

LEARN TO SKI WORKSHOPS

January to February

Beginner workshops are available on various Saturday mornings before the Sports Center opens to the public, normally 9 to 10:30 a.m. Registration must be completed with fees paid in advance the Friday before each workshop date. Interested persons should contact the HPD office to put their name on the cross-country ski workshop list. When conditions are suitable we will give you a call.

Workshops can also be requested by groups of at least eight or more during the week or when public workshops are not scheduled.

Sign the family up for a Saturday of snowy fun. Workshops will cover the basic techniques such as proper use of equipment, how to glide, climb hills, how to get up when you fall down, how to turn around and how to get into rhythm. Dress for weather and ground conditions by wearing layered clothing, including hats and gloves. Minimum participant age is 8 years old. Youth must register with a participating adult. Cost (including ski rental) is \$12 per person. Workshops are subject to proper snow and weather conditions. At least 6 inches of a good snow base is required.

NIGHT SKIS

Enjoy the snow at night at Riverbend! HPD will be offering night skis during good snow conditions. Some areas will be lit by luminaries as you make your way through the trails. The cost is \$5 if you have your own equipment, or \$10 if you need to rent HPD's equipment. Check the HPD website or call the HPD office for scheduled dates. This event is not recommended for first time skiers or for younger children.



HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT

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Findlay, OH 45840

(419) 425-7275 (HPD office)

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKI & SNOWSHOE EQUIPMENT

RENTALS & WORKSHOPS

Riverbend Recreation Area
Shelter #3, Big Oaks Area

Hancock Park District Winter Service



WELCOME TO RACCOON RUN

The Hancock Park District is pleased to welcome you to the world of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. As a winter sports center, we are here serving the public in order to provide fun for all ages through exciting and health sporting activities.

Rentals are available on a first come, first serve basis, during normal rental hours. Skiers under the age of 16 must be accompanied and have a rental form signed by an adult (18 years or older).

LOCATION

Raccoon Run is located at Riverbend Recreation Area in the enclosed and heated Shelter #3 in the Big Oaks area located off State Route 568 on Marion Township Road 208, east of Findlay.

CONCESSION HOURS

Open during good snow conditions, December through March, weekends and some holidays, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other times may be added during good snow conditions. Suitable conditions require a minimum of 6 inches of good snow base.

REFRESHMENTS

Warm up and relax inside the heated concession and help yourself to hot and cold beverages for a requested donation, during regular hours only.

SPECIAL GROUP RESERVATIONS

Group Reservations can be made for groups of 8 or more during non-public open dates and times. All day rentals are also available. For details, call the HPD office at (419) 425-7275 or stop in during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on holidays.

PARK TRAIL

Trails are groomed only at Riverbend Recreation Area for cross-county skiing. Other trails are available at Oakwoods Nature Preserve and Litzenberg Memorial Woods.

EQUIPMENT RATES

Hourly/daily rates are available for a complete outfitting of ski boots, and poles or snowshoes as follows:

\$7.00 per hour
\$20.00 per day (payment with pickup)
* Checks or exact cash only

RENTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Renters and/or signing guardians are responsible for equipment damages and risks, which are inherent with these winter sports activities. Please observe all warning signs and obey the rules of the trails. Renter is responsible for keeping track of rental time.

If you need immediate assistance with life-threatening emergencies, dial 911.

WINTER SPORTS ETIQUETTE

1. Skiers should consider the rights of walkers. There are no exclusive trails for skiers and walkers. Let other skiers pass and ask others if you can pass. Walkers should stay out of ski tracks.
2. Watch for oncoming skiers. Downhill skiers go first.
3. Keep trails open for others and help others in need.
4. Keep ski poles to yourself.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

1. Stay on trails and in open areas.
2. Watch for snowmobiles in outlying areas.
3. Ice on Blanchard River and reservoirs are unsafe for skiing and snowshoeing.
4. Dikes on top of reservoirs are off limits to skiers.
5. Don't over do it! Stop to enjoy the scenery if you need to rest.

