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Thursday, January 31, 2008

ABR TRAILS

Ironwood, MI

1/23/2008

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/22/2008
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 16 "
Base/Woods in inches: 30 "
Open Trails: 0

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: Now with the cold snap on it's way out the skiing has been Super!

Events: SKI SHOP SALE

Swix Ski Pole Sale CT1-\$199, CT2 \$149, CT3 \$99
 Atomic World Cup \$379 with free binding of choice and hot box
 Salomon Equippe 10 \$300 with free binding of choice (last years)
 RCS Skate \$349 with free binding (last years RCS)
 RCS Skate this years model \$449 with free binding of choice

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**AFTERHOURS CROSS
COUNTRY SKI TRAIL**

Brule, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 0 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Most Recent Grooming: 1/25/07
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 6 "
Base/Woods in inches: 10 "
Open Trails: 8

Km groomed for Classic: 28
Km groomed for Skating: 25

Comments: Between temperatures going up to 43 degrees and then receiving freezing rain, and then extreme cold temperatures, the trails have taken quite a hit. They are now hard and icy. The trails are anticipated to be worked on tomorrow. If anyone does decide to head out to the trails....bundle up...the temperatures are still cold and the windchill is extremely cold. Temperatures are expected to get back into the 20's for the weekend...much better ski conditions!!

Events: Don't forget about the Candlelight ski on February 9th 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Afterhours Ski Trail. Two miles of trails will be lit. After skiing come sit around the warm bonfire and have some hot cocoa or cider that will be provided in the warming house. A grill will be provided for grilling what you would like to cook.

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BEAR CROSSING SKI TRAILS

Medford, WI

1/19/2008

New Snow in inches: 5 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 15 "
Base/Woods in inches: 10 "
Open Trails: 6
KM Open: 9.6

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

Comments: Conditions are excellent, fresh snow this week, covered up icy conditions.

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BLUE HILLS TRAIL

Bruce, WI

1/23/2008

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 6 "
Base/Woods in inches: 12 "
KM Open: 34

Percent of Trails Open: 95 %
Km groomed for Classic: 19
Km groomed for Skating: 33
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: Very good to excellent skiing Tuesday (January 22). Sunshine, temps rising to near 8 degrees F, 1/2-3/4 inch Monday snowfall coating well groomed skating/striding surfaces. Firm base, solid pole plants, cold aggressive snow created a great workout, good day to check out the classic tracks.

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FLAMBEAU HILLS SKI TRAILS**Winter, WI****1/30/2008**

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/22/08
Conditions: Very Good

Km groomed for Classic: 23
Km groomed for Skating: 23

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: The 2.7km Squirrel Tail trail is temporarily closed due to active logging operations to salvage timber damaged in a 2006 wind storm. It is anticipated the trail will be closed for 2-3 weeks. Skiers are being detoured onto Pinery Grade trail, which is groomed for two way skiing. For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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HIGH POINT SKI TRAIL**Ogema, WI****1/30/2008**

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Very Good

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: Hill of Beans located just off the trail opened January 1, 2008, offering beverages and sandwiches! For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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HOLY CROSS TRAIL**Phillips, WI****1/30/2008**

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 7 "

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.

Events: For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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**LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL
LIGHTED XC TRAIL**

Ladysmith, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/30/08
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 6 "
Base/Woods in inches: 10 "
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

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

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LOG JAM TRAIL SKI TRAIL

Phillips, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 6 "

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

Comments: This trail was modified this past summer due to the need for a fence around the airport. The ski trail follows the airport fence for a few hundred yards and then proceeds to the south. There are three loops of moderate difficulty with a blend of rolling hills and flat stretches that provide a good aerobic workout with the north loop being the easiest. There is a three-sided shelter with a fire ring and firewood provided at the intersection of the two southern loops.

Events: For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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MECCA TRAILS

Mercer, WI

1/26/2008

New Snow in inches: 1 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/26/2008
Conditions: Excellent

Percent of Trails Open: 99 %
Km groomed for Classic: 18
Km groomed for Skating: 17

Base/Trails in inches: 9 "
Base/Woods in inches: 17 "
Open Trails: 6

Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: All trails in great condition, get out and enjoy.

Events: New chalet open at Trailhead 'B' Follow blue skier signs from Hwy 51, at Beachway Dr. Open 8:00AM to 7:00PM daily. Changing room, hot chocolate, and wax bench.

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MT.ASHWABAY SKI TRAILS

Bayfield, WI

1/24/2008

New Snow in inches: 1 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/23/08
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 12 "
Base/Woods in inches: 25 "
Open Trails: 5

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 25
Km groomed for Skating: 10

Comments: Finished up regrooming on Wednesday, doing the classic tracks. Looks very good.

Events: There will be the Valhalla Summit Ski race held at Mt. Ashwabay on February 2nd. Please visit www.4hcanski.org for details.

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MT.VALHALLA-TEUTON AND VALKYRIE SKI TRAILS

Washburn, WI

1/24/2008

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 01/22/08
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 12 "
Open Trails: 7
KM Open: 32

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 32
Km groomed for Skating: 15

Comments: Teuton was groomed and tracked for skating and classic, Valkyrie for classic only on Tuesday the 22nd. Tracks will be refreshed again late Thursday or early Friday. Conditions are very good to excellent.

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NEWMAN SPRINGS SKI TRAIL

Park Falls, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 9

Conditions: Good to Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 7 "

Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe 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 and skating. 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.

Events: Loops A, B & E were groomed and tracked 1/18/008 and are in good condition; loops C & D were not groomed at that time. For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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PALMQUISTS FARM

Brantwood, WI

1/24/2008

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/23/08
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 14 "

Km groomed for Classic: 15
Km groomed for Skating: 15
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 trail conditions or more information call 1-800-519-2558 or visit www.PalmquistFarm.com

Events: For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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PATTISON PARK TRAIL

Superior, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/4/08
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 6 "
Base/Woods in inches: 9 "
Open Trails: 1

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 6
Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: No new snow. Trails are icy.

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RIB LAKE SKI TRAILS

Rib Lake, WI

1/26/2008

New Snow in inches: 2 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Most Recent Grooming: 01/26/2008
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 14 "
Base/Woods in inches: 14 "
Open Trails: 7
KM Open: 30

Km groomed for Classic: 30
Km groomed for Skating: 30
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: The trails were groomed and tracks set Saturday morning. Conditions are excellent!

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

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**SOLBERG LAKE/SQUAW
CREEK SKI TRAIL**

Phillips, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 7 "
Open Trails: 0

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: For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL FOREST

Superior, WI

1/29/2008

Most Recent Grooming: 1/28/2008
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 0 "
Base/Woods in inches: 0 "
Open Trails: 5
KM Open: 26

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

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**TIMBERLAND HILLS SKI
TRAILS**

Cumberland, WI

1/23/2008

New Snow in inches: Dusting "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Most Recent Grooming: 1/13/08
Conditions: Good

Km groomed for Classic: 25
Km groomed for Skating: 25
Backcountry: YES

Comments: A light coating of snow over a good base. No ice or ruts.

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TIMMS HILL NATIONAL TRAIL

Ogema, WI

1/26/2008

New Snow in inches: 2 "
Most Recent Grooming: 01/26/2008
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 14 "
Base/Woods in inches: 14 "
Open Trails: 1
KM Open: 12

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

Comments: The THT was groomed & tracks set Saturday evening.
 Conditions are excellent!

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

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WINTERGREEN SKI TRAILS

Fifield, WI

1/30/2008

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/18/08
Conditions: Good to Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 7 "

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

Comments: This very scenic trail is gentle enough for the intermediate skill level, yet challenges the experienced. 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.

Events: For information on Price County events, visit our website at www.pricecountywi.net.

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WOLVERINE NORDIC

Ironwood, MI

1/19/2008

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Most Recent Grooming: 01/19/08
Conditions: Excellent
Base/Trails in inches: 10 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 24
Km groomed for Skating: 24
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Base/Woods in inches: 10 "

Open Trails: 5

KM Open: 24

Dog Trails: YES

Backcountry: YES

Comments: Great skiing and no crowds! Come ski the "Mountains Of The Midwest"

Events: 24" of snow this week

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Conditions Key:

Poor: Very little snow base, bare spots, rocks, ruts and/or ice. Rock skis - a must.

Fair: Modest snow base. Few or no bare spots or rocks. Possibly icy. Trail surface may be uneven or irregular. Rock skis advisable.

Good: Adequate snow base. Relatively smooth trail surface. Use your good skis and get out there and ski!

Excellent: If you have to ask, you should consider snowmobiling.

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