TRAIL RULES

- Obey **one-way signs**.
- No hikers, bikers, snowshoers or pets are allowed **on groomed ski trails**.
- **Skate skiers please stay on the skate lane** to avoid damage to the ski track.
- A **State Trail Pass is required** for bikers and skiers age 16 and older.
- **No motorized vehicles** are allowed on the trails.
- A **camping permit must be acquired prior to** setting up camp along the trails.
- Please **carry out what you carry in;** it is illegal to discard litter on state property.

Viewpoint from Wildcat Trail.

LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Jackson County Sheriff
715-284-5357

Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

Black River Memorial Hospital
715-284-5361

DIAL 911

TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

Ticks are common across Wisconsin and may be found in the forest. Lyme disease is an illness that can be spread to humans from the bite of a tick. You can protect yourself against Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases by practicing these tips:

- Stay in the middle of trails.
- Apply insect repellent on exposed skin and over clothes.
- Wear light-colored clothes to spot ticks easily.
- Do a full-body tick check after outdoors activities.

Annual candlelight event held in late January to early February.

Come back soon! And be sure to visit Wisconsin's other northern State Forests

1 Governor Knowles State Forest.....715-463-2898
2 Brule River State Forest.....715-372-5678
3 Flambeau River State Forest.....715-332-5271
4 Northern Highland American Legion State Forest.....715-542-3923
5 Governor Earl Peshtigo River State Forest.....715-757-3965
6 Black River State Forest.....715-284-4103
7 Coulee Experimental State Forest.....608-785-9007

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DNR Call Center (toll-free 7 a.m.-10 p.m.) **1-888-936-7463** • WARDEN TIP LINE: **1-800-847-9367**

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HIKE, BIKE, SKI AND SNOWSHOE

TRAILS

Black River State Forest

EXPLORE 22 MILES OF TRAILS!

The Smrekar and Wildcat Trail System has eight different loops and trail links totaling 22 miles. The trails wind through woodlands and rolling terrain with scenic overlooks found at several locations. Two rest areas along the trail have Adirondack shelters, small fireplaces and picnic tables. Potable water is available at the Wildcat and Smrekar Trail parking lots.

TRAIL SYSTEM

Trail loops are designed for one-way bike and ski travel. All trail links are two-way travel. All of the ski trails except the Ridge Trail are groomed for both skate and traditional skiing. Trails are groomed after new snowfall or heavy weekend use. A warming shelter is provided during the ski season at the Smrekar parking lot.

4.8 miles of snowshoe trails start at the Smrekar parking lot. The Ridge Trail comprises 1.9 miles of the Snowshoe Trail System. On this section, cross-country skiing is also allowed. The Farm Site Trail and South Trail are snowshoeing only. Snowshoeing is allowed anywhere in the state forest except on groomed trails.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Black River State Forest Headquarters
W10325 Hwy 12 E
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-4103

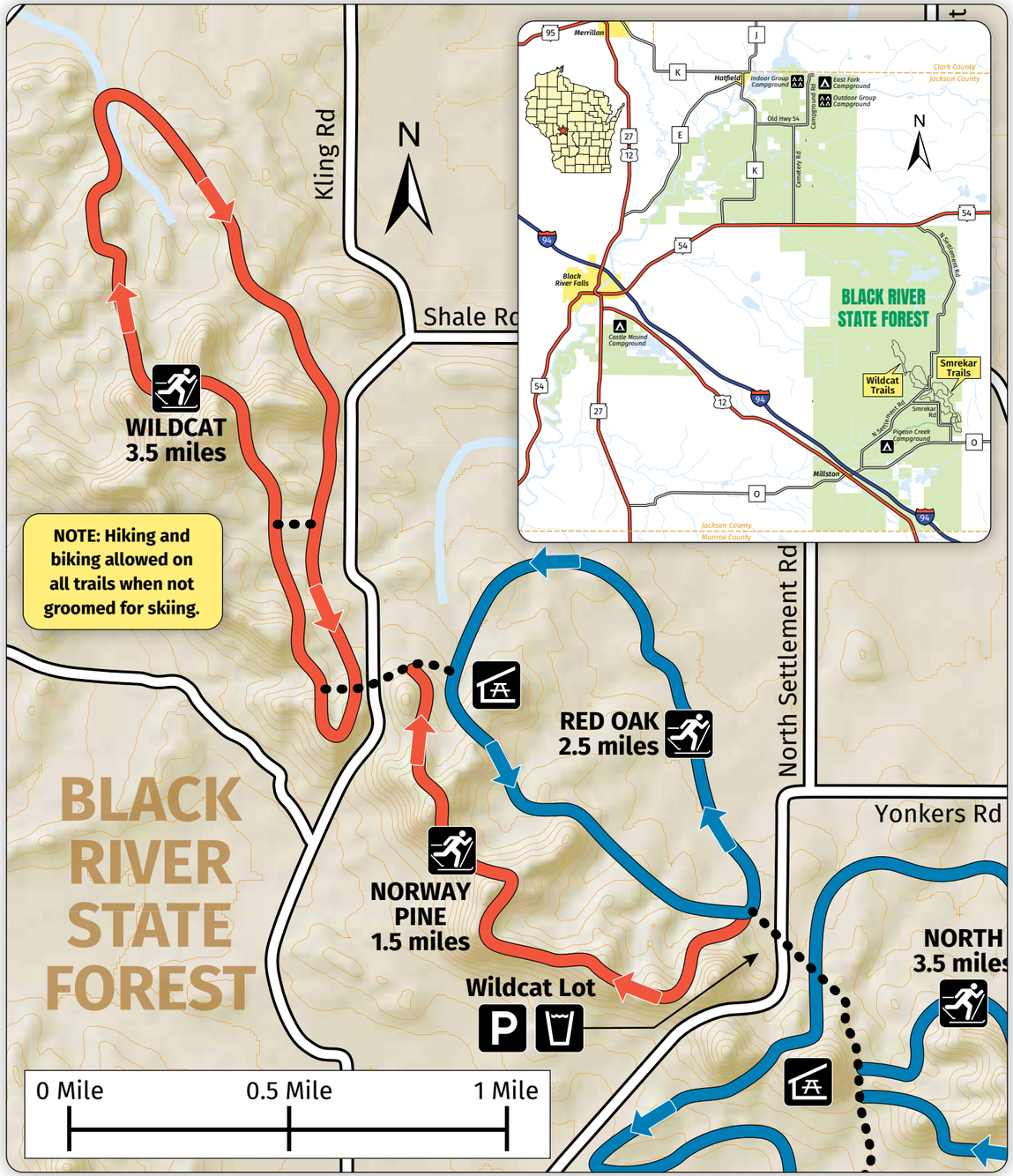
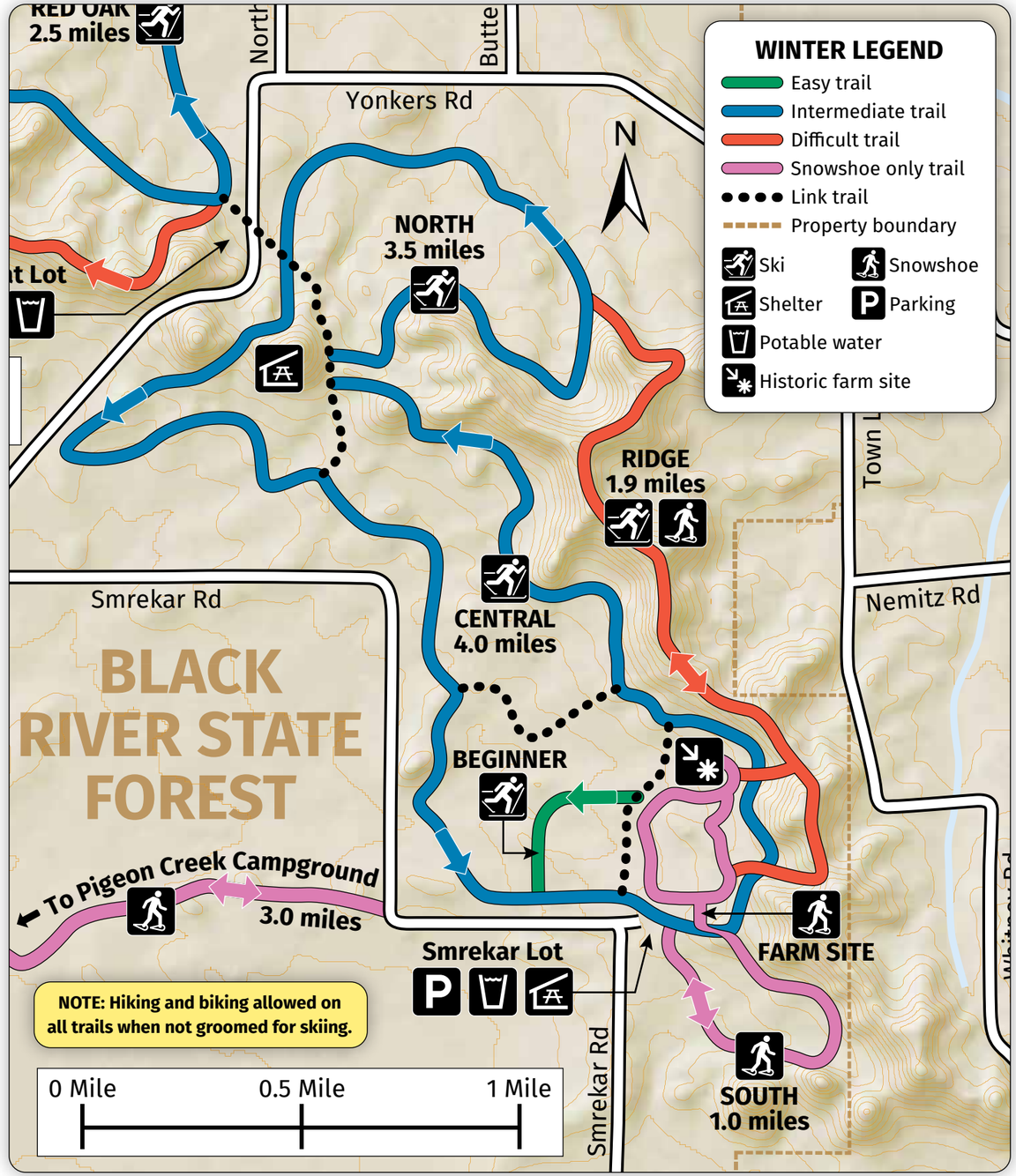
SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe weather, please take shelter in your vehicle.

Check out our trail maps inside!

An old farmstead on the trail system. You can see foundations, a root cellar and well.

BLACK RIVER STATE FOREST - WILDCAT TRAILS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