

Cross Country Ski Trail Activities This Fall

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Hello DRXC past and present members,

Below are some photos of ski trail projects that are ongoing this fall. These projects will extend the ski season, provide improved ski conditions throughout the winter, and make the trails more friendly for beginner skiers. I hope you'll enjoy these improvements this winter!

If you have any questions, or would like to participate in any of the ongoing trail improvement projects, please contact me.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Chalet: Wood for heating our chalet comes from dead trees, trail-clearing efforts, and Hydro One tree trimming. Every year, volunteers buck the logs, haul the pieces by tractor or trailer to the chalet (left photo), split the wood, and stack it for drying (right photo).



P loop crossing: It takes a big crew to move those big logs! This crossing on P loop needed rework after the spring runoff carried away some bits. Deadfalls scavenged from the bush make convenient construction materials.



M loop resurfacing: Welcome to M loop! Local tree services and utilities deposit free wood chips behind the chalet. Volunteers have brought the chips out to Short M with tractor-loader, trucks, ATV, and dumping trailers, and have raked it all smooth. Skate-skiers will find Short M less lumpy this winter.



R loop drainage: Sections of R loop near the river are perpetually wet with marsh runoff (left photo). A revolving crew of volunteers have cut ditches, laid drainage pipes, cut and laid logs for corduroy, and covered it all with sand (right photo). That should take care of the largest ice patches that skiers have struggled with in the past.