

Turtle River offers winter activities

Turtle River State Park, 20 miles west of Grand Forks on Highway 2, is offering a variety of winter activities.

Due to poor snow conditions in past years, the Villa Vista ski area, formerly a downhill ski concession, is no longer operating.

Consequently, the chalet now offers a downstairs warming area open to the public, and an upstairs area, complete with kitchen facilities, for groups planning an organized outing. The chalet will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, once sufficient snow cover has been established.

From the chalet, visitors can enjoy sledding on the former ski slope, ice skating on the rink, snowmobiling the five miles of groomed trails or cross-country skiing the eight kilometers of groomed, woodland trails the park has to offer.