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Let It Snow! 15 Spots for Snowshoeing & Cross-Country Skiing

Whether cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, or merely sledding, now is the time and this is the place. Guardians of some of the region's largest, most scenic properties—from country clubs to art parks to historic estates to resorts like Cranwell (left) in Lenox—are throwing open their gates and welcoming snow-sports enthusiasts. Always call first or check websites to make sure snow and weather conditions are favorable.

Berkshire County

Canterbury Farm Ski Area

1986 Fred Snow Road, Becket; 413.623.0100

Open every day, Canterbury Farm is a mini winter resort with 22 kilometers of groomed trails in an idyllic setting. You can rent skis, snowshoes and skates, and lessons are available as well.

Cranwell Resort, Spa & Golf Course

55 Lee Road, Lenox; 413,637.1364

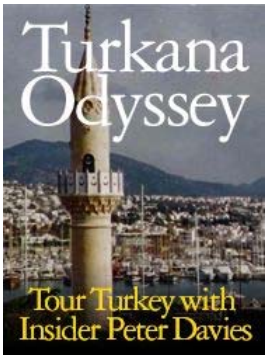
You don't have to be an overnight guest to enjoy the pleasures of this landmark resort hotel. You can rent skates and state-of-the-art skis to explore the ten kilometers of groomed trails.

Hilltop Orchards

508 Canaan Rd / Rt 295, Richmond;
800.833.6274

What could be more picturesque than skiing on a groomed trail through an apple orchard with mountain views? Perhaps a moonlight snowshoe trek and bonfire on **Friday, January 21**. The guided tour leaves promptly at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. (Afterwards, warm up by the bonfire or inside by the fireplace. Wine, cocoa, cider plus fresh baked goods and artisanal cheeses will be for sale at the orchard that is also home to Furnace Brook Winery. $12 a person (snowshoe rentals available on-site for an additional fee.) Reservations: 413.698.3301

Kennedy Park & The Arcadian Shop



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