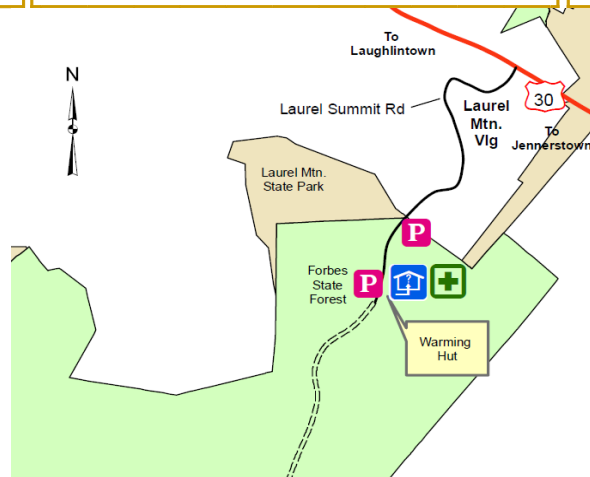


Laurel Highlands Trail System



SKI PATROL
www.war-nordic.org

The all-volunteer Laurel Summit Nordic Ski Patrol operates out of the warming hut on Laurel Summit Road. In addition to first aid assistance the patrol provides information on trail conditions. Beverages, light snacks and trail maps are available for a donation. Conditions permitting, the Ski Patrol is on duty most winter weekends and some holidays from 9am to 5pm. To contact the Patrol call 724-238-6568. In case of EMERGENCY call 911.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Laughlintown/Ligonier

Cross country skis and snowshoes can be rented at **Ligonier Mountain Outfitters**, adjacent to and affiliated with the Ligonier Country Inn (724-238-3651), 1376 Route 30 East. Moon light ski trips at www.ligoniercountryinn.com.

SKI TRAILS

This free rustic trail area has many things to offer every level of skier and snowshoer. Trail cam for snow conditions at Laurel Mountain available via www.paccca.org. PACCSA—the Pennsylvania Cross Country Skiers Association, grooms 5KM of beginner trails every weekend.

Most of the 50 km of trails are for beginners and intermediate skiers and clearly marked with blue rectangles. Skiers and snowshoers share all of the trails, and snowshoers are asked to kindly walk to the side right of the ski tracks.

The Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail intersects the network of ski trails and is marked by yellow rectangles. This narrow, but scenic hiking trail is great for snowshoers.

Laurel Summit Road pass the Warming Hut and parking lot is not plowed and skate skiers enjoy this long and rolling hill track.

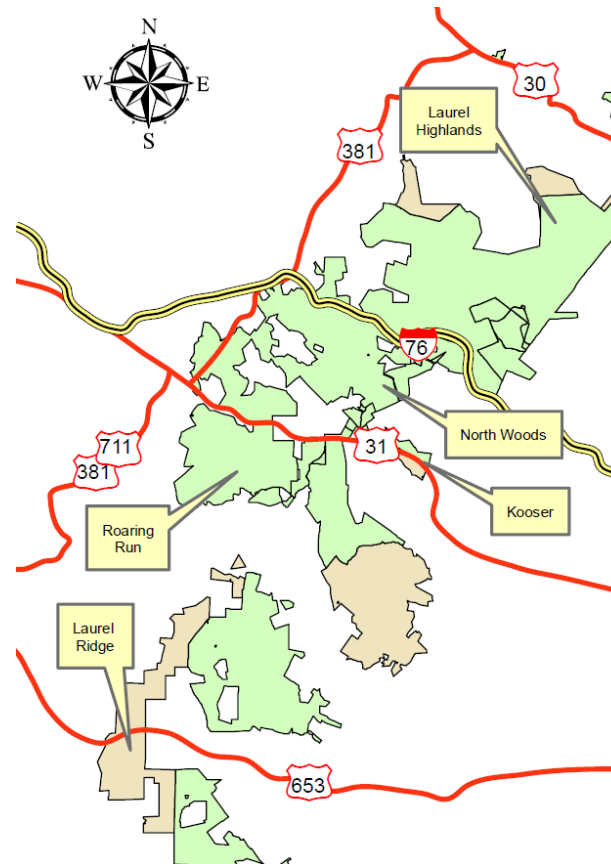
TRAIL MAPS for the Hiking/Skiing Trails at Laurel Highlands can be printed from www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/forbes or by calling the Forbes State Forest at 724-238-1200.



FACILITIES

A warming hut, located along Laurel Summit Road, contains a wood stove and picnic tables. The facilities are open seven days a week and house the Ski Patrol when they are on duty. Enclosed pit toilets are located adjacent to the warming hut.

DRIVING MAP



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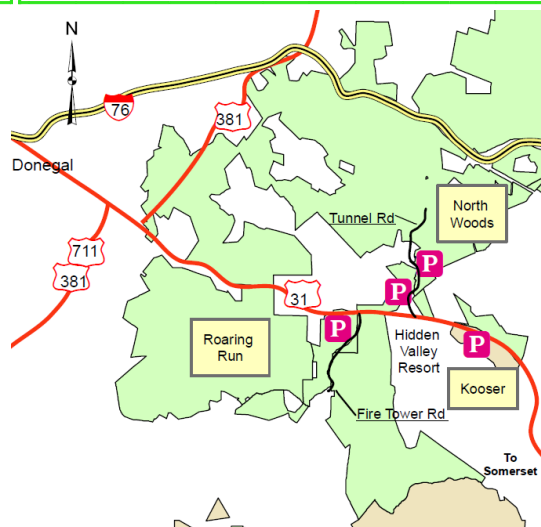
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Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing in The Laurel Highlands *of western Pennsylvania*



Roaring Run, North Woods and Kooser Trail Systems



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The all volunteer Laurel Highlands Nordic Ski Patrol is on the trails weekends, conditions permitting. In case of EMERGENCY call 911.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Somerset

Cross country ski and snowshoe rental, as well as servicing, sales and apparel are available at **Route 31, Bike, Board & Ski Shop** (814-443-1282) 3731 Glades Pike (Route 31).

Donegal

Cross country ski and snowshoe rental and apparel sales are available at **Thrifty Ski Rental** (724-593-6404), 3772 State Route 31, and 1 mile east of PA Turnpike exit 91.

SKI TRAILS

These 3 free trail systems, although very near each other, are not linked. Skiers and snowshoers share many of the trails, and snowshoers are asked to kindly walk to the side of the ski tracks. Trail cam for snow conditions at North Woods available via www.paccsa.org.

ROARING RUN NATURAL AREA TRAILS are rustic trails for intermediate and advanced skiers. These 26km of trails are marked by blue rectangles. The Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail (yellow rectangles) is most appropriate for snowshoers.

NORTH WOODS TRAILS are for intermediate and advanced skiers and are compacted for classic skiing as conditions permit. The 13km of challenging trails are well marked with blue rectangles.

KOOSER STATE PARK TRAILS have 5 km of easy groomed trails (track set), marked by blue diamonds. The trail travels around the lake and along scenic Kooser Run, by nine rustic cabins for rent—call 1-888-PA PARKS. Kincora Trail, starting near the south end of the lake, offers snowshoers a scenic climb.

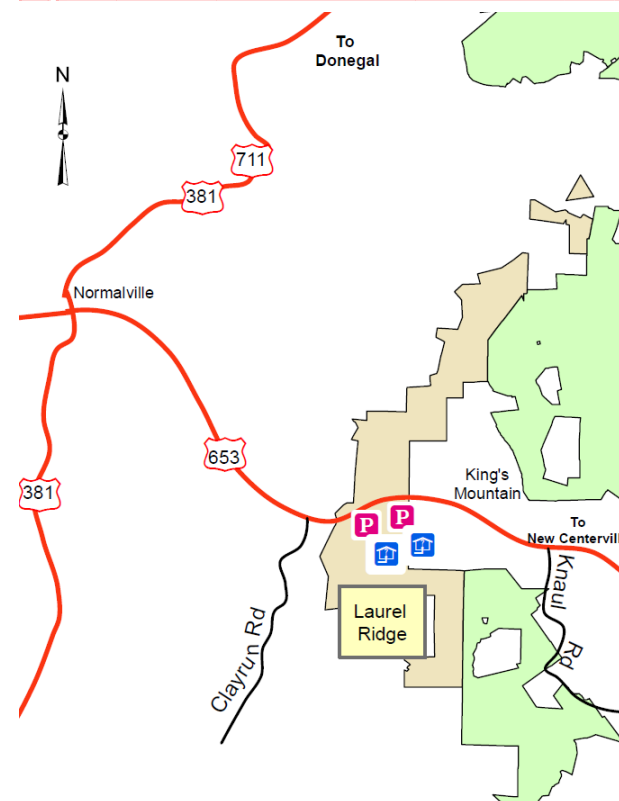
TRAIL MAPS for Roaring Run and North Woods can be printed from www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/forbes or by calling the Forbes State Forest at 724-238-1200.

TRAIL MAPS for Kooser State Park can be printed from www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks, by calling the Laurel Hill Complex at 814-445-8673, or from the brochure rack outside the Kooser park office.

FACILITIES

A warming hut in **NORTHWOODS** is located at the intersection of Shafer Run and Mountain View ski trails and contains a wood stove, picnic tables and pit toilets. **KOOSER STATE PARK** has rustic cabin rentals and pit toilets available. **HIDDEN VALLEY RESORT SKI LODGE** offers food and indoor bathrooms.

Laurel Ridge Trail System



SKI TRAILS

A fee is charged for the use of the cross country ski trails. Trail cam for snow conditions at Laurel Ridge available via www.paccsa.org.

You can enjoy 23km of trails for all levels of cross country skiing. Most trails are groomed for classic and skate skiing; only the orange trail permits dogs.

TRAIL MAPS can be printed from www.riversportonline.com/laurelridge, by calling DCNR Laurel Hill Complex at 814-445-7725 or from the Laurel Ridge Ski Center.

In case of EMERGENCY dial 911.



FACILITIES

The Laurel Ridge Ski Center at this trail system is open most days, weather permitting. The concessionaire sells ski gear, clothing, beverages, soups, sandwiches and light snacks. There are two warming huts, heated by wood stoves, which have indoor bathrooms. One hut is open seven days a week.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

The Laurel Ridge Ski Center has cross-country skis for rent as well as snowshoes for use on the LHHT. They should be contacted in advance to assure availability. The **Laurel Ridge Cross Country Ski Center** can be reached at 724-455-7303.