

## Cross-Country Ski Trails in Bonnyville and Cold Lake

From a local's perspective, the best skiing and regular grooming is usually at Muriel Lake M.D. and Hamilton House. Provincial Parks and Golf Clubs have irregular grooming, although the BNSC is working with Parks staff to improve the grooming consistency.

Trail System	Distance	Grooming	Facilities*	Fees	Location	Signage
<b>Bonnyville &amp; Area Trail Systems</b>						
Muriel Lake M.D. Park	13 km	<u>Classic and skate</u> ; well maintained and groomed	Heated warming shack at trailhead just beyond the gate; contact M.D. Parks office to apply for a door code by calling 780-826-3972	Free	The Park is 11 kilometres south of the Town of Bonnyville.	Excellent, signs at major junctions
Moose Lake Provincial Park	6 km	<u>Classic</u> ; machine grooming by parks staff becoming more regular; volunteer grooming with man-pulled track setter only after fresh snow	Shelter and firepit at the Group Use area on the west end of the trails.	Free	Moose Lake Campground is located in Moose Lake Provincial Park, 3 km north of Bonnyville on Hwy. 41 and 10 km west on Hwy. 660, and 1 km south on access road.	Excellent, sign at every junction, though the start of tracks may be less visible.
Bonnyville Golf and Country Club	~ 7 km	<u>Classic</u> ; irregular machine grooming by volunteers; hoping to get more help.	No	Free		No signage
<b>Cold Lake &amp; Area Trail Systems</b>						
Hamilton House Inn ( <i>private trails</i> )	17 km	<u>Classic</u> ; regularly machine-groomed	XC ski rental packages available; lessons available by appointment	\$6- A \$4- K	Located 10 minutes southeast of the City of Cold Lake on Highway 55	Excellent
Cold Lake Golf and Winter Club	7 km	<u>Classic and skate</u> ; machine-groomed after fresh snowfall, regular grooming in between snowfalls.	Clubhouse not regularly open to the public during the winter. When open, there are bathrooms on ground level.	Free	Located on the 4-Wing Military Base; public access permitted.	Some; adequate
Cold Lake Provincial Park	13.5 km	<u>Classic</u> ; consistent machine grooming by park staff. some xc ski trails with walking trails, other are separate.	Large shelter at the group-use area with a wood stove. No wood provided. Access to shelter is 1 km off the road. Gate requires a combination.	Free	Located at Cold Lake Provincial Park (South Shore), about 6 km from Cold Lake South townsite.	Some, though does not indicate xc ski routes.

\*Most facilities are not accessible over the 2020-2021 season due to COVID.

## 1. Muriel Lake M.D. Park

- a. Description: Easy to moderate. There is a good mix of trails throughout the park all of which start at the trailhead by the gate near the parking lot. The trails can be divided into three segments for varying skiing abilities with the main highlight being Lookout, the highest point in the Park overlooking the lake with a panoramic view. The trails through the forest are the most technical and hilly, appropriate for experienced skiers. The trail in most places is a little too narrow for skate skiing, and has a lot of walkers. The main trail, which is the most direct route from the trailhead to Lookout, has long, gradual hills with no sharp corners; it is groomed for skate and classic skiing. The trail through the campground is flat. This trail is wide enough for skate skiing when a double classic track is not set. All trails are shared with walkers, so some aspects of the skate track get damaged. We hope to make signage to clearly identify space for walkers, snowshoers, skate skiing, and classic skiing.
- b. Directions (driving map included below):
  - **For people driving from Edmonton** on Highway 28, who wish to bypass Bonnyville on route to Muriel Lake M.D. Park, turn right (east) on Township Road 610. Drive 11 kilometres east; turn right (south) on Range Road 52 to Muriel Lake Campground, approximately 5 kilometres south.
  - **For people driving from Bonnyville**, drive east on 50 Ave., and turn right (south) on 34 St. Drive past a school and follow the curve in the road. Turn left (east) at the stop sign on Township Road 610. Drive 3 km east; turn right (south) on Range Road 52 to Muriel Lake Campground, approximately 5 km.

[Google Map](#)

## 2. Moose Lake Provincial Park

- a. Description: Two sets of trails exist at this site, though only the trails north of the ploughed road are groomed for xc skiing at this time. The northern trails (about 6km) are easy and mainly flat; the southern trails are hilly and more advanced yet rarely groomed. The BNSC is working with Provincial Parks staff to coordinate regular grooming and expansion of grooming routes.
- b. Directions: Moose Lake Campground is located in Moose Lake Provincial Park, 3 km north of Bonnyville on Hwy. 41 and 10 km west on Hwy. 660, and 1 km south on access road. Park by the boat launch then walk back to the walking path. Do not park in front of the park gate, which limits access to the park by staff. The trail starts on the right, though with such high foot traffic, the xc ski trails may not be visible until further along.

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## 3. Bonnyville Gold and Country Club

- a. Description: Walk past the two large boulders on the west side of the clubhouse before starting to ski. Follow the orange pilons out and back. Flat trails appropriate for beginner skiers are located on the east side of the golf course (the front 9 holes), which go along Highway 28. More advanced trails (the back 9 holes) are accessed by starting on the beginner loop where the pilons are, then following trails that lead to the west side of the golf course. This section is notably hillier than the front section. This is the first year the Bonnyville Golf Club has allowed xc skiing. Please stay in the tracks; do not ski across fairways, putting greens, and teeing grounds. There are no one-way sections for skiing on the course.
- b. Directions:

- **For people coming from Bonnyville or Cold Lake**, drive 5 minutes west of Bonnyville along Highway 28. Turn west just after the huge Canadian Flag at the Moose Lake Shaw House, then turn left (south) at the first approach marked by the Bonnyville Golf and Country Club sign.
- **For people driving from Edmonton** on Highway 28, turn left (west) on TwpRd 611A. There will be a large sign reading “Vezeau Beach Park” and the Bonnyville Gold and Country Clubhouse will be visible from the highway as you drive towards Bonnyville on Highway 28. Turn left (south) at the first approach marked by the Bonnyville Golf and Country Club sign. Park your car on the west side (right) of the clubhouse parking lot. If you drive past the huge Canadian Flag, you went too far.

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#### 4. Hamilton House

- a. Description: 17 kilometres of mapped, machine-groomed trails that take you gliding through open fields, forested valleys / hills and lakeshore. All trails start and end at the house, with five, short or long loops, of one to eight km. Lessons and guided tours can be booked for an hourly rate. Skis and snowshoes are available to rent for adults and youth.
- b. Directions: From Hwy 28, drive 10 km east on Hwy 55 past Cherry Grove; turn left (north) at Cherry Ridge Estate Road; continue 200 meters north, then turn into their driveway at the Hamilton House & Inn sign. Please pay your trail fee before skiing. They are 3 hours from Edmonton, 2 hours from Lloydminster, and 4 hours from Saskatoon.

[Google Map](#)

- c. Contact: Owners of [Hamilton House Inn](#) (B&B) are Debbie and Brian Hamilton; 780-594-7257 or 780-812-6525; [hamiltonhousebb@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonhousebb@gmail.com)

#### 5. Cold Lake 4-Wing Golf and Winter Club

- a. Description: The back nine trails have directional arrows with signage and are set for classic and skate skiing. The front six holes are not machine groomed, although locals pull a man-powered groomer here. These trails are hillier than the back nine.
- b. Directions: The city of Cold Lake has three parts: 4-Wing Cold Lake (military base on west side of Cold Lake), Cold Lake North (nearest the lake and Provincial Park), and Cold Lake South (see city map, attached). Head West on 48th Avenue to find 4-Wing Cold Lake and the Cold Lake Golf & Winter Club. The back nine trails start on the north side of the parking lot, west of the big building.

[Google Map](#)

Contact: Call the pro shop at 780.594.5341, if needed.

#### 6. Cold Lake Provincial Park

- a. Description: Varied terrain (most rated as easy to intermediate). Trails are on roadways closed to vehicles during the winter; the route loops into the campsites near Hall’s Lagoon.
- b. Directions: Cold Lake Provincial Park has North Shore and South Shore locations (see City of Cold Lake map). The xc ski trails are at the South Shore location; the North Shore area is about 15 km away in a different area of Cold Lake and doesn’t have xc ski trails. At the Provincial Park there are many trails for walking that have been track set, though there are many other xc ski trails that are more exclusive to skier. Below are two parking lots from which skiers may start; each are circled on the map in blue and tracked trails are highlighted.

**From the parking lot by the boat launch-** Drive toward the boat launch by following the main road as you enter the park (do not turn left to the day-use area). Towards the end of this road there are two large parking lots before the boat launch. Park in the first lot furthest from the lake, then walk up the main road to the first gated road. XC ski tracks should be visible from the gate. These trails go through the campgrounds, which are closed to vehicles in the winter and see very little foot traffic compared to the designated walking paths. Connect with other trails by using the main walking paths, which should be tracked.

**From the day-use area parking lot-** Turn left into the day-use area just after passing the main entrance into the park; park your car at the day-use (swimming beach) parking lot. Walk back up the road about 100 meters; the trail starts on the left (east) side of the road. Ski for about hundred meters, then stop at the main road, take off your skis, and walk straight ahead (south), carrying your skis across the road. Ski south and east on the trail through the forest and along the lakeshore. After a couple of kilometers you will ski past the group-use area with a shelter. Continue skiing east through the forest and open meadows for another couple of kilometers. When you arrive at the main road, you can turn around and return back on the same trail or explore other parts. All trails do connect, though some sections are very steep and technical and shouldn't be track set.

The BNSC continues to work with Provincial Parks staff to develop better xc ski routes.

[Google Map](#)

COLD LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK  
Groomed trails highlighted in yellow;  
parking circled in blue.



# Cold Lake Provincial Park



East Park Lot

West Parking Lot

Ski Hill / Group Use Area

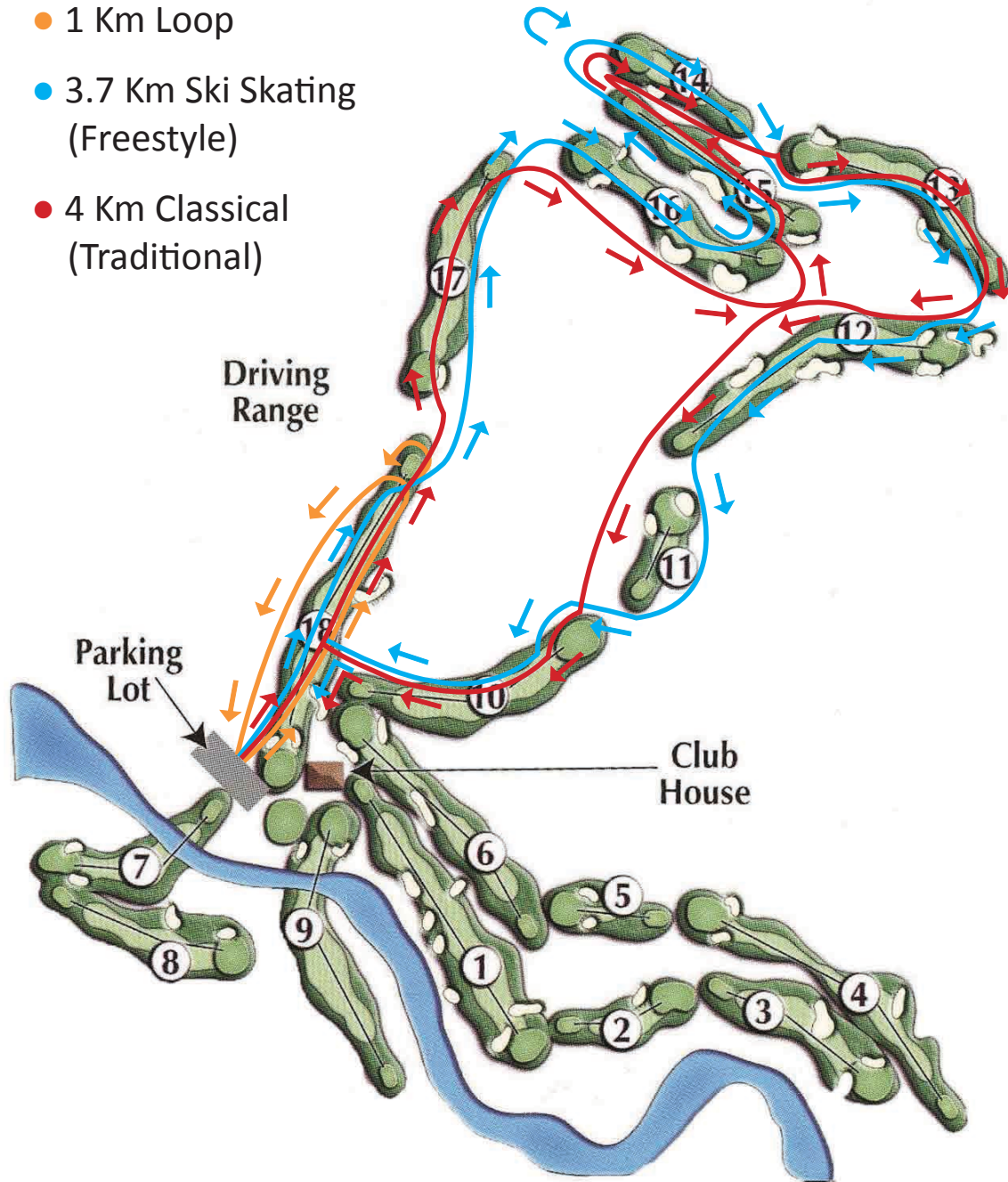


Cold Lake Provincial Park

Longbay Loop

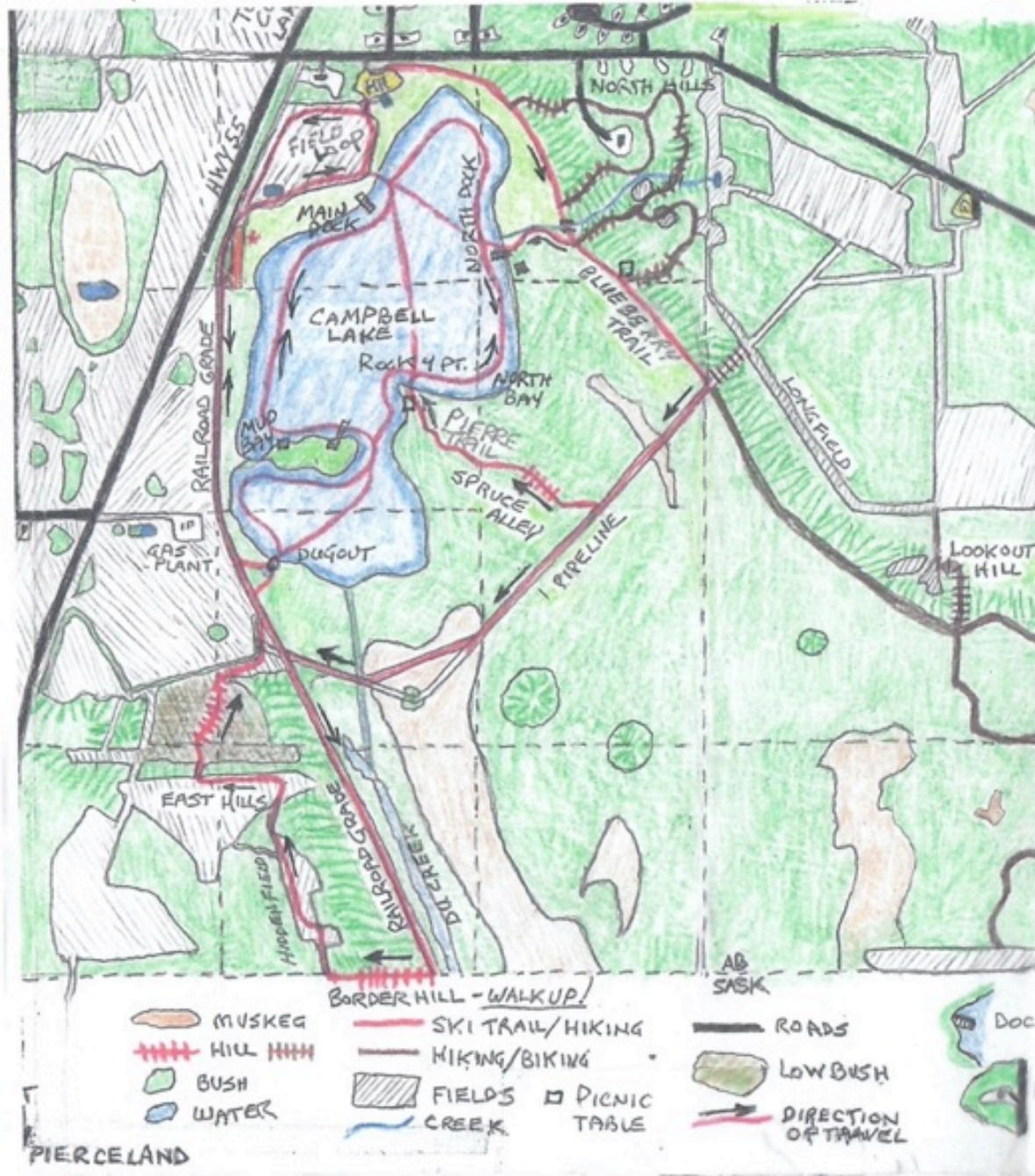
COLD LAKE 4-WING GOLF AND WINTER CLUB

- 1 Km Loop
- 3.7 Km Ski Skating (Freestyle)
- 4 Km Classical (Traditional)





# HAMILTON HOUSE



## Welcome to the NE Boreal Ski Club

- Please stay on developed ski trails as
- Noted on the map.

### Available trails are:

- First loop 3 kms
- Second loop 4.3 kms
- Third loop 7.6 kms
- East hills add 2.5 kms
- North hills add 1.6 kms

### Trail passes are:

- Adults \$6 day/\$40 month/\$120 year
- 12 and under \$4 day/\$30 month/\$100 year

### Rental equipment is available:

- Adults \$12
- 12 and under \$10

Please let us know upon your return of any rough areas to be repaired.

### In case of emergency call:

- house at 780 594-7257
- or Debbie's cell at 780 812-6525
- or Brian's cell at 780 812-8015

For info our website is: [www.hamiltonhouse.com](http://www.hamiltonhouse.com)

Facebook page is: [Hamilton House Inn and Adventure](#)