



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Cross-Country Ski Report

Report Date: February 26, 2016

General Information: The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest charges a recreation user fee at many of its recreation areas, denoted below with an *. The day use fee at many of the trailheads is \$5.00 and may be obtained at the trailhead using a self-registration envelope. You can also purchase a Forest Service annual pass at many local vendors, Forest Service offices, or online at <http://go.usa.gov/FgwC>. The Forest Service annual pass is \$20/vehicle sticker and a second sticker for an additional \$10. The passes are valid from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. If you have an Interagency Annual, Senior, Access or Volunteer Pass, there is no charge to use these day-use sites.

Eagle River – Florence Ranger District

***Anvil National Recreation Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464

Snow Conditions: Good condition with 8" base.

Packed/Groomed: Trails groomed and tracked – 2/26/16

Rating: Good

Comments: Good skiing conditions

***Lauterman National Recreation Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464

Snow Conditions: 8" of snow

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed 2/19/16

Rating: Good

Comments:

Nicolet North Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464

Snow Conditions: Good condition, 8 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed 2/26/16

Rating: Good

Comments:

Phelps Ski/Hiking Trail:

Trail groomed under Special Use Permit by Afterglow Resort.



Great Divide Ranger District

***Rock Lake Trail:** 2, 4, 7, 11.5, 16 km loops, Classic only; 8 mi. E. of Cable on Hwy M.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 6" of new snow

Packed/Groomed/track set: 02/09/2016

Rating: Excellent

Comments: Packed and groomed with a set of fresh tracks. Cold temps this week should get this trail to set up in no time!

***Mukwonago Trail:** 2.3, 4.4, 7.5, 13.6 km loops, Classic/Skating; 18 mi. E. of Hayward on 77

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 4-5 inches of new snow.

Packed/Groomed/track set: 02/11/2016

Rating: Very Good

Comments: Tracks and skate deck were cleaned up and re-groomed. Cold temps should get the trail to set up quickly!

Namekagon Trail: 1.7, 2.4, 3.4 km loops, Classic; 10 mi. S. of Grand View off Hwy D.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions:

Packed/Groomed/track set:

Rating:

Comments:

***Penokee Mountain Trail:** 3.2, 5.1, 8.6 km loops, Classic; 3 mi. W. of Mellen on Hwy GG or also located 20 minutes North of Clam Lake on Hwy GG.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 12" of new snow

Packed/Groomed/track set: Packed on 02/04/2016

Rating: Very Good

Comments: More snow on the Penokee trail helped to level out some of the un-evenness. Packed and groomed the trail this morning and laid a set of fresh tracks. Cold temps will get the trail to set up nicely.

West Torch Trail: 1, 2.2, 5, 8 km loops; 2 mi. S. of Clam Lake on Hwy GG.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Will not be maintained or groomed this season. Expect a backcountry experience—fat skis or snowshoes are recommended.



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Lakewood – Laona Ranger District

Ed's Lake National Recreation Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481

Snow Conditions: 8"-10" packed base, received 3 inches of new snow this week.

Rating: Good to excellent

Comments: Trail last groomed on 02/25/2016

Jones Spring Area Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481

Snow Conditions: Trail is groomed and tracked with a base of 8"-10."

Rating: Poor to fair

Comments: Trail was last groomed 02/25/2016.

McComb Nordic Ski Trails:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481

Snow Conditions: Trail is groomed and tracked, with a base of 6" to 8".

Rating: Fair to good.

Comments: Trail was last groomed 02/18/2016.

Maranatha Ski Trail:

Trail groomed under Special Use Permit by Silver Birch Resort.

Lakewood Cross-Country Ski Trail:

Trail groomed under Special use permit by Lakewood Ski Trail, call the Lakewood XC Ski Trail Hot Line: (715) 276-1754 for the latest updates.

Medford – Park Falls Ranger District

Wintergreen Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-762-2461 or 715-748-4875

Snow Conditions: Fair to poor

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and Tracked 2-17-16

Rating: Fair to poor

Comments: 2-17-16 – A, B, C, D, Shortcut and Kiddie groomed and tracked. With the recent warm up and rain the trails are deteriorating. There are some pine needles and small twigs on the trails from high winds as well. It was also reported that someone walked on the classic track when it was soft on all of Loop A, Kiddie, and part of B, thus making it unusable for classic skiers. If we get sufficient new snow the trails will be groomed again. Base on the trails is 8" and about 14+" in the woods.

Questions or comments on the trails can be sent to Brady Howe at 715-762-5104 or bjhowe@fs.fed.us.



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Newman Springs Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-762-2461 or 715-748-4875

Snow Conditions: Fair to poor

Packed/Groomed/track set: A, C, D, E groomed and tracked

Rating: Fair to poor

2-18-16 – Loops A, C, D and E groomed and tracked. With the recent warm weather the conditions on the trails are not ideal. Skiers have reported that some spots are soft and they are sinking in a bit, and depending on temperature the trail may be icy. If we get sufficient snow the trails will be groomed again. Questions or comments on the trails can be sent to Brady Howe at 715-762-5104 or bjhowe@fs.fed.us.

Round Lake Recreation Area:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-762-2461 or 715-748-4875

Snow Conditions: Good

Packed/Groomed/track set:

Rating: Good

Comments: We received 6" of snow this past week (2-1-16) and the trails are looking great. The interpretative trail and Trail C on the west side of Round Lake have been getting decent use from snowshowers and tend to be packed down fairly well.

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Perkinstown XC Trail:

Trail groomed through agreement with Taylor County. Check out [Perkinstown Winter Sports Area on Facebook](#) for current trail conditions.

Washburn Ranger District

Valhalla Recreation Area– Teuton Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-373-2667

Snow Conditions: 18 inch base.

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and tracks reset on 2/26/2016.

Rating: Excellent!!!

Comments: The groomer went out early and combed and reset the tracks on all the trails on the Teuton Trail system. The tracks set really well and are in excellent condition. Come out and enjoy the spring like temperatures while you ski!! Please check the fee station for the groomers trail condition report for the most up to date conditions.

The Forest Service is trying some temporary changes in the main parking area for this season. We have added a 4 to 5 car plowed parking area near the warming room and removed the row signs in the parking lot. An official notice with comment cards will be placed at the fee stations; warming room; and chalet to collect comments from the public.

For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.



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Valhalla Recreation Area – Valkyrie Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-373-2667

Snow Conditions: 18 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed with tracks reset on 2/25/16

Rating: Excellent!!

Comments: The groomer combed out the trails and reset all of the trails on the Valkyrie Trail system. The tracks set up very well and conditions are excellent. Come out and enjoy the sunshine and spring skiing weather this weekend!! Please check the fee station for the groomers trail condition report for the most up to date conditions. For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.

Drummond X-Country Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-373-2667

Snow Conditions: Estimated 18 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed with tracks reset on 2/24/2016

Rating: Very good to Excellent!!!

Comments: The Drummond Area Ski Trail Association is reporting 3 inches of wet snow fell on Tuesday night. This helped to improve the once icy track conditions. The trails were in such great condition after this snow fall with warmer temperatures that they decided not to groom to preserve the trail conditions. Get out your klister and waxless skis and enjoy the warm-weather skiing this weekend!! For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.



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