

# WELCOME

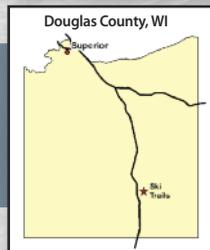
With over 10 miles of scenic trails covering a breathtaking variety of white-frosted landscapes, the Douglas County Forest offers cross-country skiers an excellent opportunity to experience true northwoods beauty and solitude during the winter season.

From young successional forests to older stands of dense timber, there's nothing quite like the sensation of silently gliding along forested trails covered in a fresh blanket of snow. Cross-country skiing can ease your mind, condition your body, and provides a great aerobic workout far from the confines of a gym.



*Slide 'em and glide 'em!*

Whether you're looking to get outside and do something fun for the whole family during those "cabin fever" months or you consider yourself a devoted nordic enthusiast, you'll be sure to find the type of skiing adventure you're looking for.



**DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST...**  
*where your next winter wonderland awaits!*

**SAFETY FIRST!** – Please report any trail safety hazards to the County Forestry Department at (715) 378-2219.

### ILLEGAL MOTORIZED VEHICLE USE

All motor vehicle use on the trail system is prohibited from December 15th to April 30th annually.

If you observe any illegal motorized vehicle use, please call the Douglas County Sheriff's Department at (715) 394-4432 or the Forestry Department at (715) 378-2219.



### Other Douglas County Ski Trail Systems

**City of Superior Municipal Forest Cross-Country Ski Trails**  
1316 North 14th Street  
Superior, WI 54880  
(715) 395-7270  
Parks & Recreation Department  
(715) 395-7299  
Trail Condition Hotline

*Provides over 16 miles (26 km) of groomed trails. Offers both classic track and skate skiing. Trail use permit required.*

**WDNR Brule River State Forest Afterhours Ski Trail**  
6250 South Ranger Road  
Brule, WI 54820  
(715) 372-4866

*Provides over 15 miles (25 km) of groomed trails. Offers both classic track and skate skiing. Trail use permit required.*

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

#### Emergency Services

For All Emergencies ..... **Dial 911**  
Douglas County Sheriff's Department..... (715) 394-4432

#### Non-Emergency Services

Douglas County Forestry Department ..... (715) 378-2219  
Emergency Weather Awareness..... (800) 943-0003  
Road Conditions ..... 511 or (800) 762-3947



**FOR MORE INFORMATION** For more information about the Douglas County Forest ski trail system, please visit [www.douglascountywi.org/forestry](http://www.douglascountywi.org/forestry) or contact the Forestry Department at:

**Douglas County Forestry Department**  
9182 East Hughes Avenue, P.O. Box 211  
Solon Springs, WI 54873  
Phone (715) 378-2219  
Fax (715) 378-2807  
[forestry@douglascountywi.org](mailto:forestry@douglascountywi.org)

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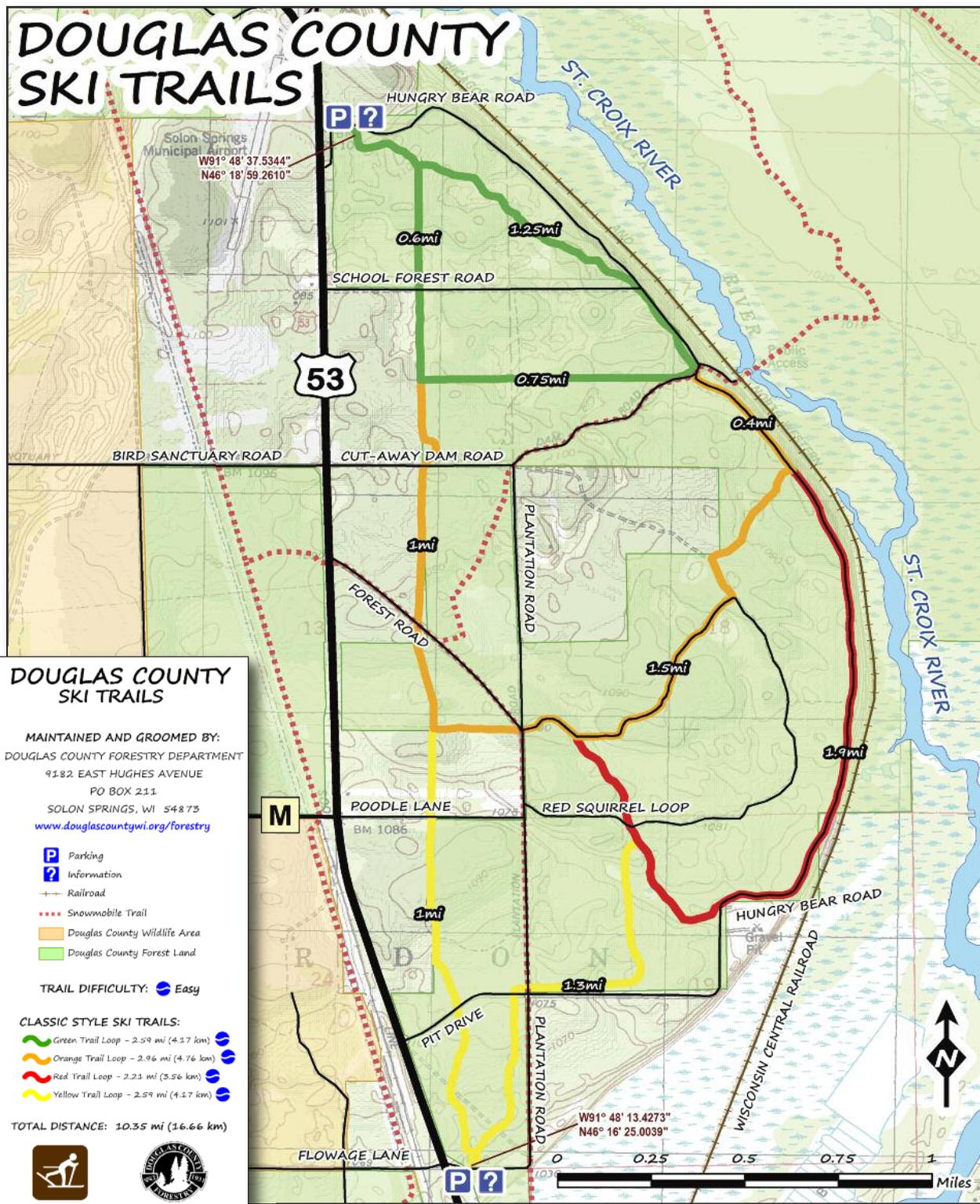
## DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST

# Cross-Country Ski Trails

*Ready. Set. Glide!*



# DOUGLAS COUNTY SKI TRAILS



**DOUGLAS COUNTY SKI TRAILS**

MAINTAINED AND GROOMED BY:  
DOUGLAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT  
9182 EAST HUGHES AVENUE  
PO BOX 211  
SOLON SPRINGS, WI 54873  
[www.douglascountywi.org/forestry](http://www.douglascountywi.org/forestry)

**P** Parking  
**?** Information  
--- Railroad  
... Snowmobile Trail  
Orange Douglas County Wildlife Area  
Green Douglas County Forest Land

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: **E** Easy

**CLASSIC STYLE SKI TRAILS:**

- Green Trail Loop - 2.59 mi (4.17 km)
- Orange Trail Loop - 2.96 mi (4.76 km)
- Red Trail Loop - 2.21 mi (3.56 km)
- Yellow Trail Loop - 2.59 mi (4.17 km)

TOTAL DISTANCE: 10.35 mi (16.66 km)

## Location

The ski trail system is located approximately 1/10th of a mile east of Highway 53 between the towns of Solon Springs and Gordon. The north trailhead is located directly off Hungry Bear County Forest Road, 1/10th of a mile east of Highway 53. The south trailhead is located directly off Flowage Lane, also 1/10th of a mile east of Highway 53. Each trailhead offers an ample parking area and information kiosk.

## Length

The trail system consists of four loops totaling 10.35 miles (16.66 kilometers) of well-maintained trails groomed for classic style nordic skiing.

## Difficulty

All four loops of the trail system are rated as easy.

## Hours

The trail system is open to public skiing 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Please note that although trails may be open, good to excellent skiing conditions are not guaranteed.



## User Fee

There is no charge for use of the ski trail system.

## Maintenance and Grooming Activities

Trail maintenance and signage are completed by Douglas County Forestry Department staff and equipment. Under adequate snow conditions, trail grooming is typically completed once a week or biweekly where a single classic track is set. Grooming frequency is very weather and snow condition dependent and the grooming schedule can frequently change throughout the season.

*Users are reminded that although trails may be open, conditions can significantly change in very little time. Even the most ideal trail conditions can be quickly degraded by usage and/or weather influences.*

**TRAIL CONDITIONS** — Up-to-date trail condition and grooming reports are available anytime by calling the 24/7 Douglas County Trail Hotline at (715) 378-4528 or by visiting [www.douglascountywi.org/forestry](http://www.douglascountywi.org/forestry)

## Donations

Monetary donations are graciously accepted to assist with trail maintenance and grooming activities. Contact the Forestry Department for further information. *Thank you for supporting your ski trail system!*

## Have Feedback? Contact us.

We are interested in your comments and/or suggestions on ways the ski trail system can be improved or how much you enjoyed your experience, please feel free to contact us with any feedback.

# 24/7 Trail Condition Hotline (715) 378-4528

DOUGLAS COUNTY NORDIC SKI TRAIL SYSTEM		
Total Trail System Length: 10.35 mi / 16.66 km		
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## SKI ETIQUETTE AND RULES

- ✓ Avoid hiking, snowshoeing, horse use, dog use, and other activities that can degrade or damage the groomed trail surface. All users are asked to use good judgment and protect the groomed trail surface as best possible.
- ✓ All trails are two-way trails and can be skied in either direction. Users are asked to remain alert for other oncoming skiers and to be courteous when meeting or approaching others.
- ✓ When using the Herringbone technique (ski skating) to travel uphill or when using the snowplough technique while traveling downhill, please make an effort to get out of the track to avoid damaging it.
- ✓ Maps are posted at both the north and south trailheads. Trails are marked with their respective loop color symbol.
- ✓ Skiers should always ski within their own abilities. Be sure to leave space between yourself and others and alert others when approaching and/or passing.
- ✓ Portions of the trails cross town roads and snowmobile trails. Please exercise caution and come to a complete stop before crossing. NEVER ski on a snowmobile trail.
- ✓ It is prohibited to remove, alter, or damage any trail sign, blockage device, or other trail improvement or feature.
- ✓ If you are skiing alone, be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you will be returning.