



### Snowshoe Rental Agreement

Jasper County Conservation Board  
Jasper County Armory/Annex Building  
1030 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S., Newton, IA 50208  
Phone: 641-792-9780 Email: conservation@co.jasper.ia.us  
Website: www.jaspercountyconservation.com

A minimum of 4 inches of snow is required for snowshoe rental. Snowshoes may be checked out Monday through Friday. There are two half-day rental periods, 9:00 to 12:30 PM and 12:30 to 4:00 PM. (*Weekend rental is Friday to Monday for four half-day charges and must be returned by noon on Monday.*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Equipment Rented:

Number of pairs borrowed \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: >125 lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ Size 22: >150lbs. \_\_\_\_\_

Size 25: >175lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ Size 30: >250lbs. \_\_\_\_\_

Check-out date/time \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
_____	total pairs of snowshoes
X _____ \$5	half-day fee
X _____	number of half days
= \$ _____	<b>Total Due</b>

#### USER'S AGREEMENT

I assume full responsibility for the equipment listed above and, upon request, agree to pay for damages incurred to said equipment (beyond normal wear) which may occur during my use as determined by Jasper County Conservation. I also assume total liability for all damages incurred through the use or misuse of said equipment while in my possession. I have checked the equipment upon receiving it and found it to be in good condition. I understand Jasper County is not responsible for any injury.

I agree to return items at the end of the rental period and understand that I will be charged a late fee of \$10/day/per pair of snowshoes if I fail to return the equipment on time.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive Jasper County Jewel newsletter by mail

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
Paid cash _____ check _____ credit card _____	<b>Total rental amount \$ _____</b>
Checked out by (JCC staff initials) _____	Checked in by (JCC staff initials) _____
Late Fee _____	Damage/Replacement Cost Assessed _____
Comments: _____	

## RENTING SNOWSHOES FROM JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION

We know renting new winter equipment can be nerve wracking. Where do you even begin?! Look no further! We've got your answers.

**A great place to start is with what you should you wear.** Dress in (*non-cotton*) layers: As always when exercising outdoors, dress in layers so you can adjust your clothing to suit your activity level and the weather. Avoid cotton because it can get soaked and chill you, and instead choose synthetics or wool styles because they wick moisture and retain warmth even when wet.

### WHERE TO RENT SNOWSHOES

Snowshoe rentals are available at the Jasper County Armory/Annex Building, located at 1030 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S. in Newton.



*\*Snowshoes will only be rented if there is at least 4 inches of snow on the ground. Equipment rentals must be returned during normal hours of operation. Leaving equipment unattended outside at the pickup/drop-off location is not allowed.*

**Jasper County Conservation Hours of Operation | Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Snowshoe Rental Prices | \$5/half day (9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.)**

For more information, or to reserve your snowshoes, call: (641) 792-9780.

### WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU RENT

- We offer four sizes of snowshoes that are based on *weight*
  - Youth: 40-90 lbs
  - Size 22: 80-150 lbs
  - Size 25: 120-175 lbs
  - Size 30: 175-250 lbs
- You do not need to know specific shoe size, but rather the weight of the individual who will be wearing them.
- Bindings are adjustable and you can wear any type of winter boot with the snowshoes. We suggest something waterproof.
- Stay off groomed ski trails.
- Ask permission before trespassing on private property.
- Respect the environment by not breaking and bashing your way through the brush and trees.
- Be observant! Try to see and hear the things around you in the woods. Don't ruin the experience for others by making a lot of noise.
- Don't abuse snowshoes! Only use these snowshoes when there is at least 4 inches of snow. Don't walk on rocks, gravel or sidewalks. Don't jump off rocks or logs—you might snap or crack the frame of your snowshoes.
- **You are responsible for bringing the snowshoes back in good condition—without any damage or cracking, and any debris must be washed off. You will be charged an additional \$5 for cleaning plus the cost of any repairs if required.**

## **WHERE TO GO**

Snowshoeing can be enjoyed by anyone just about anywhere in Jasper County.

### **Recommended Trails**

- Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve: trails at both west and east entrances (7 miles total)
- Mariposa Park: trail around the lake and  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile nature trail
- Ashton Wildwood Park:  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile nature trail
- Chichaqua Valley Recreation Trail: from Mingo parking area west to the Polk County line
- Reimer Wildlife Refuge:  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile nature trail
- Maytag City Park and Woodland City Park, Newton

### **FUN THINGS TO DO WHILE SNOWSHOEING**

- Look for wildlife tracks.
- Study different kinds of tree buds.
- Listen and watch for birds.
- Make your own unique tracks and trails and have someone else “track” you.
- Snowshoe by moonlight and look for different constellations in the sky.
- See how many different shapes and sizes of snowflakes you can find.
- Stop for a snowball fight or make a snowman along the trail.
- Go on a winter scavenger hunt. Make a list before you head out on the trail and see how long it takes to find everything.
- Try playing familiar games while on your snowshoes: tag, hide-and seek, follow-the-leader, or even snowshoe softball.