

WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE MONROE COUNTY PARKS

SLEDDING

Sledding is legal in the County Parks, but only on designated hills in Black Creek, Ellison, Mendon Ponds, Northampton, Powder Mills, and Webster Parks. Sledding is not permitted in any other place in other County Parks. Lodges nearby sledding areas include: Black Creek, Woodside Lodge; Mendon Ponds, Calvary House & East & West Lodges; Northampton, Ski Lodge; Powder Mills, North & South Lodges; Webster, Parkview Lodge.

DOWNHILL SKIING

Groomed hills & learn-to-ski programs available in Northampton & Powder Mills Parks. All schedules, rentals, and grooming are managed by Swain Resort, www.swain.com. For on-site information & conditions call 349-0901 for Northampton & 586-1470 for Powder Mills. All ski lifts accessed by tow rope.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Groomed trails are located in Mendon Ponds and Webster Parks. Skiing is also permitted on designated hiking trails, and in open fields, in other parks. Equipment is not available for rent.

ICE SKATING

Groomed ice surfaces are in Churchville, Ellison, and Highland Parks. Ice skating is not permitted elsewhere in the Monroe County Parks. Equipment is not available for rent. Warming huts are located nearby. Conditions will vary with the weather, please call 753-PARK (7275), on the weekends call 753-7270 to find out if conditions are optimal for skating.

ICE FISHING

Ice fishing is common at Mendon Ponds, Irondequoit Bay Park West, and Durand Eastman Parks. Ice fishing is done at your own risk, and should not be done if ice thickness is not sufficient. Equipment is not available for rent.

SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing is permitted on designated hiking trails, or in open fields, in any Monroe County Park. Equipment is for rent in Mendon Ponds only through Wild Wings, located near the Nature Center & trails. Call Wild Wings at 334-7790 for availability.

- *Sledding, Ice Skating, and Downhill skiing in designated areas only.*
- *Availability and access are weather dependent.*
- *Parking in designated, legal spots only.*
- *For sledding, x-country skiing, & ice skating conditions M-F, call 753-PARK (7275), on the weekends call 753-7270.*

The following activities are not allowed in Monroe County Parks during winter:

- Off-road Cycling (Only allowed in Tryon & Irondequoit Bay Park West Parks for other three seasons)
- Horseback Riding
- Snowmobiling (except for one small trail through Churchville Park)

Other common winter activities in the Monroe County Parks include:

- Dog walking (on-leash)
- Off-leash Dogs (Greece Canal Dog Park only)
- Hiking
- Wildlife watching

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