



# Melfort Cross Country

## Ski Club



*Celebrating 20 Years of Nordic Skiing in the North East*

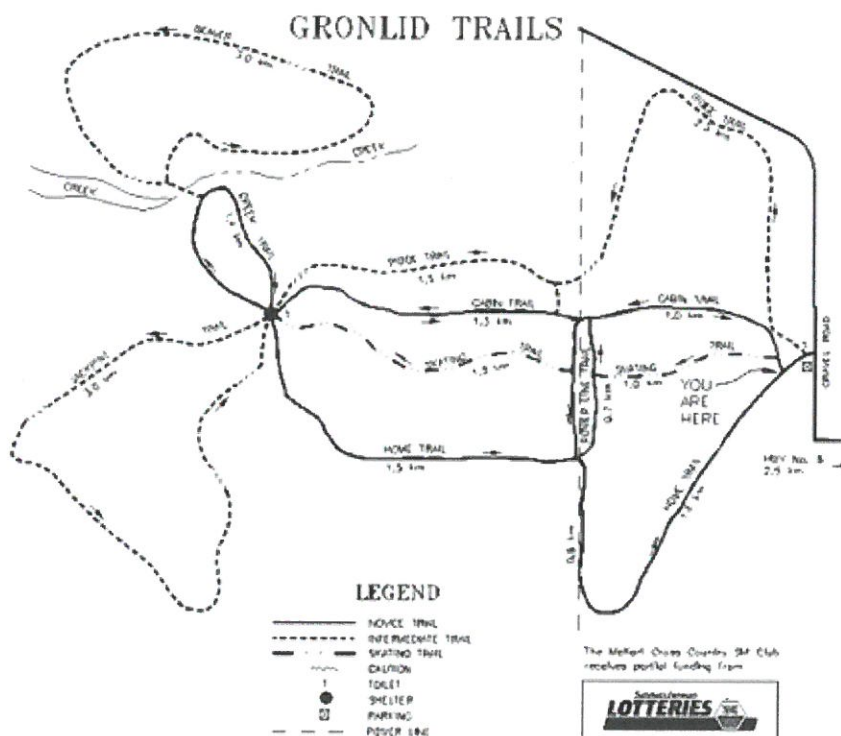


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### Trail Directions and Map

The Gronlid Trails are found by travelling north from Melfort on Highway #6 through Gronlid and continuing north for a further 9 km to an intersection with a gravel road that is marked with a Department of Highways Cross Country Skiing symbol sign. Turn west at this intersection and follow the gravel road 2.5 km to the parking lot at the trail head. The gravel road is maintained by the RM of Nipawin year round. Trail markers and maps are posted throughout the trail system.



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### Trail Descriptions:

**Jackpine Trail** - 3.0 km - intermediate

This trail heads west from the ski cabin over rolling terrain through pine forest. The trail goes south along an old road for a while and then turns left and leads back to the cabin. Some sections of the trail require herringbone technique as well as the ability to snowplow down some of the downhill runs. Ski this trail in a counterclockwise direction only.

**Beaver Trail** - 3.0 km - intermediate

This trail begins at the Creek Trail intersection where the skier has a gradual descent down to the creek. Use caution entering this area. A steep slope is encountered after the creek is crossed. From the top of the slope, begin a downhill stretch where caution is advised because the trail is not wide. The trail then goes up a gradual climb and then flattens out through pine and birch forest. There are several good downhills on the way back to the creek and the last downhill is especially steep and requires snowplowing or walking down the hill. This trail must be skied counterclockwise only.

**Skating Trail** – 2.3 km - novice

This trail begins about 100 meters west of the parking lot. At the intersection of the Home and Cabin Trails, ski up the slight hill on the Cabin Trail and at the top of this hill is where the Skating Trail begins. It is 3 to 4 meters wide following gently rolling terrain through jack pine forest.

**Cabin Trail** - 2.3 km - novice

This trail is double tracked and travels through a jackpine forest. About halfway to the ski cabin it intersects the Power Line Trail. At this point a skier may continue on to the cabin or turn left and ski the Power Line and Home Trail to the parking lot.

**Home Trail** - 3.5 km - novice

This trail heads south and east from the ski cabin up a gradual incline and then flattens out and winds through the pines to the Power Line Trail. Turn right at this intersection if you want to go to the parking lot. Follow the trail south for 0.6 km then turn and follow the old road northeast to the parking lot.

**Creek Trail** - 1.4 km - novice

This is a short easy loop over rolling terrain through a pine forest. About halfway along the trail there is an intersection with the Beaver Trail. Be sure to turn right if you want to complete the Creek Trail loop, and return to the cabin.

**Ridge Trail** - 3.6 km - intermediate

This trail follows an old road after leaving the parking area. It goes north and west for a while through pine and poplar forest. The trail then goes south and eventually crosses the power line cut. Watch for snowmobilers that travel the cut line. The trail leads west along a ridge that offers excellent scenery with pine and birch on either side. There is a fast downhill run through the trees before the skier reaches the cabin. Snowplow and herringbone skills are needed on this trail. Ski this trail clockwise only.