Welcome to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Enjoy 9 miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails that meander along 1,000-plus acres of woodland, prairie, wetland, and open fields.

The Arboretum offers a variety of trails to accommodate a range of skill levels. The trails are groomed when there is an adequate base of snow. Ski trails begin and end at the east end of the Snyder Building in the staff parking lot.

To inquire whether trails are open, and what their condition is, please call 952-443-1400, ext. 7055.

A BRIEF REMINDER:
The Arboretum is a research facility, so plants must remain undisturbed. The trail of even one skier can damage plants.

* Please stay on the groomed trails and follow directional signs.
* Arboretum trails are designed and groomed for traditional skiing only. No skate-skiing.
* Snowmobiling and horseback riding are not allowed on the Arboretum grounds.
* Please do not hike, snowshoe or bring sleds or dogs on ski trails as damage to the trails will result.
* There are separate routes for snowshoeing/hiking.

ABOUT THE TRAILS
**Forest Trail** (2 miles) – Gently rolling hills through the woods and bog areas.
**Green Heron Trail** (1.25 miles) – Beginner’s trail, one short hill to start, then flat. Circles the bog area and Green Heron Pond. Accessible from the Forest Trail.
**North Star Trail** (1.5 miles) – More difficult trial through the Arboretum’s tree-study areas, with a few challenging hills.
**Arboretum Trail** (3.5 miles) – Challenging trail with many hills. Combines many of the Arboretum’s hiking trails, tree collections, prairie and wildflower areas. Accessible from the Forest Trail.

FOR AN INDOOR BREAK
The Oswald Visitor Center, Snyder Building & Gift Store are open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Winter hours: Mon. - Sat., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sun., 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Arboretum Restaurant serves hot beverages and lunch. Winter hours: Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Grill Hours: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Andersen Horticultural Library offers thousands of books and periodicals on horticulture, botany, natural history, gardening and more. The Library also has an extensive children’s section. Winter hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Take a stroll through the Meyer-Deats Conservatory in the Snyder Building to enjoy the beauty of tropical plants from all over the world; and Reedy Gallery in the Oswald Visitor Center to view paintings and art.

ABOUT THE ARBORETUM
For more information about Minnesota’s Premier Public Garden, adult and family classes, events and exhibits, facility rentals, membership and travel tours, contact 952-443-1400 or visit www.arboretum.umn.edu.

FOR WALKERS
3-Mile Drive is closed to vehicles but plowed for walkers. Salt is not used – it is harmful to plants. Please watch for ice.

PLEASE, NO HIKING ON SKI TRAILS!

Spring Peeper Loop Trail (1 mile) – Intermediate trial through the meadow and over the Oak Knoll. Begins and ends off the North Star Trail.

Snowshoe/Hiking Trail (1.2 miles) – A gently rolling trail through mature forest, the wildflower garden, Arborvitae collection.

Prairie Loop (8 miles) – A steep up-and-down through savanna and prairie. Rejoins main trail at wildflower garden.

FOR YOUR SAFETY
The Arboretum does not have a ski patrol or staff available to ski to an emergency on the trail. We strongly recommend that you not ski alone.

In case of emergency, go to the Oswald Visitor Center Information Desk. The Arboretum requires that you ski during times that the Visitor Center is open.

The entry gate is locked at 5:30 p.m. every evening.

PLEASE STAY ON GROOMED TRAILS.