

NORTHWOODS

STEWARDSHIP CENTER



NorthWoods Trail Report

March 5, 2016

Call 802.723.6551 for more information

Last Call?

The sunlight is getting stronger and the winter-that-never-was seems to be on its way out. With a 3 day stretch of pleasant weekend weather, this may be our last best chance to enjoy fresh snow conditions at NorthWoods! Today we groomed a number of trails and were pleasantly surprised by the snow conditions. Even off trail, there seemed to plenty of cover.

If you have been holding out this winter, Saturday-Sunday-Monday might be your best bet. In addition to 6K of groomed trails at NorthWoods, the conditions at Mt Hor on the Willoughby Nordic Trails continues to be excellent. Although the approach near the trailhead is quite compact and a little icy, the trail conditions quickly improve as you climb just a short distance and branch out onto the other trails.

Go and get them while you can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NorthWoods Trails Update

The NorthWoods Trails are once again open for self-serve use. Maps and information are available at the main lodge and in our outdoor information kiosk. Stop by and explore a variety of groomed and backcountry routes--both are in excellent condition. See below for details on trail conditions.

Willoughby State Forest

The Willoughby ski trails are in great shape! You will find maps at the trailhead kiosk and access to roughly 12 kilometers of groomed classic and skate skiing. It is one of the very few quality places to ski this winter.

Enjoy!

NORTHWOODS NORDIC TRAILS

Ten Mile Square Road, East Charleston, Vt

Trails are Open!**Winter Details**

We are open for skiing and snowshoeing during business hours, Monday-Friday, and on weekends and evenings by self-service. NorthWoods offers a variety of terrain and trails. During business hours, Staff is on-hand to provide rentals, answer questions, distribute maps and lead guided programs (see our [website](#) for a complete list of winter activities). Trails are groomed weekly (generally Fridays and Mondays), weather permitting. Maps and information are available at the Lodge and at selected trail locations. Trail donations are collected on the honor system and help pay for grooming and trail maintenance expenses. For after hours and weekend use, check-in at our back entry.

NorthWoods Business Hours: Mon - Fri 8am- 4:30pm, *Weekend and evening use is by self-service.*

Trail use: \$5/person/day (suggested donation)

Ski and Snowshoe Rentals: \$5/day

Weekend and after hours Rentals are by appointment

Maps and Sign-in at rear entrance and outdoor information kiosk.

We are dog-friendly! *(Please clean up after your pet)*

PLEASE SKI SAFELY! AND HAVE FUN!

SNOW REPORT: NorthWoods Nordic Trails

March 5, 2016

New snow this week: 4.5"

At the Stake: 11.75"

Trail base: 6.0"

Trails groomed: 6.0 kilometers

Conditions: powder, loose frozen granular

PLEASE NOTE: There may be hazards on the trails, including thin cover, some wet crossings and shallow-depth rocks, stumps and branches. Please us caution.

Trail Name	Length	Status/condition	Notes
Leadership Trail	2.5K	open, groomed	some shallow hazards on downhill
Tamarack Island	1.5K	open, groomed	groomed, packed powder, some wet spots
Up and Away	0.5K	closed	
Meadow Loop	1.0K	closed	
Lower Clyde	1.5K	open, backcountry	
Shed Trail	0.25K	open, groomed	groomed, packed powder
Pond Loop	0.25K	open, groomed	groomed, packed powder
Tripp Hill Connector	1.5K	open, backcountry	
Above and Beyond	1.0K	open, backcountry	
Echo Lake Trail	1.5K	open to glacial erratic	groomed, packed powder
Echo Lake Loop (via Hopkins Hill)	6K	closed	
Olympic	0.5K	open, backcountry	powder
Total	18K		6K groomed

WILLOUGHBY STATE FOREST NORDIC TRAILS

VT Route 5A, Westmore, Vt

Winter Details

NorthWoods is partnering with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (VT FPR) to maintain and groom the winter ski trails in Willoughby State Forest. Access is available from the CCC Road parking lot on Vermont Route 5A in Westmore, just south of Lake Willoughby. Trails are open to the public seven days a week on a self-serve basis. Trail donations are collected on the honor system and help pay for grooming and trail maintenance expenses. Donations can be made at the trailhead kiosk or sent to NorthWoods PO Box 220 East Charleston, VT 05833.

PLEASE NOTE: Trails are groomed for classic skiing (with set tracks) and skate skiing. All other uses, including snowshoeing, walking, crampons, etc. should avoid the groomed lanes and keep to one side. There is no ski patrol or afternoon sweep on the trails system and visitors use the trails at their own risk. Trails are groomed 2-3 days per week, weather permitting. Maps and information are available at the trailhead and at www.northwoodscenter.org.

DOGS: Dog can significantly impact the quality of groomed trails--particularly for skate skiing--by leaving weaving and wandering tracks. In addition, many visitors--particularly children--are not comfortable around dogs. Hikers and dog walkers are encouraged to use other trails in the Willoughby area. If you choose to use the groomed trails, **visitors MUST keep all dogs on a leash! Please clean up after your dog on the groomed trails and in the parking area.**

PLEASE SKI SAFELY! AND HAVE FUN!

SNOW REPORT: Willoughby State Forest Nordic Trails

March 5, 2016

New snow this week: 6.0"

Trail base: 6-8.0"

Trails groomed: 11.0 kilometers

Conditions: powder, packed powder; loose frozen granular, some thin cover down low

PLEASE NOTE: There may be hazards on the trails, including thin cover, some wet crossings and shallow-depth rocks, stumps and branches. Please us caution.

Trail	Length	Condition	Notes
CCC Road	2.75K	open, groomed	packed powder
Bartlett Mtn Loop	1.5K	open, backcountry	powder
Connector	1.0K	open, backcountry	
Bartlett Mtn Road	2.5K	open, groomed	packed powder
Small Loop	1.5K	open	packed powder
Middle Loop	2.75K	open	packed powder
Total	12.0K		9.5 K groomed

Until Next Time, Take Care!

Luke O'Brien

NorthWoods Stewardship Center

PO Box 220

East Charleston, VT 05833

802-723-6551 x304

ski@northwoodscenter.org

www.northwoodscenter.org

