

## Cross Country Ski Trail Information

While most of the hiking trails in Concord are wide enough for cross country skiing, some are better than others. Suitability is determined by how much snow cover is needed, whether it is groomed, and ease of terrain.

### Groomed Trails

- [White Farm and Memorial Field](#)

These trails are groomed, are mostly flat, and suitable for beginners. The trails tend to be groomed for skiing more often than other trails in Concord since the ground under the cross country ski trails is fairly smooth, and these trails need less snow cover for grooming.

The trails at Memorial Field and White Farm are connected by a tunnel under Langley Parkway. Intermediate cross country skiers may enjoy the Pleasant View trail, which is a narrower trail through the woods that starts near the tunnel.

Parking is on the left side of the State Surplus lot at 144 Clinton Street (outside of the gates), and also at Memorial Field.

- [Beaver Meadow Golf Course](#)

The Beaver Meadow golf course has both flat terrain, and gentle hills, making it fun for skiers of all abilities. When there is enough snow to run the groomer without damaging the golf course, the City of Concord grooms trails, both for skating and classic.

The gentle hills, ponds, bridges, and other golf course scenery make this a popular location for cross country skiing.

- [Carter Hill Orchard](#) (\*currently not being groomed, subject to change)  
Carter Hill Orchard is a scenic location to ski, but due to its hilltop location it tends to be more windy and cold than other ski trails. That means generally more snowfall is required to make grooming possible, and the snow tends to be harder packed than at flatter locations.

Currently, the trails in the orchard are not being groomed. There are also some ungroomed trails in the woods behind the orchard, connecting to both the Carter Hill Connector and the West End Farm Trail. These trails have a somewhat rocky ground, and need at least a foot of snow to ski comfortably.



### Other trails

In addition to the groomed trails noted above, several other trails described below are suitable for intermediate and advanced cross country skiers when the natural snow is plentiful, fresh, and in good condition. Old snow tends to get icy as it is packed down, and become unsuitable for skiing. Snowshoe tracks may make skiing impractical, especially on hills. Natural snow conditions are frequently poor, so exercise caution.

The following trails are relatively flat and smooth, and may be skiable without requiring too much snow cover: [upper trail at Sewalls Falls](#) (accessible from the north side of the Beaver Meadow golf course); the [green trail at Batchelder Mill](#); [Rolfe Park](#), and the [SPNHF trails](#).

A few neighborhood parks like [Spears Park](#), [Mast Yard State Forest](#), the [south end of Broken Ground](#), the [East Concord Heritage Trails](#), [Contoocook River Park](#), and [Morono Park](#) should be suitable for cross country skiing on a somewhat regular basis. However, due to lack of a plowed parking lot they might only be usable for people living within walking distance of those trails.

The West End Farm Trail can be skied from [Dimond Hill Farm](#), going north or south. There is limited trailhead parking at the kiosk beside the barn at Dimond Hill Farm, courtesy of the farm. Part of the trail is groomed by the Bow Pioneers snowmobile club and is part of their trail network (see Concord Trail map 22). When sharing a snowmobile trail it is courteous to step off the trail when snowmobiles come through.

Other trails, such as [Audubon Society](#), [Broken Ground](#), [Oak Hill](#), [Winant Park](#), [Swope Park](#), and the [Swope-Winant Connector](#) all have fairly rocky ground, and will require at least a foot of snow coverage in order to ski without hitting rocks. These trails are recommended for expert cross country skiers in good snow conditions only.