

The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club has teamed up with local libraries to offer everyone with a New Brunswick library card the opportunity to check out a day pass for the club's ski and snowshoe trails. You can visit one of the three libraries in our area ( Newcastle Public, Chatham Public and Carrefour Beausoleil) and request the pass. If you do not have a library card you can easily get one. The trail pass can be redeemed that day or at a future date and includes skis or snowshoes at no charge. With 25 km of ski trails and 6 km of snowshoe trails you can easily find a trail to your liking. The trails at the club are wooded and thus protected from the wind. The library program allows for only one use per season per person and each member of a group will need to check out a pass with their library card. Snowshoeing and cross country skiing are excellent forms of exercise and winter recreation and this is an opportunity for an introduction to convenient facilities located in the city limits. The ski club has equipment for rent for all ages from 3 and up and for those aged 1 to 3 there is a sled (pulk) that a toddler may be placed in and pulled by an adult skier but you should be comfortable on skis before trying this. If you want to redeem the pass it is best to check with the clubhouse to see that we are open - call 622 - 6991 or check our website [www.skimiramichi.com](http://www.skimiramichi.com) or Facebook page. The trails may not be open at night for a while as the severe windstorm in November caused a great deal of damage to the lighted trail, repairs are planned. The ski club is a busy place during the winter and this will be our last winter in our cozy but aging clubhouse as new facilities are planned. The clubhouse is equipped with a washroom, seating area and a kitchen where you can purchase a tea or hot chocolate. Enjoy winter in 2019 by “checking out” a pass at your library and “checking out” the ski club!