

## **Jones Park Trail System**

### **For Hiking and Cross Country Skiing**

Jones Park is located 0.5 miles east of NYS Rte. 26 on Stateline Rd. in the Town of Vestal, 1 mile from the Pennsylvania border. The 304 acre park has approximately four miles of marked trails. The trails follow old roads, stream beds, wind through rows of trees in a pine forest or just meander through the lovely wooded areas.

#### **Trail Descriptions:**

The trails are marked with 3 inch diameter plastic markers in red, yellow and blue, approximately 5 to 7 feet above the ground and generally on the right side of the trail. Double markers signify that the trail is changing direction.

The red “Main Street Trail” starts along the creek, on the west side of the Parks barn. There are three stream crossings, which are good at lower water levels. The trail continues through the pine woods along the “Pine Woods Trail” and eventually reaches a pipeline easement, which it follows for awhile until it comes to an old logging road. The trail follows the logging road back to the “Main Street Trail”.

The four blue trails are shorter trail segments, connecting various trails together to offer a variety of hiking choices. The trails are designated as the “Short Cut Trail”, the “Connector Trail”, the “Chimney Trail” and the “Pipeline Trail”.

#### **Cross Country Skiing:**

Most of the trails are good for cross country skiing. Please follow safety precautions; ski with a partner, stay as close to the trail as possible and yield to the right when being passed.

The “Creek Trail” is difficult because of the stream crossing and should not be attempted by inexperienced skiers.

The eastern end of the “Main Street Trail” and the two blue trails branching off of it (designed as the “Pipeline Trail” and the “Chimney Trail”) are steep and recommended for expert skiers or uphill travel only.

One nice loop starts on the “Main Street Trail” to the blue “Connector Trail”, then along the “Pine Woods Trail” around and back to the “Main Street Trail”, returning on the “Main Street Trail” to the parking area.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers and Town employees that helped in creating the trail system, maps and information.

For more information please call the Recreation Department at 754-3368 or the Parks Department at 748-1514 ext.364