



White Mountain National Forest

Ski Trails on the Kancamagus Highway



Lower Nanamocomuck Ski Trail

The Lower Nanamocomuck Ski Trail is well suited to novice skiers and runs from the Albany Covered Bridge to Bear Notch Road, loosely paralleling the Swift River. It also connects with three additional ski trails in the area, making it possible to create loops of varying distances and levels of difficulty. The **Wenunchus and Wenonah Trails**, each a mile in length, are for more advanced skiers while the **Paugus Trail** (1.5 miles) can be enjoyed by everyone.

Length: 7 Miles

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Access: From the east, follow the Kancamagus Highway for 6 miles west of Conway to the Albany Covered Bridge parking lot. Walk across the bridge and turn left; the ski trail begins behind the closed gate.

To access the trail at roughly its midpoint, park in the Rocky Gorge parking lot 8.4 miles west of Conway, cross the bridge over the gorge continue up the hill. Skiers may go east or west from this point.

From the west, continue to Bear Notch Road, 11.8 miles west of Conway. Turn onto Bear Notch Road and follow for approximately 3/4 mile to the trailhead, indicated with a trail sign and skier symbol. There is a plowed turn around with roadside parking on the west side of the road.

Upper Nanamocomuck Ski Trail

This trail is more challenging and remote than the **Lower Nanamocomuck** due to its length and limited access; however, elevation gain is still minimal. It follows the Swift River from Lily Pond to Bear Notch Road, passing through wildlife openings and vistas and provides excellent opportunity for varying route options with intersecting trails. Novice skiers and those wishing for loop trips may wish to start at the Bear Notch Road due to the variety of intersecting trails and the consistently gentle terrain.

Length: 9 Miles

Level of Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Access: From the east, turn onto Bear Notch Road, 11.8 miles west of Conway. There is a plowed turn around about 3/4 of a mile from the Kancamagus Highway with roadside parking on the west side of the road.

From the west, Lily Pond is 18 miles west of Conway and has parking for about six vehicles.



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Downes – Oliverian Brook Ski Trail

This trail consists of two loops, Downes Brook and Oliverian Brook, joined by a scenic half mile stretch of trail with views of Hedgehog, Passaconaway, and Potash Mountains. The **Oliverian Loop** is approximately two miles in length while the **Downes Brook Loop** is approximately 1 1/4 miles long.

Length: 3.6 Miles

Level of Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Access: Park at the Oliverian Brook Trailhead, 12 1/2 miles west of Conway or the Downes Brook Trailhead, 14 miles west of Conway. Both of these parking lots accommodate several vehicles, are signed and plowed in winter.

HISTORY OF TRAIL NAMES:

Nanamocomuck was the father of Kancamagus-Chief of the Pequaket Tribe. Wenonah was the daughter of Chocorua and wife of Wonalancet. Wenunchus was the daughter of Passaconaway and sister of Nanamocomuck.

WASTE DISPOSAL: Winter toilets can be found at the Albany Covered Bridge and Rocky Gorge parking lots. Please pack out all trash!

SAFETY: This trail system is not patrolled. Be equipped with map, compass, extra food, water and warm clothing, flashlight, first aid kit, matches and a whistle. Always leave plans with friends or family and stick to those plans as best you can.

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