



rikert
outdoor center
MIDDLEBURY

BEST PRACTICES

GENERAL

- Obey all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails/areas.
- Always buy a trail or season pass when skiing at Rikert Outdoor Center.
- Be aware that mountain conditions can change rapidly, and prepare accordingly.
- Do not litter. Take out what you pack in and respect all property.
- Report all incidents to Patrol or the ski shop as soon as possible.
- Be an ambassador for the sport: stay polite, educate others, discourage bad behavior, and follow the rules.
- Dogs are not allowed at Rikert.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

- Always check posted trail conditions and obey all signs and posted warnings.
- When stopping, step off the trail quickly to leave room for other skiers to pass. Don't block intersections, and avoid stopping in the middle of hills. Do not stop where you're not visible to others.
- Always maintain control of your speed and direction. Ski in such a manner that you can stop or avoid other skiers or hazards.
- On double-tracked trails, ski single-file and to the right except when overtaking. Always announce yourself.
- Ski within your abilities and time allowances.
- When a skier behind calls out "track," move to the right to give them room to pass.
- Don't walk in the set tracks or on the groomed trail because footprints decrease grip and glide. Keep to the side of the trail.
- Skating on classically groomed trails will similarly disrupt the grip and glide of classic skiers.
- Ski in the specified direction on one-way trails.
- Avoid cutting off other skiers when entering trails or overtaking.

SNOWSHOEING

- Yield to all other users while exploring our trails. Skiers don't have brakes, but you can stop!
- Leave room for skiers and bikers to pass (move to the side when exploring with others). Announce yourself when approaching others.
- Do not walk in ski tracks.

FAT BIKING

- Yield to all other users when riding and maintain control. Skiers don't have brakes, but you do!
- Ride on the firmest part of the track.
- Do not ride on or in ski tracks.
- Leave room for skiers to pass (don't ride side-by-side with all of your buddies blocking the full trail).
- Announce yourself when overtaking other users.
- Allow the track time to set up after grooming and before riding.
- Helmets are highly recommended.
- Only purpose-built fat bikes, not regular mountain bikes, are allowed. There is a minimum tire tread width (minimum 3.8") for Rikert trails.

