

Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, and Fat Biking near Moon Lake

Within just over 10 miles from Moon Lake are 4 trail systems that allow for outdoor winter silent sport recreation. In addition to the information below you can find information for ski conditions on the website "skinnyski.com" From the main page select "Trails" and on the new page select "Ski Trails". You can use the map or search a ski trail name to get information.

Land O Lakes Fish and Game Ski Trail 13 kilometers (7.5 miles)

Allowed: Classic Skiing and Snowshoeing

Fee: Donation

The parking lot for the trail is on the East Duck Lake Road, 0.6 miles north of the intersection of the North Moon Lake Road with the East Duck Lake Road. The trail is entirely within the Ottawa National Forest.

There are trails on the east side and the west side of the parking lot. The East Trails travel through a forest dominated by evergreens with terrain that is gentle and rolling and suitable for skiers of all abilities and is better suited for snowshoeing. The West Trails travel through a forest of primarily hardwoods and offer more hills and winding runs through the natural hilly terrain. Novice skiers may have difficulty on a few of the West Side runs and there are areas where the trail is not really wide enough for snowshoeing.

There are no bathrooms or other facilities.

[LOL Ski Trail Map](#)

Sylvania Outfitters 25 kilometers (15 miles) Phone 906-358-4766

Allowed: Classic Skiing and Snowshoeing

Fee: \$10 for skiers

Rentals: Snowshoes and Ski Equipment are available for rent and may be taken to other trails.

Sylvania Outfitters (sylvaniaoutfitters.com) is located 1 mile west of Watersmeet on Highway US 2. There trails are also in the Ottawa National Forest. The Forest is primarily hardwoods and the terrain is hilly. Some of the trail is rather narrow and some of the turns are rather tight, especially as you ski further south on the trail. The first few kilometers of trail are well suited to all levels of skiers. Most of the snowshoeing is on the northern sections of the trail just south of the trailhead.

There is a warming area in the Sylvania Outfitters building and outdoor bathrooms.

[Sylvania Outfitters Ski Trail Map](#)

Pioneer Creek Cross Country Ski Trail 13 kilometers (7.5) miles)

Allowed: Classic Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Snowshoeing, and Fat Biking

Fee: Donation

Rentals: snowshoes

New in 2017, the Pioneer Creek Trail (<https://www.conover.org/pioneer-creek-trail/>) is located at the Conover Town Park, ½ mile east of Highway 45 on Highway K. This is a wide trail with a skating and snowshoe lane the entire length of the trail. Near the beginning of the trail is a fairly large hill requiring caution for novice and intermediate skiers. Since the trail is wide, there is plenty of room to snowplow to keep your speed down. The rest of the trail does have hills, but none too demanding.

There are heated bathrooms and changing rooms at the trailhead.

Pioneer Creek Ski Trail Map

Afterglow Lake Resort 18 kilometers (11 miles) of XC trails. 8 miles of snowshoe trails. 5 Miles Groomed Single Track Fat Bike Trails. Ski Trail connects to the Phelps Ski Trail which is for classic skiing only.

Allowed: Classic Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Snowshoeing, and Fat Biking

Fee: \$10 for skiing, \$5 for snowshoeing

Rentals: snowshoes

Afterglow (afterglowresort.com) is located on Sugar Maple Road in Phelps. When traveling east on Highway E, Sugar Maple Road heads north just before Highway E intersects with Highway K. Wide, well groomed trails for skiing only. Separate trails for snowshoeing and Fat Biking. There are trails for skiers of all levels and there are specific expert runs.

There are bathrooms and a very large warming room with fireplace and couches and easy chairs. The room has a great view of Afterglow Lake.

Afterglow Cross Country Ski Trail Map