

Orford ready for all kinds of skiers

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Mont Orford is blanketed in snow, and both the downhill centre and provincial park are ready for skiers.

Parc National du Mont-Orford has exceptional cross-country skiing and snowshoe trails that circle the mountain. The 50-kilo-metre network has ski choices from easy to advanced, so it's a good idea to ask at the information desk for a route and a map. The snowshoeing trails lead to mountainside viewpoints. The park has a well-equipped chalet with a snack bar, equipment rentals and a boutique for such essentials as water bottles, energy bars, extra layers of clothing and backpacks.

Details: 800-665-6527, www.sepaq.com/pq/mor; access to trails and parking costs \$10 for adults, with discounts for seniors, juniors and families.

Ski Mont Orford, the downhill centre, has grown to more than 61 trails (check website to see how many are open) along four faces, which create a partial bowl around a family-friendly base area. Parents can watch their kids showing off the hottest freestyle moves in a snowpark in front of the chalet.

Details: 819-843-6548, www.orford.com; five lifts, plus four magic carpets for novices, about 61 trails and glades and a vertical drop of 589 metres, the highest in the Townships. Kids 5 and younger ski for free. An adult day ticket costs \$47 with discounts for seniors and students and partial days. Pass for expert snowpark, \$15.

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