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## **City of Duluth Cross Country Ski Trails Now Open**

The Parks and Recreation Division has announced all cross country ski trails are groomed, in fantastic condition and are ready for skiing.

The City of Duluth has 45 kilometers of skiing on five cross country ski trails. These trails provide a great skiing experience for every level of skier and pass through beautiful forest with tremendous views of Lake Superior and the St. Louis River valley. For current information on trail conditions, persons can call the Ski Hotline at 730-4321.

City of Duluth Cross Country Ski Trails:

**Chester Bowl:** located just off Skyline Parkway at 16th Avenue East in the center of Duluth. A 3.1 km loop groomed for traditional cross country skiing.

**Hartley Ski Trail:** double looped 5.0 km ski trail that is groomed for traditional cross-country skiing at beginning and intermediate levels. There are two access points: Fairmont Street, off Woodland Ave and the intersection of Hartley and Woodhaven, off Arrowhead Road.

**Lester/Amity Ski Trail:** 18 km of trails groomed for both traditional and skate-style skiing. Every evening a 5.0 km loop is lit from dusk to 11:00 PM. To reach Lester/Amity, drive east on Superior Street to the Lester River Road, left on Lester River Road, parking lot is a block up on the left.

**Magney-Snively Ski Trail:** trail network consists of 15 km of trails that are cut through beautiful hardwood forest. Groomed for both traditional and skate-style skiing. Access the trail by traveling west on Skyline Drive two miles past Spirit Mountain. Parking lot is 1/4 mile beyond the old stone bridge.

**Piedmont Ski Trail:** 5.0 km double tracked loop that is appropriate for traditional skiers of all levels and includes some scenic overlooks of the St Louis River valley. Take Piedmont Avenue to Hutchinson Road (two blocks up from the six-corner intersection). Turn left on Hutchinson and follow to Adirondack Street. Trail starts on the left of Hutchinson Road.

Spirit Mountain and Snowflake are two additional locations in Duluth to cross country ski.

A Minnesota State Ski Pass is required for use of the city trails. To obtain a ski pass go to [www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/skipass](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/skipass)

In order to help maintain good skiing conditions for the fun and safety of all skiers, users of the ski trails are requested to follow good trail etiquette.

Ski in the indicated direction

Leave pets at home

Hikers and dogs are not allowed on groomed trails

Try to fill any holes and smooth track if you should fall

Maps for each trail are available on the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division web site at [www.duluthmn.gov](http://www.duluthmn.gov) or at the Parks and Recreation office located at 12 East 4th Street open Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM.

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