

Hiking and Skiing Trails

St. Patrick's Park spreads over 293 acres and offers approximately 6 miles of trails through wooded areas, fields and along the St. Joseph River. From December through February, the trails are specifically designated for either hiking OR skiing. Both hiking and skiing trails are groomed throughout the week. The areas of the park that are set aside for hiking in the winter are predominantly along the River Ridge Trail and roadways. Most of the rest of the trails are designated for cross-country skiing during the winter sports season. Refer to the color map inside this pamphlet for directions to the appropriate trails. County ordinance states that pets are not allowed to be on ski trails during the winter sports season.

Winter Sports

Cross-Country Ski Rental

Wednesdays - Sundays, 11am to 4pm in January and February. Season passes and youth fees are available. Trail passes are required. Passes purchased at St. Patrick's are honored at Madeline-Bertrand County Park and visa versa.

Innertubing Hill

Open weekends, 11am to 5pm in January and February. Private tubing parties may also be reserved. Innertubing is not recommended for ages three and under.

All winter activities at the county parks are dependent on adequate snow conditions. For current snow conditions log onto www.sjcparks.org or call 574/277-4828 prior to your visit. The park itself is open daily, except for major holidays, and a park entrance fee is in effect on weekends and holidays.

For fees and other information on these and all other activities available at the county parks, log onto www.sjcparks.org or call us at 574/277-4828 to receive our quarterly activities brochure.

Where is St. Patrick's County Park?

The park entrance is located on Laurel Road, north of Auten Road. The park is bordered by the St. Joseph River on its west, and the Michigan state line on its north. For a map log onto www.sjcparks.org.

About St. Patrick's County Park

The property now known as St. Patrick's County Park was once a working farm operated by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Crops and livestock were maintained here for food production for St. Mary's College. Several barns are still present on the property.

The Red Barn is one of the largest wooden barns in northern Indiana. Its original use was as a dairy barn. Today it is a rental facility for large picnics. Other structures, built after the site became a park, were constructed with barn facades, to maintain the farming atmosphere.

At the north end of the park is a planting of evergreens that spell out "St. Patrick's." They were planted in 1978 when the park opened. They are a tribute to the historic pine trees at Bendix Woods County Park that spell "Studebaker."

Come...

hike along the river
enjoy a cocoa & candlelight ski night
ski along tranquil trails
take a snowy ride down the tubing hill



St. Patrick's County Park



^^ Young skiers enjoy outdoor fun.

Winter Trail Map

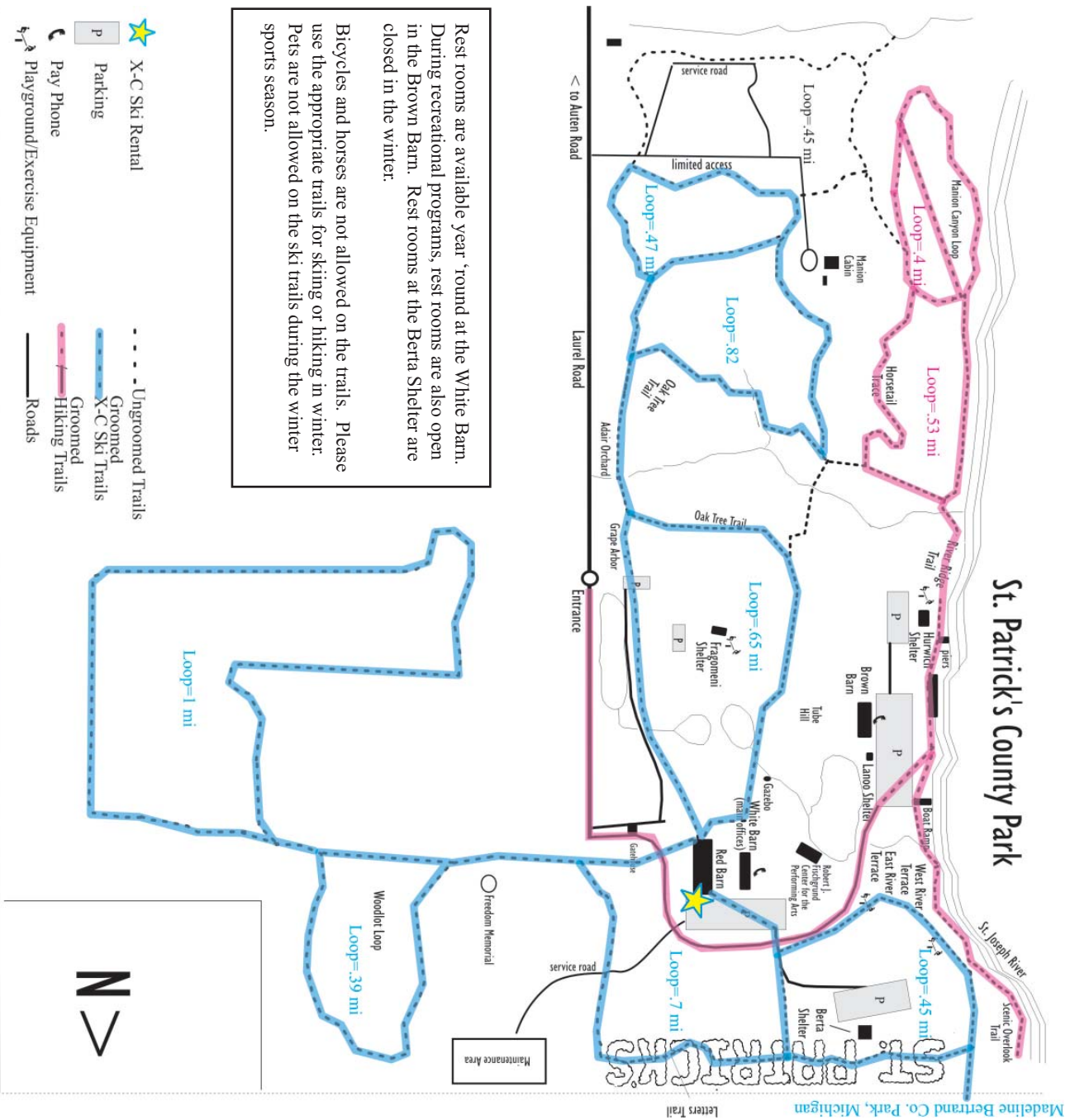


>> Friends stop to pose after skiing the day away.



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Madeline Bertrand Co. Park, Michigan

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