

May I see your ski pass, please? By Lucy Osojnicki

As you probably know by now, the Great Minnesota Ski Pass is not valid on every cross-country ski trail in the state. Many park districts require their own ski pass. Following is a list of the various ski passes required for skiing on Twin Cities area cross-country ski trails. Penalties vary but you can be sure that they are considerably more than the cost of a ski pass.

The Great Minnesota Ski Pass

Required for skiers age 16 and over.

Daily: \$6

Season: \$20

Three season: \$55

The ski pass is good at all state parks, state trails, and grant-in-aid trails. A list of trails can be found at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/skiing/skipass/list.html>

Passes can be purchased at any one of 1750 electronic licensing centers in the state. Find one near you: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/agents.html>. Daily passes are sold at state park offices and all passes can be purchased using the self-service kiosk at state parks.

Three Rivers Park District

Required for skiers age 12 and over.

For natural snow parks:

Daily: \$6

Season: \$55; \$27.50 for each additional pass per household.

For all parks including snowmaking parks (Hyland and Elm Creek):

Daily: \$9

Season: \$75; \$37.50 for each additional pass per household.

A list of trails can be found here: <http://www.threeriversparks.org/activities/cross-country-skiing.aspx>

Daily passes are available at trailhead pay boxes or at any visitor center. Season passes can be purchased at any visitor center or online at:

<http://www.threeriversparks.org/activities/passes/cross-country-skiing.aspx>

Minneapolis

Required for skiers age 13 and over.

Daily: \$8

Season: \$50; \$25 for each additional pass per household.

Passes are available online, at Wirth Park chalet, or at Columbia Clubhouse.

A list of trails and link to online purchase can be found at:

https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities_events/winter_activities/cross-country_skiing/

Dakota County

Required for skiers age 18 and over.

Daily: \$5

Season: \$20

A list of trails can be found here:

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/Activities/CrossCountySki/Pages/default.aspx>

Passes can be purchased at Lebanon Hills Visitor Center or the Dakota County Western Service Center. Payboxes are available at the Holland Lake Trailhead in Lebanon Hills Park and at Schaar's Bluff Trailhead in Spring Lake Park. They can also be purchased online at

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/ReservationsPasses/Passes/Pages/cross-country-ski-pass.aspx>

Ramsey County

The Great Minnesota Ski Pass is required for skiers 16 and over on all trails.

A list of trails can be found here: <https://parks.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/Pages/Cross-country-Skiing.aspx>

Saint Paul

No ski pass required.

A list of trails can be found here: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/activities/winter-spring-activities/cross-country-skiing>

Washington County Parks

The Great Minnesota Ski Pass is required for skiers 16 and over on all trails. A Washington County Parks vehicle permit is required for parking.

A list of trails can be found here: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/873>

Anoka County Parks

The Great Minnesota Ski Pass is required for skiers 16 and over on all trails.

A list of trails can be found here: <https://www.anokacounty.us/846/Cross-Country-Skiing>