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ABR TRAILS

Ironwood, MI

3/8/2011

Most Recent Grooming: 3/3/2011
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 7 "
Base/Woods in inches: 30 "

Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: The new snow today really groomed in well. It is real cold dry powder with an air temp of 25 it made for great skiing. The recreational skiers were very happy. I am just coming in from powertilling about 1/2 of the trail system and will be back out in teh AM tilling the rest. Rick is headed out on all of the classic only trails.

Events: Cancellation for the Hilltop House, we are re-renting it at midweek prices for this weekend. We are also taking bookings for next year on open weekends:
 Dec 2-3, Hilltop, Dec 16-17 River House, Jan 5-8 Hilltop, Jan 20-21 Hilltop, Feb 3-4 River House, Feb 10-11 River House, Feb 24-25 River house, March 2-3 River House.

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AFTERHOURS CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAIL

Brule, WI

2/25/2011

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 2/25/11
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 4 "
Base/Woods in inches: 12 "
Open Trails: 8

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Skating: 25
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: skate lanes are good to very good.
 The classic only trail has not been groomed.
 The rest of the classic trails are fair to good with the exception of some icy spots.

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BALSAM BRANCH CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

Amery, WI

3/5/2011

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 03/05//11
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 10 "
Base/Woods in inches: 16 "
Open Trails: 11
KM Open: 11

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 11
Km groomed for Skating: 11
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: All trails in excellent condition

Events: 4+K of trail is now lighted from dusk to 11 PM. Skate lane groomed 2/27. Track solid and 1 inch of new snow skied in.

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BEAR CROSSING SKI TRAILS

Medford, WI

2/27/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 2/27/11
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 20 "
Base/Woods in inches: 20 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 7
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Open Trails: 4

Comments: Great snow, great temp, great time to go skiing

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BLUE HILLS TRAIL

Bruce, WI

3/8/2011

New Snow in inches: 4 "

Most Recent Grooming: 3/8/2011

Conditions: Excellent

Base/Trails in inches: 15 "

Base/Woods in inches: 22 "

KM Open: 30

Percent of Trails Open: 86 %

Km groomed for Classic: 18

Km groomed for Skating: 30

Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: Firm packed powder offering excellent skating & striding. Typical March freeze/thaw cycles just beginning. Some pole plants & trail margins still soft as a result of the BIG 18" snowfall February 21. VERY HELPFUL to check info & daily updates at www.bluehillstrail.com

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DRUMMOND SKI TRAILS

Drummond, WI

3/3/2011

New Snow in inches: Dusting "

Most Recent Grooming: 2/10/2011

Conditions: Poor to Fair

Base/Trails in inches: 5 "

Base/Woods in inches: 10 "

Open Trails: 6

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Km groomed for Classic: 30

Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: If you have been wondering what has been happening at the Drummond Ski Trail recently, the answer is not much. Lacking new snow to replenish the base after the meltdown a couple of weeks ago, we haven't attempted to groom. The trails are littered with fallen trash from the trees. The tracks aren't bad, but due to the trash you could come to an abrupt stop and crash on the hard base. When we get significant new snow, we'll evaluate whether it is worth it to groom again at this late time of the ski year. Jim

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FLAMBEAU HILLS SKI TRAILS

Winter, WI

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 5 "

Most Recent Grooming: 2/28/11

Conditions: Fair to Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Km groomed for Classic: 27

Km groomed for Skating: 27

Comments: This trail varies in difficulty with plenty of easy skiing in the first loop and the west half of the upper loop. Portions of the upper loop and cutoffs on the east side of the lower loop provide more challenge for the advanced and expert skiers. There is a three-sided shelter with a fire ring provided as a warming shelter on the west side of the upper loop. Flambeau River State Forest, 715-332-5271.

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and 2 inches Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events and area activities, go to www.pricecountywi.net or call 800-269-4505.

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HIGH POINT SKI TRAIL**Ogema, WI**

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 7 "
Conditions: Fair to Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 14
Km groomed for Skating: 14
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: Located near Timm's Hill, Wisconsin's highest geographical point, these 9 miles of trails traverse some of the most hilly terrain in the state. The winter landscape viewed from the top of the observation tower on Timm's Hill is very special. Forests of hardwood and hemlock border the full length of the trail. This is one of the finest trail systems around. Groomed for classic and skate skiing by the High Point Ski Club. Lighted night skiing is available for groups by appointment. To get to the northern trail access point take Highway 86 east of Ogema to County Road RR, then a + mile to Timm's Lake Road. The trail begins a short distance on the left. The southern trail access point is located on County Highway C 2.5 miles off the north end of Highway 86. Contact High Point Village Resort for more information, 715-767-5287.

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and 4 inches Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10, or Friday, March 11. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events, and area activities, visit www.pricecountywi.net.

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HOLY CROSS TRAIL**Phillips, WI**

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 5 "
Most Recent Grooming: 2/28/11
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 8 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 9
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: This is a very scenic trail system with moderately hilly and rolling terrain through a variety of timber types. Excellent family trail tour. For more information or to request a trail map, call 1-800-269-4505 or visit www.pricecountywi.net. Directions: A north parking lot is located 5 miles south of Hwy. 70 near Fifield on Hick's Landing Road. To reach the south parking lot travel 7.5 miles on Hwy. 13 north of Phillips and then east 1.5 miles on Holy Cross Road; at the intersection, do not turn right, continue going straight .4 miles to the parking area.

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and 2 inches Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10, or Friday, March 11. For information on Price County trails, conditions, events and area activities, go to www.pricecountywi.net or call 800-269-4505.

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LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTED XC TRAIL**Ladysmith, WI**

3/10/2011

New Snow in inches: 2 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/10/2011
Conditions: Good to Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 7 "
Base/Woods in inches: 11 "
Open Trails: 1
KM Open: 2.2

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 2
Km groomed for Skating: 2
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: The skate deck was regroomed early today; there is a classical track that was set two days ago. We are in a freeze/thaw cycle but still have 100% coverage of the trail.

Events: The lights are on from dusk until 10 p.m.

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MECCA TRAILS

Mercer, WI

3/4/2011

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/4/2011
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 3 "
Base/Woods in inches: 6 "
Open Trails: 7

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 18
Km groomed for Skating: 15
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: Good Spring conditions. Come out and enjoy the weather.

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MT.ASHWABAY SKI TRAILS

Bayfield, WI

3/8/2011

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/8/11
Conditions: Good to Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 10 "
Base/Woods in inches: 24 "
Open Trails: 8
KM Open: 40

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 15
Km groomed for Skating: 15

Comments: It looked like doc tracked Sugarbush and Telford trails this morning. I tracked the following skate trails: Seagull, Anchor, and Jolly Long.

Events: For more trail details, please visit: www.mtashwabay.org Thanks to those that participated in the Mt. Ashwabay Summit Ski Race, it was a fun event. Please go to the 4hcanski.org website for results.

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NEWMAN SPRINGS SKI TRAIL

Park Falls, WI

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Conditions: Fair

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 11
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: This trail system is designed for both beginning and intermediate skiers. There are no exceptionally difficult sections of trail, and skiers can take in the beautiful scenery as they stride along. Groomed for classic skiing only. The daily fee can be paid at the trailhead. An annual parking pass can be purchased at the Forest Service Office located on Hwy. 13 at 1170 S. 4th Avenue in Park Falls. Directions: The trailhead is located 12 miles east of Park Falls on Hwy. 182. A National Forest parking fee is required. For more information, contact the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at 715-762-2461 or go to http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/rec/trailsntours/che_newman_springs.html.

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and 1 to 2 inches Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events, and area activities, visit www.pricecountywi.net.

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NORTH END TRAILS**Cable, WI**

3/7/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/7/11
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 12 "
Base/Woods in inches: 22 "
Open Trails: 2

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 22
Km groomed for Skating: 12
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: Classic Trail is packed by skiers and in good shape. The main trail was groomed for skating Monday March 7. They are little soft with the new snow but should firm up good in the cold. Tracks are a little shallow in places but good. With a little more snow we will be working on the tracks this week.

Events: Thanks to all who came out and participated in this year's North End Classic Race. We had a great turnout and near perfect weather. Lots of kids were out for the Cookie Classic. A special thanks to all our volunteers and the American Birkebeiner for the trail grooming. See you all next year.

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PALMQUISTS FARM**Brantwood, WI**

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 7 "
Conditions: Very Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 20
Km groomed for Skating: 20
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: This is a privately-owned facility offering log cabin accommodations, family-style meals, and 23 miles of trails groomed with state of the art grooming equipment. For current trail conditions or more information call 1-800-519-2558 or visit www.PalmquistFarm.com

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and about 4 inches Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10, or Friday, March 11. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events, and area activities, visit www.pricecountywi.net.

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PHILLIPS SCHOOL FOREST TRAIL**Phillips, WI**

3/8/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 2/28/11
Conditions: Fair

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 5
Km groomed for Skating: 5
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: This very scenic trail is located in the Phillips School Forest and consists of five (5) cross-country ski loops ranging from gently rolling to steep climbs and winds through a diverse forest and an open meadow. Loop 1 is an intermediate loop, loops 2, 3 & 4 are expert with uphill climbs, and loop 5 is good for beginners. There are separate trails for snowshoeing. Directions: From Hwy. 13 in Phillips, take County Road H to Big Elk Road, then turn right on North Worcester Road. You can open the gate and drive the 1/3 mile to the parking lot/trailhead.

Events: As of March 7, the trail is skiable; however, the hills are icy and difficult to climb - due to the warm temps. It snowed about 3 inches Monday with 4-7 inches in the forecast for Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10. For information on Price County trails, conditions, events and area activities, go to www.pricecountywi.net or call 800-269-4505.

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3/4/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 03/04/2011**Conditions:** Excellent**Base/Trails in inches:** 12 "**Base/Woods in inches:** 12 "**Open Trails:** 5**KM Open:** 30**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 30**Km groomed for Skating:** 30**Snowshoe Trails:** YES**Dog Trails:** YES**Comments:** The trails were groomed and tracks set Friday morning.**Events:** Visit us at www.skiriblake.com for more information.**TRAIL DETAILS, DIRECTIONS, MAPS, FEES, and more here...****RICE LAKE AREA NORDIC SKI CLUB TRAILS****Rice Lake, WI**

3/1/2011

New Snow in inches: 0 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 2/28/2011**Conditions:** Good**Base/Trails in inches:** 4 "**Open Trails:** 1**KM Open:** 3**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 3**Km groomed for Skating:** 3**Snowshoe Trails:** YES**Events:** Join us on Facebook - Rice Lake Nordic or www.ricelakenordic.com or www.ricelakenordic.wordpress.com**TRAIL DETAILS, DIRECTIONS, MAPS, FEES, and more here...****ROCK LAKE TRAIL****Cable, WI**

2/25/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 02/25/2011**Conditions:** Fair to Good**Base/Trails in inches:** 2 "**Base/Woods in inches:** 5 "**Open Trails:** 6**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 40**Km groomed for Skating:** 0**Snowshoe Trails:** YES**Comments:** Track was reset from the parking lot, around the 16km loop to where the 11.5 km loop returns. Snow/Trail conditions made it difficult to get the track setter deep enough to set track effectively. The rest of the trail has tracks from previous skiers and is in relatively good shape. There is some debris in the trail in certain areas, but relatively clear in most.**TRAIL DETAILS, DIRECTIONS, MAPS, FEES, and more here...****SEELEY SKI TRAIL****Seeley, WI**

3/10/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 3/9/11**Conditions:** Very Good**Base/Trails in inches:** 9 "**Base/Woods in inches:** 20 "**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 14**Km groomed for Skating:** 14**Snowshoe Trails:** YES**Dog Trails:** YES

Open Trails: 3**Backcountry:** YES

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Comments: Grooming by Seeley Ski Club volunteers using snowmobiles and Tidd Techs. Donations welcomed. As are dogs.

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SISTERS FARM TRAILS**Ladysmith, WI**

3/8/2011

New Snow in inches: 2 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/8/2011
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 10 "
Base/Woods in inches: 16 "
Open Trails: 2
KM Open: 12

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 12
Km groomed for Skating: 6
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

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Comments: Will be very good when cold; please don't skate ski when melting and soft. East side groomed with new classic track.

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SOLBERG LAKE/SQUAW CREEK SKI TRAIL**Phillips, WI**

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 5 "
Conditions: Fair

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 5
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES

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Comments: This a very good trail for the beginning skier. Older skiers might also find the relatively flat trails just right for a daily exercise routine. The trail is scenic and passes through both pine and aspen timber. Directions: Parking is available 6 miles northeast of Phillips on Hick's Landing Road. Travel north of Phillips on Old Hwy 13, turn right on West Solberg Lake road, then turn left on Hick's Landing Road.

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and about 2 inches Wednesday. The trail will be groomed sometime after Wednesday. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events, and area activities, visit www.pricecountywi.net.

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TIMBERLAND HILLS SKI TRAILS**Cumberland, WI**

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/7/11
Conditions: Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 20
Km groomed for Skating: 20
Backcountry: YES

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Comments: All trails except the Ridge Run and Corkscrew are freshly groomed. Enjoy the March skiing while it lasts!

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TIMMS HILL NATIONAL TRAIL**Ogema, WI**

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 03/04/2011
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 12 "
Base/Woods in inches: 12 "
Open Trails: 1

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 12
Km groomed for Skating: 12
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: I groomed the THT and set tracks Friday night. It snowed 3 inches Monday and about 4 inches Wednesday.

Events: Visit us at www.timmshilltrail.com for more information.

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WINTERGREEN SKI TRAILS

Fifield, WI

3/9/2011

New Snow in inches: 5 "
Conditions: Fair

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 12
Km groomed for Skating: 12
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: This very scenic trail is gentle enough for the beginner and but also offers intermediate skill level areas. Groomed for classic skiing and skating. There is a warming house at the trailhead. Directions: The trailhead is located 5 miles east of Fifield on Hwy. 70. A National Forest parking fee is required. The daily fee can be paid at the trailhead. An annual parking pass can be purchased at the Forest Service Office located on Hwy. 13 at 1170 S. 4th Avenue in Park Falls. For more information, contact the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at 715-762-2461 or go to http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/rec/trailsntours/che_wintergreen_ski_trail.html.

Events: It snowed about 3 inches Monday and 1 to 2 inches Wednesday. The next anticipated grooming will be Thursday, March 10. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events, and area activities, visit www.pricecountywi.net.

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WOLVERINE NORDIC

Ironwood, MI

3/2/2011

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 03/02/11
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 9 "
Base/Woods in inches: 12 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 25
Km groomed for Skating: 25
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: Our trails still have plenty of base under them and light but frequent new snowfall has made for fantastic surface conditions.

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