

Outdoor Ice Skating

Bayfront Festival Park, 350 Harbor Drive, skating rink is open M-F 4-8pm, Sat 1-8pm, Sun 1-5pm, with extended hours during holiday breaks. Free; skates available. Warm up by the fireplace in the Bayfront Family Center, and enjoy an outdoor bonfire on Friday evenings.
www.duluthmn.gov/parks/skating-rinks
(218) 730-4300

Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

- **Spirit Mt.**, 9500 W. Skyline Pkwy or 8551 Grand Ave. Rentals, lessons, tubing. Sun-Thurs 9am-8pm & Fri/Sat 9am-9pm; holiday hours may vary. www.spiritmt.com, (218) 628-2891
- **Mont du Lac**, 3125 Mont Du Lac Dr., Superior. Rentals, lessons, tubing. Tue-Fri 4-8pm, Sat 10-10, Sun 10-6; holiday hours may vary. www.montdulacsports.com, (218) 626-3797
- **Chester Bowl**, 1801 Skyline Pkwy. Single lift. www.chesterbowl.org, (218) 724-9832

Cross Country (Nordic) Skiing

Most ski trails have several loops of varying length & difficulty. The Magney-Snively trail (which connects to the Spirit Mt. trails) offers a scenic, challenging ski with a wilderness feel. For trail maps, directions, and weekly events visit www.duluthxc.com. For skier-submitted trail reports, visit www.skinnyski.com.

The City of Duluth grooms five trails. For grooming updates, visit www.duluthxc.com or call the City Trails Hotline at (218) 730-4321. Skiers aged 16+ must have a MN Ski Pass (\$6/daily, \$20/annual), which can be purchased online, by phone, at state parks, or at any DNR license outlet. www.dnr.state.mn.us/skiing, (888) 665-4236

- **Magney-Snively/Spirit Mt.** (30k skate/classic, beginner to advanced), 9597 W. Skyline Pkwy (Spirit Mt. Nordic Center) or 9758 W. Skyline Pkwy (Magney-Snively trailhead parking).
- **Piedmont** (4.5k classic/1k skate, beginner to advanced), 2225 Hutchinson Rd.
- **Chester Bowl** (3k skate), 1800 E. Skyline Pkwy.
- **Hartley Park** (5k classic, beginner/intermediate), 3001 Woodland Ave. Hartley Nature Center rents skis for on-site use; open M-F 9-5, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5. www.hartleynature.org, (218) 724-6735
- **Lester Park**, (11k skate/classic, intermediate/advanced, 4k lighted loop), 61st Ave E. & Superior St.

Also in Duluth:

- **Snowflake Nordic Center**, (14k skate/classic, beginner to advanced, 4k lighted loop), 4348 Rice Lake Road. Privately operated, open to the public. Day pass \$8. Ski rental (on-site use only). www.skiduluth.com, (218) 726-1550
- **Bagley Nature Area** (2.7k classic, intermediate/advanced), 703 Oakland Circle (off St. Marie Street.) Operated by UMD, open to the public. Free to ski; parking meters. www.umdrsop.org, (218) 726-7128

Near Duluth:

- **Jay Cooke State Park** (40k classic, beginner to advanced), 780 Highway 210. MN Ski Pass. Warming building open 10-4. www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/jay_cooke, (218) 384-4610
- **Boulder Lake Management Area** (21k classic/10k skate, beginner/intermediate), 7328 Boulder Dam Rd. Free. Warming hut, hours vary. www.blma.org/skimap.htm, (218) 721-4903
- **Korkki Nordic Ski Center** (11k single-track classic, advanced), 1711 Korkki Rd. Donation. Warming hut, hours vary. (218) 525-7326

XC ski rental (also see listings for Hartley Nature Center and Snowflake Nordic Center.)

- **The Ski Hut**, www.theskihut.com, East Duluth (218) 724-8525, West Duluth (218) 624-5889
- **Continental Ski & Bike**, www.continentalski.com, (218) 728-4466
- **UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program**, www.umdrsop.org, 218-726-6134

Adaptive Outdoor Recreation

- **Courage Center**, www.couragecenter.org/ContentPages/duluth.aspx, (218) 726-4762

Skijoring

Skijoring is permitted every day at Lester Golf Course (1860 Lester River Rd., MN Ski Pass required) and on Thursdays & Sundays at Boulder Lake (free). See "Cross Country Skiing."

Positive Energy Outdoors can provide instruction, gear, and a trained dog if you don't have your own (must schedule in advance.)
www.outdooredventures.org, (218) 391-0147

Walking, Hiking & Running

Duluth has many miles of walking trails, including a section of the Superior Hiking Trail. Popular winter hiking areas include Chester Creek Trail, Hartley Park, Hawk Ridge, Park Point, and the Western Waterfront Trail. Ice cleats and hiking poles are helpful for traction and stability on rugged, snow-covered terrain. For trail maps & directions, visit www.duluthmn.gov/parks and www.shta.org/SHT_in_Duluth.

Running events: www.northlandrunner.com.

The Duluth Lakewalk is a 7-mile paved trail that runs from Canal Park to Brighton Beach. The trail is cleared of snow during the winter, making it accessible for wheelchairs, strollers, and bicycles. For more information go to www.duluthmn.gov/parks/bayfront-festival-park/lakewalk/.

Dogs must be leashed and feces must be picked up in all areas. "Mutt mitts" and trash cans are available in city parks and along the Lakewalk.

Off-Leash Dog Parks

Keene Creek Dog Park is located near I-35 at Grand Avenue & 62nd Avenue West.

Observation Dog Park is located at West 3rd Street & 9th Avenue West.

For more information contact Duluth Parks at (218) 730-4300.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoes may be used on any hiking trail (but not on groomed ski trails). Jay Cooke State Park and Boulder Lake Management Area offer designated snowshoe trails (see "Cross Country Skiing"). Snowshoe races are listed on www.northlandrunner.com.

Snowshoe rental:

- **UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program**, www.umdrsop.org, 218-726-6134
- **Hartley Nature Center** (on-site use) www.hartleynature.org, (218) 724-6735
- **The Ski Hut**, www.theskihut.com, East Duluth, (218) 724-8525, West Duluth (218) 624-5889
- **Continental Ski & Bike**, www.continentalski.com, (218) 728-4466
- **Jay Cooke State Park** (on-site use) www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/jay_cooke, (218) 384-4610

Mountain Biking

Mountain bike trails in Duluth parks are open during the winter. For maps, trail conditions, and weekly rides, visit www.coggs.com. Bike trails are open to hikers and may cross a groomed ski trail—please use caution. Snowmobile trails within city limits are closed to cyclists, but cycling is permitted on the North Shore State Trail (shared with snowmobiles). www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/north_shore/

Bike Rental (including fat tire snow bikes)
Continental Ski & Bike, www.continentalski.com, (218) 728-4466

Birding

- **Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory**, www.hawkridge.org
- **Duluth Audubon Society** (birding maps & checklists,) www.duluthaudubon.org
- **Sax-Zim Bog Birding Area**, www.saxzim.org

Dogsledding

Positive Energy Outdoors, www.outdooredventures.org, (218) 391-0147

Endurance Kennels
www.endurancekennels.com
(218) 721-2571

Ice Climbing

- **Positive Energy Outdoors**, www.outdooredventures.org, (218) 391-0147
- **UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program**, www.umdrsop.org, (218) 726-7128
- **Vertical Endeavors**, www.verticalendeavors.com/duluth, (218) 279-9980

Snow Kiting

- **UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program**, www.umdrsop.org, (218) 726-7128

Wave-watching

- **Brighton Beach/Kitchi Gammi Park**, 63rd Ave. E. & Congdon Blvd.
- **Corner-of-the-Lake Park**, Lake Place Dr. & The Lakewalk in Canal Park
- **12th Street Beach/Franklin Square**, 12th St. & Minnesota Ave. on Park Point
- **Park Point Beach/Minnesota Point**, 4500 Minnesota Ave. on Park Point

Skyline Parkway

Explore parks, trails, and scenic overlooks across Duluth by driving along this 20-mile route and making stops along the way. www.skylineparkway.org

Guided trips

In addition to organizations and businesses listed above, **Day Tripper of Duluth**, www.daytripperofduluth.com, and **The Duluth Experience**, www.theduluthexperience.com, offer guided outdoor recreation day trips in Duluth.

Special Events

(Some events require advance registration and/or charge a fee)

- **Dec. 21**, 6-8pm: Solstice Ski & Bonfire at Spirit Mt. Nordic Center. www.duluthxc.com
- **Jan 10**, 10am-3pm: Winter Trails Day at Spirit Mt. Nordic Center. www.duluthxc.com
- **Jan. 11**, 10:30am: Nordic Spirit XC Ski Race at Spirit Mt. Nordic Center. www.duluthxc.com
- **Jan. 18**, 11am: Boulder Lake XC Ski Race & Snowshoe Stomp. www.boulderlakeskirace.com
- **Jan. 25**, 1pm: Start of the John Beargrease Sled Dog Race. www.beargrease.com, (218) 722-7631
- **Feb. 7**, 6-9pm: Moonlight Ski/Snowshoe at Boulder Lake. www.boulderlake.org (218) 721-3731
- **Feb. 7**, 4-7pm: Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe at Hartley Park. www.hartleynature.org (218) 724-6735
- **Feb. 8**, 11am: Erik Judeen XC Ski Race at Korkki Nordic Center. (218) 525-7326
- **Feb. 14**, 6-9pm: Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe at Jay Cooke State Park. (218) 384-4610 x 227
- **Feb. 13-15**: Sax-Zim Bog Birding Festival. www.sax-zimbog.com/birding-festival
- **Feb. 21**, Polar Bear 5k Run (9am) & Plunge (2pm). www.plungemn.org/events/duluth
- **Feb. 28**, 8am-8pm: Tour Duluth—A Celebration of Cross Country Skiing. www.duluthxc.com
- **March 7**, 5pm: Mustache Run on the Lakewalk. www.momentumracingevents.com
- **March 14**, 10am: Balsam Basher Fat Bike Race. www.theskihut.com, (218) 724-8525

Safety & Etiquette

- Check the forecast and dress for the weather.
- Carry water, snacks, a map, and a cell phone.
- Don't leave valuables in your car.
- Follow the rules of the facility or trail you're using; report inappropriate use/behavior.
- Show respect for other recreationists and for the environment.
- Only skiing is allowed on groomed XC ski trails.
- Dogs must be leashed and cleaned up after.

Disclaimer:

Inclusion of an organization, business, or event in this brochure does not imply endorsement.

Cancellations, closures, and schedule changes may occur due to weather.