RAINBOW LAKE WILDERNESS

The 6,000-acre Rainbow Wilderness is located in Drummond and is traversed from northwest to southeast by the North Country National Scenic Trail. The total distance is 6.4 miles, point-to-point.

J. ROUND LAKE DAM TRAIL

Hwy 70 • Fifield, WI 54524
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tourism@co.price.wi.us
www.pricecountywi.net
An historic logging dam once used to
drive timber down the South Fork of
the Flambeau River is the focal point
of this trail. A hike of up to seven miles
is possible.

K. SCHOMBERG PARK SNOWSHOE TRAIL

Iron County Development Zone (715)561-2922 Hwy 51, about half way between Mercer and Hurley. www.ironcountywi.com Two loops of .85 and 1.7 miles through easy terrain and a variety of forest types.

L. SOMERS LAKE SNOWSHOE TRAIL

715/485-9294 • 800/222-7655 Located 3 miles east of Frederic at Somers Lake County Park. A series of three wooded loops totaling approximately five miles.

M. TELEMARK RESORT SNOWSHOE TRAILS

715/798-3400 • www.telemarkresort.com The Telemark Resort in Cable has four main snowshoe trails ranging from .5 to 6 miles. Self-guided.

N. TREGO NATURE TRAIL

This 2.8-mile round trip hike in Trego will take you through several forest habitats offering occasional views of the beautiful Namekagon River.

O. BLUE HILLS NATURE TRAIL

Rusk County Tourism 205 W. 9th St. S Ladysmith, WI 54848 800/535-7875 • www.ruskcounty.org Located on Perch Lake Road, in the Blue Hills (next to 8 on map). 1.5 km, self-quided nature trail.

P. INTERSTATE PARK

Interstate State Park St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 715/483-3747 • foxj@dnr.state.wi.us

Q. HATCHERY CREEK SNOWSHOE TRAIL

715/634-6463

Hatchery Creek Snowshoe Trail can be accessed from the lower parking lot of the Hatchery Creek Park near Hayward, Two loops of 2.25 and 3.75 miles through easy to moderate, rolling terrain. Mapped and marked.

R. CABLE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRAIL

715/798-3890 A series of easy to moderate loops from .5 to 1.5 km near Cable.

S. ROCK LAKE SNOWSHOE TRAILS

715/634-4821

Two mapped/marked routes of 2 & 5 miles. Easy to moderate through the deep woods. Trails follow singletrack bike trails and do not use XC ski trails. Nat'l Forest parking fee applies.

T. ALDO LEOPOLD LAND STEWARDSHIP TRAIL

715/685-9983

Originating from the parking lot of the Northern Great Lakes Center in Ashland, this easy, one-mile trail loops across a meadow and winds through a white pine forest. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week. Free use of snowshoes.

U. AMNICON FALLS STATE PARK

715/398-3000 1/4 mile east of U.S. Hwy 2 on County Road U.

V. WOLVERINE NORDIC SNOWSHOE TRAILS

906/932-5358 1/4 mile east of U.S. Hwy 2 on County Road U.R

W. BAYFIELD CITY TRAILS

Bayfield Regional Conservancy 715/779-5263

www.brcland.org www.brcland.org The Brownstone Trail - 4.5 miles round trip. Easy walk that skirts Lake Superior shoreline.

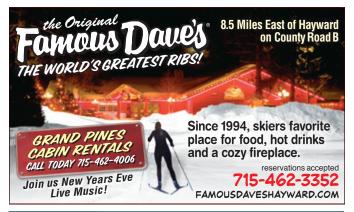
The Big Ravine Trail - 1.8 miles round trip. Hike along the steep rim of the Big Ravine among old-growth hemlocks. Iron Bridge Trail - 3/4 mile round trip. Follow the ravine creek under the "Iron Bridge" to an overlook.











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DECEMBER 2011

DEC 10 & 11 2011 SATURDAY & SUNDAY

WOLVERINE SKI CHALLENGE

22nd Annual (formerly Grandview XC Ski Challenge). Midwest/Great Lakes combined JOQ Opener. Open category for college, adults, youth and adaptive races. Wolverine Trails, Ironwood, MI. rgardner@chartermi.net, 906/932-4750

Dec 28 2011 • Wednesday 23RD ANNUAL DOUBLE BIRKIE

8 a.m start at Fish Hatchery parking lot, Hayward, WI. Leisurely ski to '00,' continue on for lunch at private residence near Telemark. Depart after lunch at about 1 p.m. to head south. Consider leaving drop bag with food, energy drink, dry base layers at '00'. Meet up Monday night after the 90km at the Sawmill Saloon for story telling and cameraderie. 715/798-3571

JANUARY 2012

Jan 7 2012 • Saturday SNOWSHOE CLINIC

Snowshoeing tips and demos, stretching, exercising in cold weather.
Wisconsin Concrete Park, N8236 South
Hwy. 13, Philips.
715/339-6254. Free.

Jan 14 2012 • Saturday SEELEY HILLS CLASSIC

Birkie Trail, 00 Trailhead, Seeley, 10 a.m. 22 km or 42 km, Classical technique. 715/798-3571 •715/634-5031

Jan 13-14 2012 Friday & Saturday

SISU SKI FEST

Marathon, Half-Marathon and Gourmet Tour. ABR Trails to downtown Ironwood. www.sisuskifest.com

Jan 21 2012 • Saturday BIRKIE TOUR

"Open Track" non-competitive ski tour on the Birkie Trails. Distances of 22 - 51 km, skate or classic. Start at Telemark from 8 - 10 a.m. 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

JAN 28 2012 SATURDAY

WINTERFEST CANDLELIGHT

6 p.m. Phillips, 715/339-4100

JAN 28 2012 SATURDAY

PHILLIPS FLURRY 5K & 10K SNOWSHOE RACE

Phillips School Forest Trail, N9189 N. Worcester Road, Phillips. 10 a.m. Start. Registration 8-9:30 a.m. Groomed ski trails and packed single track on the rolling terrain through the beautiful school forest with a few large hills. Post-race activities include awards, chili feed and bake sale. 715/339-6254, tcloon@pctcnet.net www.thecrazyloon.com

FEBRUARY 2012

FEB 4 2012 • SATURDAY

CANDLELIGHT SKI-SNOWSHOE-HIKE -18TH ANNUAL

1.8 km loop lit by 600 candles. Flambeau Hills Trailhead, Cty. Hwy W, 20 miles west of Phillips/15 miles east of Winter. 5:00 p.m. freemj@dnr.state.wi.us, 715/332-5271

FEB 4 2012 • SATURDAY

MT. ASHWABAY SUMMIT SKI RACE

3.5 km youth, 11 km adult freestyle and .5 km kids fun race. Mt. Ashwabay Ski Trails, Bayfield, WI. 10 a.m. 715/373-5611 www.4hcanski.org

FEB 11 2012 • SATURDAY HAYWARD LIONS PRE-BIRKIE

Lake Hayward to Cty Hwy OO, Seeley. 23 km and 42 km Freestyle. 715/634-6456



FEB 11 & 12 2012 SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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FEB 12 2012 • SUNDAY NORTH END CLASSIC

Start & Finish: North End Trail Head, Cable. 12.5 km & 25 km. classic technique North End Ski Club 715/798-3599

FEB 18 2012 • SATURDAY BOOK ACROSS THE BAY SKI & SNOWSHOE RACE

Start: 6 p.m. Ashland, WI near Hotel Chequamegon. Finish: Washburn Dock. 10 km ski and snowshoe race/trek across Chequamegon Bay. 800/284-9484 www.batb.org

FEB 23 2012 • THURSDAY BARNEBIRKIE & BARNE SKI GAMES

Main Street, Hayward 12:30 p.m. Ages 3 - 13, Free. Barne Ski Games on Main Street, Hayward after Barnebirkie. 715/635-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

FEB 24 2012 • FRIDAY CHEQTEL JUNIOR BIRKIE

Telemark Resort, Cable, WI Ages 10 - 18, freestyle, classic 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 3.5 km Free. 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

FEB 24 2012 • FRIDAY

CHEQTEL 5 & 10 K FAMILY FUN SKI

Telemark Resort 10 km-2 p.m. • 5 km-2:15 Non-competitive event. 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

FEB 24 2012 • FRIDAY SNOWSHOE NATURE HIKE

Cable Natural History Museum, 10 am, Cable, 715/798-3890. birkie@birkie.com

FEB 24 2011 • FRIDAY BARKIE BIRKIE 5K SKIJOR

Main St., Hayward, 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com

FEB 25 2012 • SATURDAY

AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER

Start: Cable Union Airport, 8:20 a.m. Finish: Main Street, Hayward. 50 km-Freestyle, 54 km-Classic 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

FEB 25 2012 • SATURDAY KORTELOPET

23 km, Freestyle Start: Cable Airport, 8:20 a.m. Finish: Telemark Resort, Cable 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

FEB 25 2012 • SATURDAY JOHNSON BANK PRINCE HAAKON 12K

Start: Cable Union Airport 10:15 a.m. Finish: Telemark Resort. Non-competitive 12 km event. 715/634-5025 birkie@birkie.com www.birkie.com

MARCH 2012

March 3 2012 • Saturday ABR TASTE OF THE TRAILS

Ironwood, Mich. 906/932-3502 www.abrski.com

MARCH 3 2012 • SATURDAY RIVERVIEW LOPPETT

10 a.m. Afterhours Ski Trails, Brule, 10 a.m. 12 km Classic and 24 km Classic and Freestyle;

4 km youth. 715/372-5995 www.brulexcski.com

March 3 2011 • Saturday RUN ON WATER

Bayfield Winter Festival. Run from Bayfield to Madeline Island and back on Lake Superior. 715/779-5408 www.bayfieldwinterfestival.com

March 3 2012 • Saturday TIMM'S HILL TRUDGE

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High Point Village, Ogema. Start 9 a.m. Snowshoe race/walk, 3 or 7 mile course. 715/767-5287 Iyleb@centurytel.net www.highpointvillage.com

MARCH 17 2012 • SUNDAY ABR SPRING RACE/ SPRING PARTY

Ironwood, Mich. 20 km age handicap start. Games, Food and Drink. A fun way to end the season. 906/932-3502 www.abrski.com

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