

Title

PASADENA NORDIC SKI CLUB NATURE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Model Forest

Western Newfoundland Model Forest

From

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To

March 1996

Keywords

Recreation, Public Awareness, Education

Objective

To develop the existing Pasadena Nordic Ski Club into a four-season facility by upgrading the existing cross country ski trail system to walking trails, and incorporating a self guided nature interpretation component.

Description

The Pasadena Nordic Ski Club, in operation since the early 1970's, has developed 10 kilometres of groomed cross country ski trails. The ski trail system provides a recreational outlet for the community during the winter season, but a multi season, multi use facility would transform the ski club into a year round recreational focal point. The initial step in accomplishing this goal was to upgrade the ski trail system to walking trails. Through extensive trail smoothing, widening and drainage improvements, this task is now complete.

Due to the infrastructure provided by the new walking trail system, a four-season nature interpretation program can easily be initiated, providing a window into one of our most valuable resources - the boreal forest. The proposed nature trail concept is one where certain noteworthy features are marked with small numbered signs, (These may include specific organisms or more general ecological observations) and field-guide size booklets are provided to explain the nature of each numbered ecological site or organism. Apart from the small numbered signs, it is recommended that man made structures along the trails be limited to ensure that the natural forest habitat is maintained.

Reports and Products

Nature Trail Development Pasadena Nordic Ski Club Feasibility and Recommended Strategy. Mann, H. 1995. Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. WNMF: 8-402-001, 18 p.

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