

2020	WINTER ACTIVITIES		
	FAT BIKE	SKI	SNOWSHOE





Getting a bit of cabin fever? Understandable. But what would a Northern Michigan winter be without some outdoor adventures to keep you warm?

Here's a look at some of the best GTRLC-protected or maintained lands for your favorite winter activities. But just because it's not on this list doesn't mean it's not worth checking out – be sure to head over to the Preserves and Trails page of www.gtrlc.org to check out dozens of additional properties and sort by activity.

Have fun out there, and be safe! Visit our website for much more information on each of the following properties.



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SNOWSHOEING

While you can snowshoe pretty much anywhere, here are some of our favorites:

MAPLEHURST NATURAL AREA [↗](#) | ANTRIM COUNTY

The considerable topography here, combined with plentiful scenic views, makes this an excellent spot to strap on your shoes and get out there.

SEVEN BRIDGES NATURAL AREA [↗](#) | KALKASKA COUNTY

This spot is simply gorgeous in all seasons. Go explore it!

GLACIAL HILLS PATHWAY AND NATURAL AREA [↗](#) | ANTRIM COUNTY

Known for its cycling in the warmer months, the same trails make for excellent snowshoeing if there's enough of the white stuff.

CEDAR RUN CREEK NATURAL AREA [↗](#) | GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

This one flies under the radar a little bit, but that's part of what makes it enjoyable. Rolling fields and forest paths make this an excellent spot to check out.

MISTY ACRES: THE BORWELL PRESERVE [↗](#) | BENZIE/MANISTEE COUNTIES

A short but scenic loop through peaceful forest awaits those who visit here. Listen to the sounds of the Betsie River and a tributary stream as you soak in the beauty.

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

A classic winter pastime. All these spots are worth exploring, though just one is specifically groomed for skiing.

TIMBERS RECREATION AREA [↗](#) | GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

This popular and beloved former Girl Scout camp is beautiful in winter. The best part? It's groomed for skiing (if there's enough snow)!

ARCADIA DUNES:

THE C.S. MOTT NATURE PRESERVE [↗](#) | BENZIE/MANISTEE COUNTIES

There are plenty of trails to explore on this massive and beloved preserve, and people ski pretty much everywhere, but most skiing activity here is usually focused on a relatively flat loop between wayfinding points 6, 7, and 8 of the Baldy Trails and on the Camp Trail.

MAPLEHURST NATURAL AREA [↗](#) | ANTRIM COUNTY

Ski the perimeter of the large open field here for a pretty flat but very scenic course. Try skiing the trail system if you're feeling adventurous, though a lack of grooming and hilly terrain could make it challenging.

SKEGEMOG LAKE WILDLIFE AREA [↗](#) | KALKASKA COUNTY

Go from either the Barker Creek lot or the Rapid City lot to pass through the scenic heart of the wildlife area. Stunning!

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FAT BIKING

Remember back in the day when you couldn't cycle outside in the winter? Well, that's ancient history thanks to these funny looking bikes that are a blast to ride.

GLACIAL HILLS PATHWAY AND NATURAL AREA [↗](#) | ANTRIM COUNTY

Glacial has dedicated and groomed fat bike trails, ensuring that this very popular cycling spot remains a draw year-round.

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