

CITY FOREST WINTER  
Frequently Asked Questions

The toboggan runs and outdoor ice skating rinks will be operational after the ground is frozen and/or we have had a long cold spell. The runs and rinks need to be packed with snow (possibly machine made) and watered down, re-packed and re-watered several times. This process is repeated over several cold days to create a frozen “run” for the toboggans to slide on and for smooth and stable surfaces on the rinks.

**CHALET**

1. During winter operations, no outside food is allowed in the warming house (birthday cake, pizza, etc.). Also, the chalet cannot be “reserved” for any “special” parties during regular scheduled hours of operation.

**SLED HILL**

1. City Forest is a City park and the sled hill can be used at any time at your own risk. The chalet will only be open during operating hours.
2. The sled hill lights are operational on timers and are lit until 10 p.m.
3. Only plastic sleds and tubes are allowed on the sled hill. No steel runner sleds, snow boards or toboggans allowed.
4. The sled hill is groomed with a snow machine when needed.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**

1. We have groomed trails as weather and conditions permit equipment to operate. They are groomed for both Conventional “classic” skiing and Nordic “skate” cross country skiing.

**HOLIDAY OPENINGS**

1. Holiday operating hours will cover the Midland Public Schools Christmas Holiday break. We will be closed Christmas Day.

**DOG SLEDS**

1. Dog sleds are allowed on the Nordic “skate” portion of the groomed cross country ski trails. Owners are required to clean up after their pets!

**SNOW SHOES**

1. Snow shoes are allowed on mountain bike trails, ungroomed trails and on the Nordic “skate” portion of the groomed cross country ski trails. They are NOT allowed on the “classic” tracked cross country ski groomed portion. Signs are posted at the City Forest explaining the areas allowed for snow shoes.

**HORSES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE WINTER BECAUSE WE GROOM THE TRAILS FOR SKIING.**