

VIC TRAIL MAP

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VIC ENTRANCE



CLASSIC	SKATE	SNOWSHOE
BOBCAT	EASY STREET	BARNUM BROOK
ESKER	FOX RUN	BLACK POND
HERON MARSH	LOGGER'S LOOP	BOREAL LIFE
SILVI	SKIDDER TRAIL	JENKINS MOUNTAIN
WOODS & WATERS	NO GUTS NO GLORY	LONG POND
LITTLE LOOP		
HONEYCUTT		

ACCESS ROAD	MAIN ROAD	BRIDGE/BOARDWALK
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- AMPHITHEATER
- PRIVY
- OUTLOOK
- LEARN-TO
- GAZEBO
- CAMPUS



3,000 ACRES 25 MILES OF TRAILS

All VIC trails are open year-round.

Mountains, marshes, forests, streams – there’s a wild variety of terrain at the VIC. Check in at the center for trail conditions. Trail fees are required in winter. Please stop by the VIC for a day or season pass.

SNOWSHOE TRAILS

Barnum Brook (1 mi loop): This wheelchair-accessible loop has a gravel base. An accessible overlook provides views of a beaver lodge and the Heron Marsh. This trail provides our first skiable terrain.

Black Pond (2.5 mi loop): Access from the Long Pond trail or the parking area on Keese Mills Road. Hike by lean-tos, through mixed forests, over a fish barrier dam and more.

Boreal Life (1 mi loop): Walk across a 1,600-foot-long boardwalk and experience life in a black spruce swamp and bog. Trek amidst beautiful blossoms of orchids, tamaracks, and carnivorous plants. Year-round boreal birding. The lower loop is great for skiing.

Jenkins Mountain (4.5 mi to summit; 9 miles RT): Includes a mix of wooded trails, over eskers, and a long section of the old fire road on the way to Jenkins’ 2,513’ summit. A reliable ski trail up to the beaver ponds at the base of the mountain.

Long Pond (0.5 mi): This connector from Black Pond Trail to Jenkins Mountain Trail takes visitors along a remote Pond and lean-to.



Indicates a wildlife/bird friendly trail

CLASSIC XC TRAILS

Bobcat (1.25 mi.): Our campus connector trail, starts at the College’s Saunders Sports Complex and leads to the back of the VIC.

Esker (1.5 mi): This trail climbs quickly up a sequence of switchbacks through recently logged terrain to reach a scenic vista. Pay attention to markers to avoid going off trail. Ski the trail clockwise to best navigate steep terrain.

Heron Marsh (3 mi loop): Walk across a 900-foot boardwalk over the Heron Marsh on this trail, which passes over Shingle Mill Falls, by several observation platforms, lean-tos, and scenic vistas. This intermediate ski has several fun moderate hills.

Silviculture (1 mi): Paul Smith’s College students planted trees on this route, which covers the former golf course of the Paul Smith’s Hotel. See if you can identify former fairways and tee boxes, as well as a radial plantation, on this trail. Twists, turns, climbs and descents make this a fun intermediate ski.

Woods & Waters (3 mi): A sampler of the VIC’s varied habitats. See hardwood and conifer forests, traverse a floating bridge across a marsh, and visit a lean-to near a quiet pond.

SKATING XC TRAILS

Easy Street (1 mi loop): Flat, wide, and smooth as the name implies. A great early and late season ski. Visitors pass by our working sugarbush.

Skidder Trail (1 mi): Explore a managed stand of hardwood and softwood forests. Varied animal tracks are often visible.

Fox Run (0.5 mi): Skiers can avoid steeps on the Logger’s Loop with this trail.

Logger’s Loop (4.5 mi loop): An interconnected series of old and new logging roads and trails. Use caution in rainy season; trails will be muddy. Best skied clockwise.

Snowshoe Trails: Typically packed by snowshoers in winter. Also open to skiers. Leashed dogs allowed only on snowshoe trails in winter.

Classic XC Trails: Groomed to a 4-foot width in winter. Tracks set when conditions permit. Snowshoers welcome, but please avoid walking on set tracks.

Skating Trails: Groomed 8 to 10 feet wide. Classic skiers and snowshoers welcome; please stay to the side of the trail.

You may encounter Paul Smith’s College students working on forestry, environmental science and other projects here – tomorrow’s stewards start at the VIC.

We pride ourselves on a well maintained trail system that provides access for all ages. Please report trail issues to the front desk. We perform trail improvement and maintenance projects year-round with help from volunteers and student workers.

Dogs are welcome on leash. Please sign in and clean up after your dog. The VIC reserves the right to ask owners to remove their dogs from the property.

For up-to-date info and trail conditions: 518.327.6241 | www.paulsmiths.edu/vic facebook.com/thepscvic

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