



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director
Re: Outdoor Winter Activities
DATE: November 15, 2022

Recommendation

Review and accept this report

Information

The department would like to remind our residents how easy and important it is to get outside, enjoy the fresh air and play this winter. For information on outdoor winter activities please visit the department's [web site](#). For updated conditions please follow our [Facebook page](#).

Outdoor Skating Areas

The department maintains four outdoor skating areas during the winter months. We usually start skating around the New Year and we have been able to have outdoor skating into early March (cold winters!). The skating areas are at the following locations: Rollins Park, White Park Pond, White Park Rink and the pond at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. We do not open the ponds until there is at least 5 inches of ice, if the no ice skating signs are posted please do not skate. We would like to remind residents if you see staff flooding the areas or removing snow please stay off the ice until work is complete. As conditions change daily please follow the department's social media pages as they will be updated regularly.



Working with our community partners we will also be hosting several winter events: Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament, White Park Winter Carnival and even a Tartan Kilt Skate in partnership with the NH Highland Games.

Winter Hiking

The city has miles and miles of hiking trails that are open all winter. However please dress with proper foot wear and warm clothes as conditions are often very icy and trails snow covered. Please also bring snacks, water and a headlight in case you get lost. For more information on winter hiking and the trails in Concord please visit the trails section of the [cities web site](#).

Parks and Playground Remain Open during winter months

All the city's parks and playgrounds remain open during the winter but we do not remove snow from the playgrounds and playing fields. White Park is known for the outdoor skating opportunities as well as the best sledding hill in Concord.



Cross Country Skiing

The Beaver Meadow Golf Course is fast becoming the place to xc ski in central NH. When we have enough snow, the trails will be groomed daily. The trails are open sun up to sun down and are free to use. We ask users not to run/walk or snowshoe on the groomed trails as it negatively affects skiing conditions and please no dogs at any time.

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Working with the cross-county ski community we already have four middle school and high school xc meets scheduled for this winter, each race will bring skiers from all over NH to the course. Again, this winter we will be coordinating a community xc race.

Trail conditions this winter at the course will be greatly improved with the purchase of the "new to us" groomer this fall. Huge thank you to everyone who donated money to help us purchase the machine.



There are more cross-country ski trails available at Memorial Field Complex and White Farm. These trails are maintained by the Capital Ski and Outing Club and are also free to use.



Bill Koch Youth Ski League

Around six years ago we moved the Bill Koch Ski league from Memorial Field to the Beaver Meadow Golf Course. The cross-country ski program is run by volunteers and often the Concord High Cross-Country Ski Team helps out. The program runs Friday nights in January and February. Program is open to children as young as 4 years old into fifth grade. Pre-registration is required (Program has limited space and often is full).

Beaver Meadow Golf Course Cross Country Ski Trail Map

