

## Local Ski and Snowshoeing Trails:

While Blue and Snowy Mts. are for the few accomplished skiers, most of you will probably enjoy some of my favorite skis:

The Northville-Lake Placid blue marked trail runs north/south crossing Rt. 28 & 30 near Blue Mountain Lake. It affords skiers gentle ups and downs thru open hardwoods with an occasional lean-to rest stop and views of Stephens and Tirrell Ponds, depending on which way you choose to ski.

More challenging side trips on the Cascade Lake-Rock Pond red trail to the south of Rt. 28 & 30, and Blue Mt.-Tirrell Pond yellow trail to the north can complete a day long loop if one has two cars or a prearranged ride.

The John Pond red trail is also a beautiful, gentle ski beginning at the end of Starbuck Rd. (park out of the way of the snowplow), off of Big Brook Rd., Indian Lake, and ending at a remote pond and lean-to, a distance of 2.5 miles. Here you'll ski past beaver meadows, the subtle remains of the early Little Canada settlement and through stands of plantation red pine planted in the 1930s.

A third ski can be found by picking up the yellow ski trail loop at the town dump (don't park inside the gate). It's best if you travel the loop in a clockwise direction. Heading out of the dump, ski north towards the Cedar River. The trail then proceeds along the river to Pasley Falls, through 100 acres of 1995 tree blow down, onto a section of the town maintained snowmobile system, and back to the dump. Access can also be gained from Adirondack Lake road. Though most of the travel is flat to gentle, it does have its steeper moments. That's why clockwise is better. Distance is about a 5 mile loop.

In addition to these three skis, many of the lesser used town groomed snowmobile trails make for some good skiing if you keep a wary eye for snowmobile. Maps of the snowmobile trails are available at the Town's Chamber of Commerce on Main St., Indian Lake.