



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Parks & Recreation Director
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SUBJECT: Outdoor Winter Recreation Opportunities

Background

Update on Outdoor Winter Recreation Opportunities.

Discussion

The City of Concord offers its residents and visitors numerous FREE opportunities to be active outdoors during the winter months. There is something for all winter enthusiasts: from winter hikes on the numerous trails, outdoor ice skating areas, a sledding hill and even groomed cross country ski trails.

For this upcoming winter season the Parks and Recreation Department has added information online highlighting many of our winter recreation opportunities. We will have regular updates on conditions, rules, events and overall suggestions to get outside and enjoy Concord this winter.

Winter Highlights include:

White Park:

- Outdoor Hockey Rink – with new LED lights. There is a new light switch located on the basketball side of the rink. Use switch to turn lights on for the hockey rink.
- Ice Skating Pond
- Sledding Hill
- Black Ice Pond Hockey Championship
- White Park Annual Winter Carnival

Rollins Park:

- Ice skating area with lights until 10 pm nightly.

Beaver Meadow Golf Course:

- Ice Skating Pond
- Cross Country Ski Trials – two new trails have been added and when conditions allow over 10k of trails will be groomed. Please see the updated cross country ski trail map for the operation.
- The 19th Hole Restaurant opens daily at 10 am during the winter. It's a great place to come in and warm up and have some great food after ice skating or skiing.
- Bill Koch Youth Ski League returns to course this year.
- High School Nordic Ski Race has been added.

Memorial Field:

- Cross country ski trails. Memorial Field serves as a trail head to many cross country ski trails that are maintained by volunteers from the Capital Ski and Outing Club. When there is enough snow you can access the cross country ski trails directly from the parking area.

Hiking Trails:

- The City of Concord with help from numerous volunteers offers 31 different trails and are great for winter hikes and snowshoeing. We are very fortunate to have some many trails; however, winter hiking can be dangerous due to cold, ice and over all winter conditions. Some of the rails are long, rough or steep. Be sure to read the trail descriptions that are online and tell a friend your route and when you expect to be back.