

There is no better way to begin snowshoeing than just going out and doing it. Snowshoeing is the fastest growing winter sport because it is easy to learn, virtually inexpensive, poses little risk of injury and is a great way to exert energy during the winter months.



Snowshoeing has been around for thousands of years but the manufacture of snowshoes for recreational purposes began in the late 1800's with wood frames and leather lacing. Snowshoes then underwent a radical redesign, and in 1972, a new style was introduced using aluminum tubing for frames and neoprene and nylon for decking. These more athletic designs have helped the sport enjoy a renaissance, in the U.S. alone the number of snowshoers tripled during the 1990s.

Even though many enthusiasts like aluminum snowshoes as they are generally smaller and have cleats on the bindings for traction, there is still a large group that prefers wooden snowshoes as they provide good flotation and they are quieter.

One of the more appealing facts about snowshoeing is how it can help enrich a person's health. Snowshoeing can burn more than 600 calories an hour which is 45 percent more than walking.

For More information on snowshoeing visit
 The United States Snowshoe Association
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In 1935 Richard and Julia Schomberg deeded the property now known as Schomberg Park to Iron County to be used for public park purposes. A total of 160 acres makes up this park which is located about half way between Hurley and Mercer on the west side of Highway 51 in the Town of Oma. Layman's Creek, a class III trout stream runs through the property. The park was very popular in the 1950's through the 1970's as area residents came here for picnics and family gatherings and it provided a rest stop for passing motorists.

Today the Iron County Forestry and Parks Department maintains this area and received funding to develop a 14 site campground with amenities. Visitors to Iron County have a scenic area for camping and in the winter months, this snowshoe trail will be open for recreationalists. Iron County is the Snow Capitol of Wisconsin often times receiving over 200 inches of snow during the winter season making this area an ideal spot for snowshoeing. Iron County would like to thank the Schomberg Family for these recreational opportunities.



For more information on trail conditions or other area information contact:

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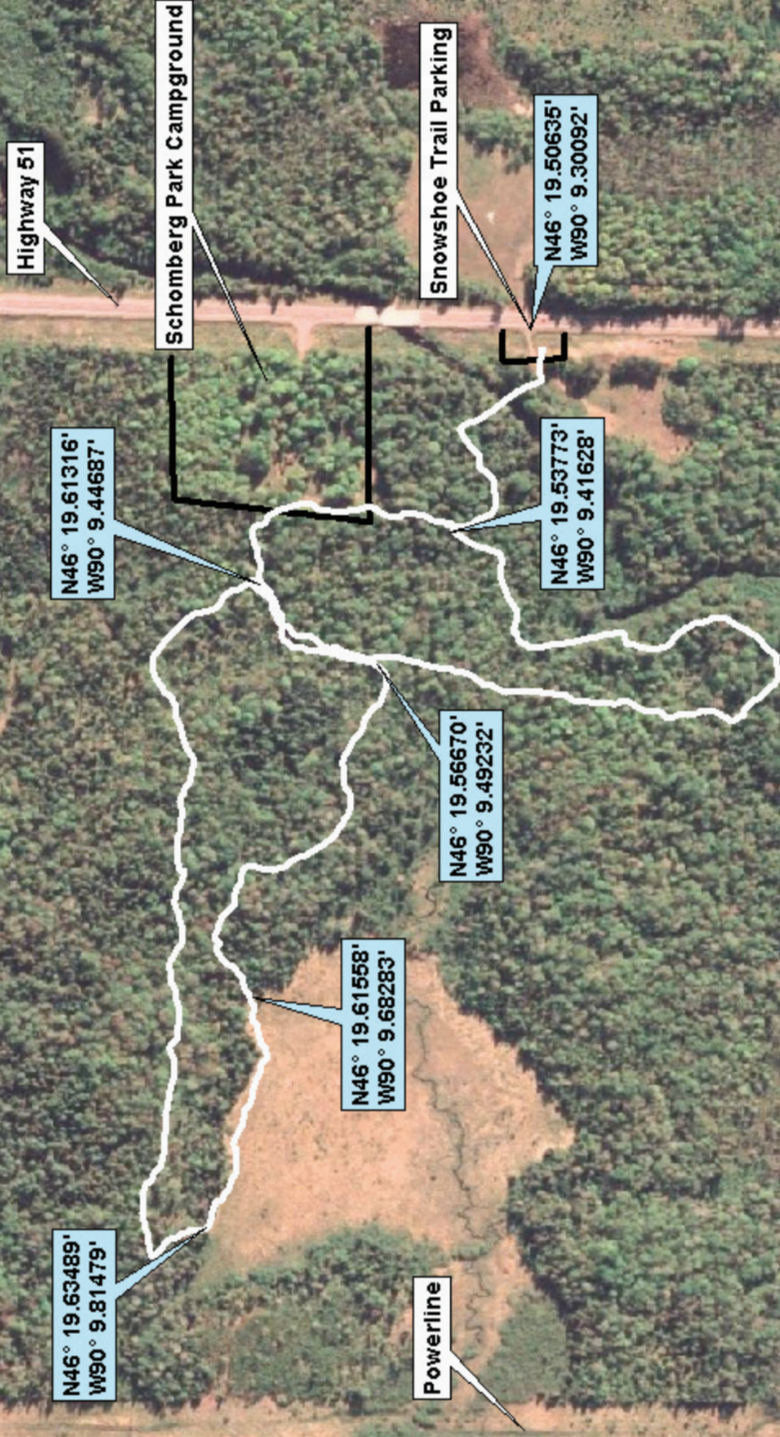
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Schomberg Park Snowshoe Trail

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The Snowshoe Trail is made up of two loops, each one about .85 miles totaling about 1.7 miles. This trail has easy terrain and you will see a variety of forest types and management practices. The trail is marked to scenic trail standards with blue diamonds and snowshoe trail signs. Enjoy this scenic area of Iron County and the bountiful snowfall it receives. Please stay on the marked trail for your safety.



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