



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Cross-Country Ski Report

Report Date: March 6, 2015

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: Great condition with 7" base.
Packed/Groomed/track set: Trails are groomed and tracked – 2/27/15
Rating: Great!
Comments: Enjoy skiing!

***Lauterman National Recreation Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464
Snow Conditions: Good condition 6" base.
Packed/Groomed/track set: Not groomed this week.
Rating: Good condition.
Comments:

Nicolet North Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464
Snow Conditions: Good 8" base
Packed/Groomed/track set: Trails are groomed and tracked – 3/5/15
Rating: Good.
Comments: Pat Say, Butternut, Roller Coaster and Tom's Hill all groomed. Only debris under hemlocks.

Phelps Ski/Hiking Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464
Snow Conditions: N/A
Packed/Groomed/track set: N/A
Rating: N/A
Comments: 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: Base 4-6 inches.

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed on 02/25/2015.

Rating: Very Good.

Comments: Surprisingly, there was very little debris in the tracks from the high winds from earlier in the week.

***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: Base 4-6 inches.

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and tracked on 02/26/2015.

Rating: Very Good

Comments: There was a lot of debris on the Mukwonago Trail. Pine cones and small twigs are evident throughout the trail but in much higher concentrations under the large white pines. Please use caution in these areas.

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: 1/8/2015

Rating:

Comments: Groomed and tracked.

***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: 6-8 inch base.

Packed/Groomed/track set: 02/27/2015

Rating: Very good!

Comments: Probably the best the trail has looked all year! Please use caution on the first downhill from the parking lot. The groomer slid off the hardened ski deck and created a bit of a mess. It was re-groomed to keep tracks away from the mess, but it is at the bottom corner of the hill. Parking on Quarry Road and skiing the trail **REQUIRES** an annual pass or proof of payment!

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

Snow Conditions:

Packed/Groomed/track set: n/a

Rating: n/a

Comments: 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: Approximately 14" snow base, 3" of new snow.
Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and tracked 03-05-2015
Rating: Excellent!
Comments: Enjoy the trail!

Jones Spring Area Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481
Snow Conditions: Fair
Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and Tracked
March 5, 2015
Rating: Excellent!
Comments: Approximately 14" snow base.

McComb Nordic Ski Trails:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481
Snow Conditions: Fair
Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and Tracked on March 6, 2015
Rating: Good
Comments: Approximately 8" snow base.

Maranatha Ski Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481
Snow Conditions: Good
Packed/Groomed/track set: Tracked on February 4th
Rating: Fair
Comments: Base of 5-6 inches, track is fast and hard packed not able to set a good track. Groomed under Special Use Permit by Silver Birch Resort

Lakewood Cross-Country Ski Trail:

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481
Snow Conditions: Good
Packed/Groomed/track set:
Rating: Good
Comments: Groomed under Special use permit by Lakewood Ski Trail



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Medford – Park Falls Ranger District

Wintergreen Trail:

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

Snow Conditions: Good, base of 8” on the trail.

Packed/Groomed/track set: 3-5-15 – Loops A, B, C, D, B Shortcut and Kiddie tracked and groomed. Conditions are good to excellent.

Rating: Good to Excellent.

Comments: Trails 3-5-15 – Wintergreen Loops A, B, C, D, Shortcut and Kiddie were all groomed and tracked. Multiple passes were made on all trails and skate skiers should find excellent conditions on A, B and C loops. The weather for the weekend looks like it will be great for spring like skiing conditions, and temperatures are forecasted to be above freezing for the high for every day in the extended forecast. If you haven't been out to enjoy the trails yet you better soon before the snow melts! The hiking trail going to the Fifield Fire Lookout Tower is also well packed from users and may provide a nice short side trip from the trail head. Snowshoes or a traction device on the bottom of your shoes is recommended due to one small hill. Questions or comments on the trails can be sent to Brady Howe at 715-762-5104 or bjhowe@fs.fed.us.

Newman Springs Trail:

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

Snow Conditions: Good. 8” base.

Packed/Groomed/track set: 3-5-15 – Loops A, C, D and E groomed and tracked

Rating: Excellent to Good

Comments: The sun is shining and spring skiing is here. Bring out your warm temperature wax and hit the trails before the snow melts! Trails A, C, D and E were groomed on 3-6-15. The trail is well packed and in good condition for skiing, snowshoeing, and fat bikes. Loop A has been groomed wide enough for skate skiing. The first ¼ and last ¼ of Loop E are also wide enough for skate skiing. However the middle half of Loop E is on the narrow side and is a nice intimate trail. The base on the trail is 6-8”. Loop B is being maintained for snowshoeing and fat bikes and is only being packed down periodically as needed. With Daylight Savings starting this weekend there will be plenty of light to ski after work. Bring a beach ball, cooler and grill as the weather will be perfect for tailgating between laps. Any questions or comments on the trail may be directed 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: 3-6” on trail

Packed/Groomed/track set:

Rating: Excellent

Comments: Trail is nicely packed by users. Several spots have parallel trails, one for snowshoes and one for skiers. Trails are in great shape for snowshoeing, skiing, and fat bikes. Wider skis however are advised.

Perkinstown XC Trail:

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Snow Conditions:

Packed/Groomed/track set:

Rating:

Comments: Trail groomed through agreement with Taylor County. Trail map [at http://www.co.taylor.wi.us/pdf/forestry/ptownskitrails.pdf](http://www.co.taylor.wi.us/pdf/forestry/ptownskitrails.pdf).

Washburn Ranger District

Valhalla Recreation Area– Teuton Trail:

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

Snow Conditions: 10 to 12 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and tracks reset on 3/4/2015

Rating: Excellent on all trails except Loop C

Comments: The groomer rolled and tracked the trails on Wednesday. It was discovered by one of our trail volunteers who went out skiing on Loop C that a snowmobile had rode on it and wiped out the snow down through the base on a good portion of the trail. The groomer is out trying to see if anything can be done to salvage the trail. Updates will be posted. For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.

Valhalla Recreation Area – Valkyrie Trail:

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

Snow Conditions: 10 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and tracks reset on 3/5/2015.

Rating: Very good to excellent!

Comments: The groomer rolled and packed the 4 inches of snow and set tracks. Please remember that snowshoeing and dogs are prohibited on the groomed trails. Please see the posted instructions at the trail entrances, chalet, warming room, and fee stations. 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: 4-6 inches

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and tracks reset on 2/24/2015

Rating: Good

Comments: Two inches of new snow fell on the trails. The groomer went out and rolled and set tracks. The trails are really starting to shape up with the new snow. Please remember that snowshoeing and dogs are prohibited on the groomed trails. For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.



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