



## Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Cross-Country Ski Report

**Report Date:** 01/14/21

**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 paid at the trailhead using a self-registration envelope. You can also purchase a local or national pass, valid from Apr. 1 to Mar. 31. Active military members, veterans and Gold Star Family members have free access to these day-use sites. Contact a [Forest Service office](#) for a local pass, or visit the [fees and passes](#) webpage to learn more about national passes.

### Eagle River-Florence Ranger District

**\*[Anvil National Recreation Trail:](#)**

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

**Rolled and packed:** 1/5/2021

**Comments:** All trails have been cleared and brushed for better visibility, and trails are open. Trail has been rolled, packed and combed, but snow amounts are still under 3". The trail has bare spots and leaf litter throughout. We will roll and comb this trail system on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> if snow is received to make a good, level base. We have yet to attempt to set track at this point.

**\*[Lauterman National Recreation Trail:](#)**

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

**Updated:** 1/5/2021

**Comments:** All trails have been cleared and brushed for better visibility and trails are open. We have not attempted to roll this system as snow cover is too low. Trail has less than 3" with bare spots and leaf litter throughout. We will roll and comb this trail system on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> if snow is received.

**[Nicolet North Trail:](#)**

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

**Rolled and packed:** 1/5/2021

**Comments:** All trails have been cleared and brushed for better visibility, and trails are open. Trail has been rolled, packed and combed, but snow amounts are still under 3". The trail has bare spots and leaf litter throughout. We will roll and comb this trail system on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> if snow is received to make a good, level base. We have yet to attempt to set track at this point.

**[Phelps Ski/Hiking Trail:](#)**

Trail groomed under Special Use Permit by Afterglow Resort.



Forest  
Service

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest  
500 Hanson Lake Rd, Rhinelander, WI 54501  
Voice: 715-362-1300 Fax: 715-369-8859  
[www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF)

## 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 at 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

**Snow Conditions:** Base is 3-4 inches

**Groomed:** 01/15/2021

**Rating:** Good

**Comments:** Snow is forecasted for Thursday evening. Grooming plans are to groom the trail Friday.

\*[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 at 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

**Snow Conditions:** Base is 3-4 inches

**Groomed:** 01/15/2020

**Rating:** Good

**Comments:** Snow is forecasted for Thursday evening. Grooming plans are to groom the trail Friday.

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

**Comments:** maintained by local resort

\*[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 at 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

**Snow Conditions:** base 4 inches

**Groomed:** 01/04/2021

**Rating:** Good

**Comments:** Groomed in about 10 inches of snow at Penokee. The tracks look excellent. Penokee is now open to skijoring, snowshoes, and classic cross-country skiing. Get out there and enjoy this gem of a trail!

## Lakewood-Laona Ranger District

[Ed's Lake National Recreation Trail](#):

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

**Packed/Groomed:**

**Comments:** Not enough snow at this current time to begin grooming. Trails are cleared and ready for snowfall.

[Jones Spring Area Trail](#):

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

**Comments:** Strong winds caused significant damage to portions of the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest on July 19, 2019. The Jones Spring Area Cross Country Trail System will be closed until further notice due to timber salvage sales occurring in the Jones Springs Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Area.



Forest  
Service

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest  
500 Hanson Lake Rd, Rhinelander, WI 54501  
Voice: 715-362-1300 Fax: 715-369-8859  
[www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

### McComb Nordic Ski Trails:

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

**Snow Conditions:**

**Groomed:**

**Rating:**

**Comments:** Not enough snow at this current time to begin grooming. Trails are cleared and ready for snowfall.

### Lakewood Cross-Country Ski Trail:

Trail groomed under Special Use Permit by Lakewood Ski Trail, for the latest updates call the Lakewood XC Ski Trail Hot Line at (715) 622-1754.

## **Medford-Park Falls Ranger District**

### Wintergreen Trail: 01/04/2021

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

**Snow Conditions:** Thin but good for what Mother Nature has given us, approximately a 2" base after rolling.

**Groomed:** All trails were rolled on 01/04/2020. Snow was too thin to set track.

**Rating:** Rock skis are recommended as the snow is thin in a few spots.

**Comments:** The wetland crossings on A, Kiddie and C loop are all frozen and can be crossed. Due to ground conditions it may be easier to take off your skis and walk across the one on C loop as it is very bumpy.

### Newman Springs Trail:

2020-21 update pending

**Round Lake Trails:** Trails are being packed/maintained by a volunteer organization. Conditions have been excellent for snowshoeing!

### Perkinstown XC Trail:

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



Forest  
Service

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest  
500 Hanson Lake Rd, Rhinelander, WI 54501  
Voice: 715-362-1300 Fax: 715-369-8859  
[www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

## Washburn Ranger District

### Valhalla Recreation Area– Teuton and Valkyrie Trails:

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

**Snow Conditions:** Base is 4 inches

**Packed/Groomed/track set:** 01/14/2021

**Rating:** Good

**Comments:**

Teuton trail system, Packed/Groomed/Track set 01/13/2021. Rating: Good.

Valkyrie trail system: Packed/Groomed/Track set 01/14/2021. Rating: Good.

Base is approximately 4 inches, but we are expecting snow on Thursday night (01/14/2021), and potentially more throughout the weekend. Grooming and track setting will occur again on Friday (01/15/2021). Currently both sides have been groomed prior to Thursday's snow to ensure smooth conditions when the new snow arrives. We have had lots of use and expect that to be the case with the new snow coming!

**Location:** From Washburn, go northwest on County Hwy C for approximately 8.5 miles. The main trailhead with chalet and warming room is on the left hand side of the highway.

### Drummond County Country Trails:

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

**Snow Conditions:** Base is less than 3 inches

**Packed/Groomed:** 12/30/20

**Rating:** Marginal

**Comments:** Conditions at the Drummond Ski Trails are marginal. Only about 1/2 of tracks are still holding shape, with the rest washed out. Hills are especially precarious. The tracks that are holding up are marginal and caution is advised on the hills. Trails will be groomed again after we get more snow. Snow is expected on Thursday (1/14/2021), and we hope afterward that conditions will improve.

**Location:** From Drummond drive southeast 1 mile on FR 213. Turn left (east) on the access road and continue 0.1 mile to the trailhead.

### Long Lake

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

**Updated:**

**Snow Conditions:** Good

**Comments:** Trail around the lake is in good shape for snowshoeing and is getting lots of use.

**Location:** US Highway 13, drive west on Wanebo Road for 5.5 miles to Forest Road 435. Turn right and follow signs.

### Winter Fat Tire Biking

**Comments:** Working on getting a map created of roads plowed and it will be posted outside the office during the week of January 11.

**Location:** Contact Washburn Ranger District at 715-373-2667 for a copy of plowed road map.



Forest  
Service

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest  
500 Hanson Lake Rd, Rhinelander, WI 54501  
Voice: 715-362-1300 Fax: 715-369-8859  
[www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.