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Winter Sports Guide

Now that the temperature is (almost) cold, it's time to grab the skis, boards and skates and start enjoying some local Connecticut/Massachusetts powdery fun. There are options for adventurers of all levels, whether just starting out or getting ready to move up to the big time of Vermont, you can have a great day staying closer to home.

SKI / SNOWBOARD / TUBING

MOHAWK MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

<https://www.mohawkmtn.com>

46 Great Hollow Rd, Cornwall, CT 06753

Trails for all abilities. Close by and reasonably priced. Tubing park. Night trails. A good day skiing.

Trails: 26
Terrain Park:
Lifts: 5 triple chairs
Vertical Drop: 650 ft
Longest Trail: 1.25 miles
Night Skiing: 16 trails
Tubing: yes
Tickets:
Weekend: adult \$75, junior \$65
Weekday: adult \$40, junior \$40
Night: adult \$35, junior \$35



SKI SUNDOWN

<https://skisundown.com>

126 Ratlum Rd, New Hartford, Ct 06057

Good mix of intermediate and beginner runs. Few expert trails. Close by and reasonably priced.

Trails: 16
Terrain Park:
Lifts: 3 triple chairs
Vertical Drop: 625 ft
Longest Trail: 1 mile
Night Skiing: yes
Tubing: no
Tickets:
Weekend: adult \$68, junior \$58
Weekday: adult \$58, junior \$50
Night: adult \$42, junior \$38



POWDER RIDGE

<https://powderridgepark.com>

99 Powder Hill Road, Middlefield, CT 06455

Good for young kids just starting out. No expert runs. Tubing park. Short drive and reasonably priced.

Trails: 20
Terrain Park: no
Lifts: 6
Vertical Drop: 417 ft
Longest Trail:
Night Skiing: yes
Tubing: yes
Tickets:
Weekend: adult \$61, junior \$56
Weekday:
Night: adult \$37, junior \$33



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

WINDING TRAILS

<https://www.windingtrails.org/home>

50 Winding Trails Dr, Farmington, CT 06032

350 acres of pristine woodland, lakes and wildlife provide a gorgeous setting for the cross-country ski center. Established in 1972, the facilities have since undergone over thirty years of expansion and improvements. The Winding Trails Cross Country Ski Center offers both the beginner and experienced skier a high quality, enjoyable experience. 20 kilometer trail system is groomed daily. **Equipment rental center, retail shop, sledding, ice skating, ski lodge.**

WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER

<https://whitememorialcc.org/outdoor-activities/>

80 Whitehall Road, Litchfield, CT, 06759

Although trails are not groomed, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are welcome on White Memorial property. 4000 acres. 35 miles of trails.

Collis P Huntington State Park

9 Dodgingtown Rd, Redding, CT 06896

A public recreation area covering 1,017 acres in the towns of Redding, Newtown, and Bethel.

CENTENNIAL WATERSHED STATE FOREST

Newtown Turnpike, Redding, CT 06896

15,300 acres offers diverse opportunities.

PECONIC RIVER TRAIL

Bridgeport, Trumbull, Monroe, Newtown

A series of disconnected paths from the former Housatonic Railroad line, running through the towns of Bridgeport, Trumbull, Monroe and Newtown.

MOUNT SOUTHTON SKI AREA

<https://mountsouthington.com>

396 Mt. Vernon Rd, Plantsville, CT 06479

Trails: 14

Terrain Park: 2

Lifts: 2 double, 2 triple

Vertical Drop: 423 ft

Longest Trail: .97 mile

Night Skiing: yes

Tubing: no

Tickets:

Weekend: adult \$68, junior \$58

Weekday: \$40 (adult/junior)

Night: \$40 (adult/junior)



Intermediate and beginner runs. Few expert trails. Terrain park for tricks. Close by and reasonably priced.

RIDGEFIELD RAIL TRAIL

Ridgefield, CT

Meandering for nearly 2.5 miles through the forested exburbs of Ridgefield, CT, the trail passes among suburban acreages, along a creek at one point, and past a couple of the town's parks and open spaces, including Florida Refuge.

NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL

Dabury, Wilton, Norwalk

27 miles of disconnected trails running from Danbury to the Long Island Sound in Norwalk.

DERBY GREENWAY

Derby, CT

Running alongside both the Housatonic and Naugatuck Rivers, the Derby Greenway demonstrates a seamless integration of Connecticut's natural river systems and parks.

SLEEPING GIANT STATE PARK

Hamden, CT

A cross-country ski trail on the north side of the park, accessible from the north end of the Red Circle Trail on Tuttle Ave., or the north end of the Red Square Trail on Mansion Rd. or the east end of the Violet, Green, White, Orange and Yellow trails on Chestnut Lane.

FARMINGTON CANAL HERITAGE TRAIL

50 miles spanning CT south to north from New Haven to the Massachusetts border.

CT STATE PARKS AND FORESTS

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Listing-of-State-Parks>

Cross country skiing is allowed on all multi-use trails and roads in all Connecticut state parks and forests.

JIMINY PEAK MOUNTAIN RESORT

<https://www.jiminypeak.com>

37 Corey Rd, Hancock, MA 01237

Trails: 45

Terrain Park: 3

Lifts: 1 six chair, 2 quads, 3 triples, 1 double

Vertical Drop: 1,150 ft

Longest Trail: 2 mile

Night Skiing: yes

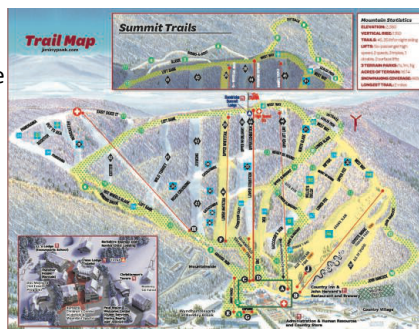
Tubing: yes

Tickets:

Weekend: adult \$109, teen \$94

Weekday: adult \$99, junior \$84

Night: \$59 (all ages)



Nice variety for all abilities. Fast lifts, long trails. Most challenging terrain south of Vermont. On-site hotel.

SKI BUTTERNUT

<https://skibutternut.com>

380 State Rd, Great Barrington, MA 01230

Trails: 22

Terrain Park: 2

Lifts: 1 triple chair, 4 quad chairs

Vertical Drop: 1000 ft

Longest Trail: 1.5 mile

Night Skiing: no

Tubing: yes

Tickets:

Weekend: adult \$80, junior \$70

Weekday: adult \$35, junior \$35

Night: na



Nice runs for all abilities. More challenging trails. Somewhat longer drive. Tubing available. No night skiing. Moderately priced.

ICE SKATING

-- Indoor --

MILFORD ICE SKATING PAVILION Milford, CT

WONDERLAND OF ICE Bridgeport, CT

DARIEN ICE HOUSE Darien, CT

TERRY CORNERS RINK Stamford, CT

SPORTS CENTER OF CT Shelton, CT

TWIN RINKS Stamford, CT

VETERANS MEMORIAL SKATING RINK West Hartford, CT

INTERNATIONAL SKATING CENTER OF CT Simsbury, CT

FAIRFIELD ICE ACADEMY Fairfield, CT

WINTER GARDEN ICE ARENA Ridgefield, CT

SONO ICE HOUSE Norwalk, CT

-- Outdoor --

MILL RIVER PARK & GREENWAY Stamford, CT

EASTBURY POND Glastonbury, CT

LONGSHORE WPAL RINK Westport, CT

PUTNAM MEMORIAL STATE PARK Redding, CT

OSBORNEDALE STATE PARK Derby, CT

BROOKSVALE PARK Hamden, CT

GOULD MAONR PARK Fairfield, CT

STANLEY QUARTER PARK New Britain, CT

WHALEN POND Brookfield, CT

OWEN FISH PARK Fairfield, CT

GORHAM'S POND Darien, CT

WRIGHTS POND Orange, CT

REDDING COMMUNITY CENTER Redding, CT