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ABR TRAILS

Ironwood, MI

3/14/2011

Most Recent Grooming: 3/3/2011
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 9 "
Base/Woods in inches: 22 "

Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: Skiing has been super, snow is holdin up well. Some glazing in the south areas

Events: ABR Spring Race this Sunday March 20th.

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AFTERHOURS CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAIL

Brule, WI

3/11/2011

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/9/11
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 4 "
Base/Woods in inches: 8 "
Open Trails: 8

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

Comments: Skate conditions- good to very good.

Classic conditions- fair to good.

The skate lanes were touched up on 3-9. Warm weather and possible rain are in the forecast so conditions could deteriorate soon.

We do have a good trail base so skate skiing could continue for a while yet.

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BALSAM BRANCH CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

Amery, WI

3/13/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "
Most Recent Grooming: 03/13//11
Conditions: Very Good
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 very good condition

Events: 4+K of trail is now lighted from dusk to 11 PM. Skate lane groomed 3/13. Track solid and 1 inch of new snow skied in.

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BLUE HILLS TRAIL

Bruce, WI

3/11/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/10/2011
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 15 "
Base/Woods in inches: 22 "
KM Open: 30

Percent of Trails Open: 86 %
Km groomed for Classic: 15
Km groomed for Skating: 30
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: Firm packed powder offering excellent skating & good 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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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.

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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

3/13/2011

New Snow in inches: 2 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/13/11
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: Just wanted to let you know that after 1-2 inches of new snow up on the hill, looked like John tracked Sugarbush and back Anchor (He might have done more, but I didn't get a report and actually chose to skate today). Dave and I groomed and tracked all the skate trails, including Jolly Connector; except for the warm-up loop (not to be confused with the Telford loop - we did groom Telford). It came out a bit soft, but we did what we could. Not bad for mid-March skiing.

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

3/15/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/15/11
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 8 "
Base/Woods in inches: 16 "
Open Trails: 2
KM Open: 24

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

Comments: Great spring conditions. Very clean trail surface. Best skiing early morning and late afternoon. Skate lanes refreshed on 3/14. All tracks reset including NE Classic on 3/15. Grooming will continue as long as feasible, depending on conditions.

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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RIB LAKE SKI TRAILS

Rib Lake, WI

3/12/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "
Most Recent Grooming: 03/10/2011
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 8 "
Base/Woods in inches: 8 "
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: Spring has Sprung. Still lots of snows, but freeze and thaw cycles make grooming tricky.

The trails were groomed Thursday night.

They'll be groomed in the future as conditions allow.

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

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SEELEY SKI TRAIL

Seeley, WI

3/16/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3/16/11
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 9 "
Base/Woods in inches: 20 "
Open Trails: 3

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

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

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

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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SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL FOREST

Superior, WI

3/17/2011

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 3-12-11
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 3 "
Open Trails: 5

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 26
Km groomed for Skating: 26

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TIMBERLAND HILLS SKI TRAILS

Cumberland, WI

3/9/2011

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

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

Conditions: Good

Km groomed for Skating: 20

Backcountry: YES

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

3/12/2011

New Snow in inches: 1 "

Most Recent Grooming: 03/12/2011

Conditions: Excellent

Base/Trails in inches: 8 "

Base/Woods in inches: 8 "

Open Trails: 1

KM Open: 12

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Km groomed for Classic: 0

Km groomed for Skating: 12

Snowshoe Trails: YES

Dog Trails: YES

Comments: I groomed the THT Saturday night, but did not set tracks.

Should be great Spring skiing!!

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.

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WOLVERINE NORDIC

Ironwood, MI

3/13/2011

New Snow in inches: 3 "

Most Recent Grooming: 03/13/11

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 3 inches of fresh snow has made for fantastic surface conditions!

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