Enjoy 8 miles of classic cross-country ski and 8 miles of snowshoe trails that meander through 1,200-plus acres of woodland, prairie, wetland and open fields.

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SNOWSHOE RENTAL INFORMATION

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Check trail conditions at 612-625-9793 or arb.umn.edu/winter

ABOUT THE SKI TRAILS

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With more than 8 miles (12.9 kilometers) of snowshoe trails, there are countless ways to explore the landscape. Create your own adventure through woods and prairie or follow some of our favorite trails listed below:

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High Point Loop (.87 mile/1.4 K) – Starting in the Sensory Garden, you'll hike around the highest point in the Arboretum and through the Harrison Sculpture Garden, enjoying views of the art, as well as nature.
Farm at the Arb Trail Loop (1.9 miles/3.1 K) – Starting from the Sensory Garden, hike up to the Farm at the Arb, enjoying beautiful vistas of the prairie. Add on High Point Loop for a longer hike.
Western Addition and Dog Commons Loop (2.9 miles/4.6 K) – Starting on the Wood Duck Trail near the Japanese Garden, hike about 1K to the trails that loop around the Western Addition and Dog Commons. If you hike the outer loops in those areas, the total distance is 3.6K, but you can shorten or lengthen your hike with the connector trails in the area.

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• Please do not hike, snowshoe or bring sleds on ski trails.
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• Arboretum trails are designed and groomed for classic skiing only. No skate-skiing.
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High Point Loop 1.7K
Farm at the Arb Trail Loop 3.1K
Western Addition and Dog Commons Loop 4.6K

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILHEAD

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS
EASY
Farm Fields Loop 1.2K

INTERMEDIATE
Lost Pond Trail Loop 1.8K
South Ridge Trail Loop 1.9K
Eastern Drive Loop 1.4K

DIFFICULT
North Ridge Trail 1.2K
Ridge Trail 0.6K
Prairie Trail Loop 4.2K

VIEW TRAIL MAP AT THESE LOCATIONS

RESTROOMS

PAVED ROADWAYS

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