

Day Trip Ideas

or

When it snows, where to go??!

It will snow, but where to go?
Listed below are some (not all)
of the places Nordic Foxes
have been known to ski:

Illinois

(listed according to distance from Naperville)

Check Web Sites for both Cook and DuPage County Forest Preserves:

http://www.fpdcc.com/tier3.php?content_id=40

<http://www.dupageforest.com/RECREATION/trails.html>

Arrowhead Golf Course – Wheaton
Grooming equipment, ski rentals available – good place for beginners

Herrick Lake – Wheaton
Next to Arrowhead – can ski from Arrowhead or start from parking lot – good for beginners (groomed if enough snow)

Fabian Forest Preserve – Batavia
Another local area that is fun to explore – best area is on the east side of Route 25 – trails skied in

LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve – St. Charles
Small area but some varied terrain – skied in

Waterfall Glen – Darien
Another club favorite – about 9 ½ miles of trails skied in (groomed if enough snow) – good for beginners

Camp Sagawau – Lemont (630) 257-2045
Needs several inches of snow on the ground before it is groomed and open for skiing – rentals, ski lessons available

Silver Springs State Park – Yorkville
Located along the Fox River with more challenging terrain – not for beginners but fun if you like hills – skied in only

Burnidge Forest Preserve – Elgin
12 miles of varied terrain – groomed trails

Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area – Shabbona
About 4 ½ miles of trails through the woods and around the lake – skied in – fairly close if you want to try something different

Rock Cut State Park – Loves Park (Rockford) (815) 885-3311
A favorite of the club – groomed – varied terrain – about 10 miles of trails

Chain of Lakes State Park – Spring Grove
12 miles of groomed trails – often overlooked, but a fun place to ski

Lowden Miller State Park – Oregon
Wooded with gentle rolling hills – worth the trip

Mississippi Palisades State Park – Savanna
A climb to the top and then some great skiing – may be groomed but usually

just skied in – worth the drive with about 9 miles of trails

Southern Wisconsin

(generally within 2-3 hours of Naperville – worth the drive if no snow in Illinois)

Check Kettle Moraine Web Sites in:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/regions/index.html>

and for Trail Conditions call (262) 594-

6202 South KM or (920) 467-2099

North KM

Scuppernong, Unit of South Kettle Moraine State Forest – Eagle (see McMiller for phone nos.)

Groomed trails – daily entrance fee – varied terrain – mostly wooded

Lapham Peak – Delafield (414) 646-4421(tape), (414) 646-3025(live)

14 miles of groomed trails – warming hut – varied terrain from flat to hilly to open to wooded – part of South Kettle Moraine State Forest – entrance fee

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/lapham/>

McMiller, South Kettle Moraine State Forest (262) 594-6202(tape), (262) 594-6200(live)

25 K of groomed trails for classic and skating (narrow) – varied terrain - shelter building with restrooms

Nordic Trail, South Kettle Moraine State Forest (see McMiller for phone nos.)

A beautiful ski area just north of Lake Geneva, WI with trails for beginning, intermediate and advanced skiers. The trails are groomed weekly for both classical and skating.

The Springs – Spring Green

28 K of groomed trails for both skating and classic – varied terrain – rentals, ski shop, full facilities

Greenbush, North Kettle Moraine State Forest – Greenbush (920) 467-2099

12 K of groomed trails for both classic and skating – several loops to choose from – varied terrain

Southern Michigan

(in the snow belt)

Love Creek Nature Center – Berrien Springs (616) 471-2617

6 miles of groomed trails for both skating and classic – some open, some hilly and challenging – night skiing Sat. until 10 PM – rentals

<http://www.berriencounty.org/parks/lovecreek.html>

Madeline Bertrand Park – Niles
Near Love Creek but smaller, easier – 3 miles of trails – night skiing Fri. and Sat. – rentals

Northern Indiana

Potato Creek State Park – North Liberty (219) 656-8186

Wooded and open mix – small area but varied terrain – skied in - Nature Center warming – about 20 miles S. of South Bend