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**SKIING at Dorothy Carnes County Park**

**Description:** Dorothy Carnes County Park offers two classic cross-country skiing areas on either side of Rose Lake Natural Area. Enjoy hilly trails on the west entrance, and flat trails on the east entrance.

**Address:** Jones Lane and Radloff Road, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

**To Get There:** Dorothy Carnes, off Highway 12, is about three miles west of Fort Atkinson. To get to the east entrance, take Banker Road, then west on Jones Lane. To get to the west entrance of the park, take Highway 12 west to Radloff Road north.

**Amenities:** The west entrance offers parking area, restrooms, large observation deck, shelter and informational kiosk. The east entrance offers parking area, restrooms and informational kiosk.

**Area Ski Outfitters:** 2Rivers Bicycle & Outdoor, 2riversbicycle.com in Watertown (2 E. Main St., 53094, 920-261-4400) and Fort Atkinson (33 W. Sherman Ave., 53538, 920-563-2222). Rentals available.

**SKI ITINERARY**

1) **Need Wax? Ski Rental? Head to 2Rivers Bicycle & Outdoor**
Before heading out to the trails, stop in at 33 W. Sherman Ave., Fort Atkinson, for supplies and classic ski rental. 2Rivers also leads group skis, every Saturday at 9:15 a.m at Dorothy Carnes, east entrance.

2) **Radloff Road Trails, west entrance of Dorothy Carnes Park**
Two dedicated ski-only loop trails to the north are groomed for skiing, totaling 1.5 miles. The other five trails on the west side allow for snowshoeing as well, totaling 3 miles. These trails provide beautiful views of Rose Lake, prairie and a turtle effigy mound.

3) **Jones Lane Road Trails, east entrance of Dorothy Carnes Park**
Two dedicated ski-only loop trails are connected for over 3 miles of groomed skiing. Ski onto the connected snowshoe trails circling restored wetlands and skirting Rose Lake.

4) **Food and Comfort: Café Carpe** (18 S Water St W, Fort Atkinson, 53538)
When in Fort Atkinson, it is hard not to stop by Café Carpe for scrumptious dishes (homemade soups and bread), great beverages (local microbrews on tap), live music scene and a very cozy atmosphere (housed in a century-old brick building along the Rock River). It’s the perfect spot after a long ski. Visit cafecarpe.com for a menu and upcoming music schedule.
**SLEDDING ITINERARY**

1) **Sledding at CamRock 3**  
   Enjoy a very fast run (and long hike back to the top) at CamRock’s sledding hill. Benches are situated at the top for rest and to enjoy the view.

2) **Need More Recreation?**  
   **Pack the Snowshoes or Skis**  
   Wonderful multi-use trails (hike, snowshoe, ski) begin at the parking area at CamRock 3 and connect to other park trails. The 1.3 mile CamRock 3 loop trail connects to the 2.4 mile CamRock Trail as well as numerous spur trails along the way.

   **Note:** Dane County Parks requires ski trail passes. Please see the kiosks at the parking lot, or purchase your trail pass online at countyofdane.com/lwrd/parks/default.aspx.

3) **Food and Comfort: CamRock Café & Sport,**  
   (217 West Main St, Cambridge 53523)  
   Bring the family in from the cold at Cambridge’s coolest hang out. CamRock Café offers a great menu of sandwiches, soups and bakery, as well as a full assortment of coffee items and microbrew beers. There’s also a large fireplace and comfy chairs for playing board games with the family. You may also catch a concert as the Café has frequent live music on hand. See camrocksport.com for a full menu and music schedule.
SNOWSHOEING
at Garman Nature Preserve

Description: Garman Nature Preserve’s steep topography offers a challenging snowshoe, but the view at the Preserve’s crest makes it well worth the effort. The Preserve maintains three loop trails totaling about 1.5 miles, and the park is home to 22 conical effigy mounds, which can be seen on the Mounds Loop Trail.

Address: 701 Fox Lane, Waterloo, WI 53594

To Get There: On the west side of Waterloo, take McKay Road, then turn onto Fox Lane. The Preserve parking area and trailhead is at the end of the road.

Amenities: The Preserve has a large parking area, toilets, kiosk with maps, and groomed skiing trails.

Major Bonus Amenity: The Waterloo Regional Trailhead Facility is located just half mile from the Preserve, with full restrooms, large warming room, drinking bubbler, artwork to enjoy, GHA brochures and lots of seating. It’s open daily, all week long. Soon, the Trailhead Facility’s trail--located behind the Facility--will connect directly to the Preserve’s trails. Stay tuned.

SNOWSHOEING ITINERARY

1) Snowshoe the Loops
   Enjoy all of the trails at the Preserve! Note the effigy mounds and great views in all directions.

2) Strap on the Skis
   Try the Preserve trails on skis! Garman Nature Preserve is regularly groomed by the folks at Jefferson County Parks Department for classic-style cross country skiing.

3) Stop in at the Trailhead Facility
   Warm up and use the facilities at the Waterloo Regional Trailhead Facility (described above). Be sure to pick up the latest Glacial Heritage Area maps while there.

4) Feel Antiquey?
   Waterloo Antiques Mall, 255 Jefferson St., waterlooantiquesmall.com
   Waterloo is home to one of the best antique malls in southern Wisconsin. Located at 255 Jefferson Street (just go through Waterloo and take Jefferson heading south), the Mall is a beautifully restored turn-of-the-century brick warehouse with two floors of antiques and local artisan’s work. There’s a lot to see.
The key snowmobile trail benefit we have in the GHA is the Glacial Drumlin Trail (GDT). People in both Waukesha and Dane Counties can hop on the GDT, and once they’re in Jefferson County, multiple snowmobile trails intersect it, giving you access to travel all over the GHA. People can also park their trailer at the trail DNR station on the south side Lake Mills on Hwy 89 and get on the GDT there. Often, we enjoy taking the portion of the trail that goes south from the Finch Bros Road parking area by Zeloski Marsh—Intersection 40 on the county trail map. There’s room to park at least a couple trailers there, too. When you stop at the top of the first hill, there’s a great view over the wetlands. From there, you cross a lot of open fields which is fun for those who love to go fast. Just before you get to the highway 18 crossing near Jefferson Speedway, there’s a beautiful oak woods with a wide sweeping trail.

When you get to Intersection 53 and Trail 15, either turn will get to you Lake Koshkonong, so if you want a longer ride, head west. You’ll go through the Cambridge area, where you can grab something to eat at Hering’s Lake Ripley Inn. From there you can head south toward Lake Koshkonong to Norm’s on the lakeshore.

When we’re riding, we usually turn east toward Jefferson. At Intersection 56, we head south toward Lake Koshkonong and usually stop at Sunset Bar to warm up and eat, or we go west at 56 and then south at Intersection 62, which takes you to Norm’s. At one point, you come out of a woods to a gorgeous view that looks over the farmland and the lake. You can put both routes together for a nice long loop.

Trail 13 is also a great ride that takes you north and south through the center of the GHA, crossing the Glacial Drumlin Trail. It passes through beautiful wetlands, woods and fields. The trail heads into Walworth County just west of Whitewater. In the northern part of the county, it hooks up to Trail 36 which ties into Dodge County Trails near the eastern edge of the Waterloo Wildlife Area. You can stay on 36 and head into Waterloo for gas. We’re lucky enough to live smack dab in the middle of the Glacial Drumlin Trail and have traveled all of the connecting trails. I love this trail, no matter which direction we go!

Jefferson County has over 470 miles of public trails. County trails are funded by the Wisconsin Snowmobile Grant and Aid Program and maintained locally by dedicated snowmobile clubs. The Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance (JCSA) has 18 clubs with over 850 members and more than 3,000 registered sleds. JCSA and the clubs host fund-raising events and breakfasts throughout the year. If you are interested in joining a local club or volunteering your time, please visit the JCSA web site at jcsawi.com or contact JCSA President Bob Bennett at 920-723-8412.
Parks, preserves, and wildlife areas connected by trails and waterways
...like pearls on a string.

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