

## **Turkey River White Farm Trails**

### **Access to the trails:**

There are two access points to the trails for the White Farm/Turkey River area. The first is from Memorial Field. Park at the Memorial Field Parking lot and the trails being just past the ticket booth.

The second access is at White Farm (State Surplus property). Park on the left after turning off of Clinton Street, before the gated entrance to the State Surplus facility. The trails begin to the left of the barn.

Winter trail conditions are weather dependent, ski at your own risk.

### **The Trails:**

The groomed trail system has approximately 4 mi of ski trails and 2 mi of multi-use trails. The ski trails are marked with yellow signs and are maintained for skiing only. Please no pets, walking, or snowshoeing on the groomed ski trails. The Green signs mark the multi-use trails, which are provided for all other trail users. Cross country skiing enthusiasts volunteer to maintain the ski trails. Please respect the trail signage.

The trails from Memorial Field are nice woodland walks that take you through pine forests, deer yards, fields and small wetland areas. The students of the middle school alternative education program have been maintaining these trails and developing the interpretive information found here. These trails have become popular cross-country ski trails.

The Memorial Field trails connect with the trails on the White Farm property through a tunnel under Langley Parkway. The ski trails generally follow the perimeter of the field, and the multiuse trails are usually the interior loop. At the eastern entrance to the tunnel under Langley Parkway, a ski trail extends up through the woods to the lawn behind the Pleasant View Retirement Center. Backcountry skiing and snowshoeing are popular activities in the wooded area to the north of the agricultural fields.

### **History:**

Nathaniel and Armenia White owned this property. It was described as a farm that was spotless. The farm itself was opened in the 1840's and eventually became a stop on the Underground Railroad for slaves fleeing the south. Both the Whites led efforts in the temperance and women's suffrage movements. Armenia established the Centennial Home for the Aged, now known as the Centennial Inn. Nathaniel White, from Lancaster, N.H. was born poor, but died in 1880 one of the wealthiest men in New Hampshire. He started as a dishwasher at the Colombian Hotel in Concord, became a leader in Concord-Boston Coach lines, took a position as railroad director, became an "Old Guard Republican" and was later selected head of the electoral tickets for Garfield and Arthur.



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## ***Concord Trail System***

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