

Tour of the North

If you found yourself with a little time... and there was a TON of Snow in the north... what would YOU do? Well, it was too hard to resist, so the Thursday before Christmas... I found myself skiing at ABR in Ironwood, MI. With over 2 ft. of snow & a fresh 6 inches to boot, the grooming was excellent of course. At zero, it was great for classic skiing & a bit slow for skating (yep, I gave it a whirl).

Christmas Eve day saw me skiing at Minocqua Winter Park, still cold (but hey, it's winter) and the skiing was excellent. Then over to Spooner...

Hiked with Mom on Christmas Day on trails in the woods... and Christmas night the moon was so bright, I couldn't resist a hike on the road through the woods, even at 10 below zero, it was well worth being able to see the forest lit up all around me.

Then Sunday we headed up to Telemark and after getting Mom settled in with a book in front of the fireplace, I hit the Birkie Trail. It was 8 below zero and again the classic skiing was great, there weren't many trail options groomed for classic - but hey, you ski where you can & it was all good!

I didn't even attempt the skating, though most of the trails were groomed for skating. They have less snow than Minocqua, but it is very skiable!

Skiing on these trails was exhilarating, fun and it was just the best to be out experiencing nature. The sun making the snow sparkle... Snow covered trees... flakes floating, sparkling down all around you... those few hardy birds ever present, searching for morsels to eat. Busy tracks scurrying across the trails, burrowing into the deep... Stop and listen to the peacefulness. There's nothing quite like being surrounded by snow... cold... the quiet woods... breathing in the frosty air, to be a part of the vastness, even for a little while. Those of us who take the time do this are very lucky indeed.

If you have some time... you know what to do... head up north for some fun in the Snow. Meanwhile, the rollerskiing & hiking is good here in Illinois... or within a couple of hours the snow belt around the big lake is good...

By all means - get out there!

*Happy Trails,
Kathy ☺*