

# Minocqua Winter Park

## Snowshoe Trail Descriptions

### **Popple Loop** **1.25 mi**

This is Winter Park's easiest trail, perfect for beginners or those seeking a mellow stroll through the woods. Wind your way through a fabulous mix of habitats from towering pines and hemlocks to open regenerating aspen stands!

### **Mountain Goat** **1.4 mi**

Short but challenging! Be prepared for some serious climbing as this trail winds its way up to the top of Squirrel Hill- one of the highest points in WI! Your efforts will be rewarded with stunning views. A portion of the trail uses the original CCC access route for the fire lookout tower.

### **The Heights** **2 mi**

One of the most scenic trails in the park! Follow the meandering Yukon Creek, cross over a babbling beaver dam, climb the ridges and pause for a break at the second highest spot in the park.

### **Breaking Free** **2.7 mi**

This is a fan favorite for its beautiful views into a black spruce/tamarack bog and awe-inspiring stands of towering white pines. You can catch glimpses of the Meandering Squirrel River and look for waterfowl and otters that are frequently seen here. Make sure to stop by the Tea House on weekends and Holidays.

**Fox Trot**  
**3 mi**

Our newest snowshoe trail follows the edges of a long narrow boreal bog filled with beautiful black spruces and surrounded by huge Red and White Pines. Stop at “Cottongrass Corner” picnic table for the perfect scenic lunch spot. This smooth and flowy trail has room for double-wide hiking and is perfect for the social “shoer.” Fox Trot intersects with both Popple Loop and the Nature Shelter Trail for added route options!

**Nature Shelter Trail**  
**3 mi**

Follow the rolling upland forest and cross over a sphagnum bog to get to one of Winter Park’s gems. This trailside oasis (complete with picnic tables and fire pit) is a social gathering ground for skiers, snowshoers, and wildlife alike. Check out the self-guided naturalist displays to learn about the flora and fauna of Winter Park. Pack a gourmet lunch for a memorable winter picnic.

**Snowstomper**  
**4.6 mi**

Plan to be out for several hours on this adventurous outer loop! There are many scenic places to take breaks along the way. This trail offers the best views of the vast expanse of the Yukon Bog. Wander through towering stands of huge white pines, watch for soaring eagles, and take in the unique beauty of black spruce bogs.