

2022

Winona Forest Snowshoe Marathon

6 courses + 6 distances = One Great Marathon

Prelude: All marathon courses are marked very well. All intersections are signed. In all actuality, you do not need this course description to find your way. However, it is very easy to “zone out”. Focus at all times, and stay sharp. I’m excited to offer you this opportunity, get out there!

The Black Course

5.9 Miles

This is a Loop Course

This is likely to be the most heavily used course of the marathon courses, as it is easiest to access, right at the Wart Road (P1) parking area. You will find the black “Start” sign on the right hand side of the beginning of Bill’s Belly trail. Guiding you are small BLACK rectangles on posts and trees.

The course begins on Bill’s Belly, and at about .25 you will cross Winona Way, you stay on Bill’s Belly. (see Black straight arrow). Another .1 brings you to a short steep down, then a quick up, followed by a level section. At 1 mile from start you arrive at a new bridge, then a pleasant section of spruce, another new bridge, and then Hawley Rd. Be careful crossing, this is a snowmobile trail. Black straight arrow continues on Bill’s Belly, followed by a well deserved downhill, another new bridge, and a quick up to our newly built picnic pavilion on your right. Still on Bill’s, another .2 and you are crossing Hiscock trail, another Black straight arrow keeps you on Bill’s.

Another .2 miles brings you to yet another new bridge, and .2 beyond that, Bill’s Belly trail ends. Black arrow sends you to the right onto Shady Shuttle. You are only on Shady for about .1, and you will turn right onto Jimmy’s Jaunt. The Orange Course also runs Jimmy’s, but in the opposite “downhill” direction. For the Black course, you get the opportunity to run it all uphill, embrace the challenge, this is a beautiful trail.

Pay attention to Black arrow to the right at the end of Jimmy’s sending you onto

Winona Way. Once on Winona, you will immediately go downhill, short level section, then back uphill. Another .2 and you will be running along a very cool historic stone wall, evidence of long ago farm lands. Wall is along your left. Cross a new bridge, gentle rise, another .3 and you are crossing Hiscock again, black straight arrow keeping you on Winona Way. Another .3 and you are crossing Hawley Road, and are about 2 miles from the finish. You stay on Winona Way. Next intersection, another .3, and you will see black arrow sending you right, keeping you on Winona Way. Little Sandy Creek is on your left as you continue, followed by a noticeable climb to higher ground. Soon you will arrive at and see evidence of a recent logged section of forest, continue focusing on Black markers. You will notice a very out of place wide open area where the logging trucks staged their pick up area, which leads to a gradual downhill all the way back to Bill's Belly. Pay attention, there is a left arrow sending you on Bill's, back to the finish.

Lot's of reading, but very simple. Bill's Belly, all the way to Shady, Right on Shady, Right on Jimmy's Jaunt, Right on Winona Way, all the way to Bill's Belly, take a left on Bill's to finish.