Winter Trail Activities

Northern Highland American Legion State Forest has four beautifully tracked scenic cross-country ski trails – Escanaba, Madeline, McNaughton, and Raven. State trail passes are required for these trails. Since these trails are tracked, snowshoes, hiking, biking, and pets are not allowed in winter. The Lumberjack Trail is packed down for snowshoeing and fat tire biking. Shannon Trail is groomed for fat tire biking by volunteers.

Escanaba Trail
- Cross-country Skiing
- Escanaba Trail is groomed and tracked in the winter for cross-country skiing. This trail is very hilly, rolling and scenic. It winds around five different lakes and through stands of maple, aspen and balsam. There are a few fairly steep hills. For skiers, this is an intermediate trail. A shelter with fire ring located on the trail.

Madeline Trail
- Cross-country Skiing
- Madeline Trail is groomed and tracked for cross-country skiing, and is an excellent trail for all levels of experience. This trail has a variety of scenery as it winds around three lakes and through different types of terrain. It has a few rolling hills with a shelter located on the trail with a fire ring.

McNaughton Trail
- Cross-country and Skate Skiing
- McNaughton Trail is groomed and tracked for cross-country skiing. The red loop is the only loop groomed for skate skiing, and runs around McNaughton Lake. This is a very scenic trail and is excellent for a beginner. There is a shelter with fire ring on the trail.

Raven Trail
- Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing and Fat Tire Biking
- Raven Trail is groomed and tracked for cross-country skiing. The trail winds past both Clear and Inkpot Lakes. There are a few steep hills and a shelter with a fire ring. Most of the trail is an intermediate level with the red loop a 4.25 mile expert trail. There are newly developed trails to accommodate snowshoeing and fat tire biking. The trailhead for shorter snowshoeing loops is located at the Clear Lake day-use area off County Highway J. A long loop leaves and returns to the trailhead located off Woodruff Road.

General Trail Rules
- A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is required for skiers and bikers 16+ years old on designated trails.
- No pets are allowed on nature trails.
- No pets, biking, hiking or snowshoeing allowed on the groomed ski trails during the winter months.
- Pets need to be on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times.
- Carry out all litter and pet waste on departure.
- No motorized vehicles allowed.

Snowshoeing
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- Lumberjack Trail: 13.37 miles
- Powell Trail: 13.04 miles
- Fallison Lake Trail: 6.36 miles
- Star Lake Nature Trail: 3.04 miles
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- Tom Roberts Nature Trail: 0.31 miles

Fat Tire Biking
- Lumberjack Trail has two loops packed down for snowshoeing and fat tire biking starting from the Concora Road trailhead. The blue and green loops are included in the groomed portion of the trail.
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