

THE INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS AT COLES WOODS *Established 1971*

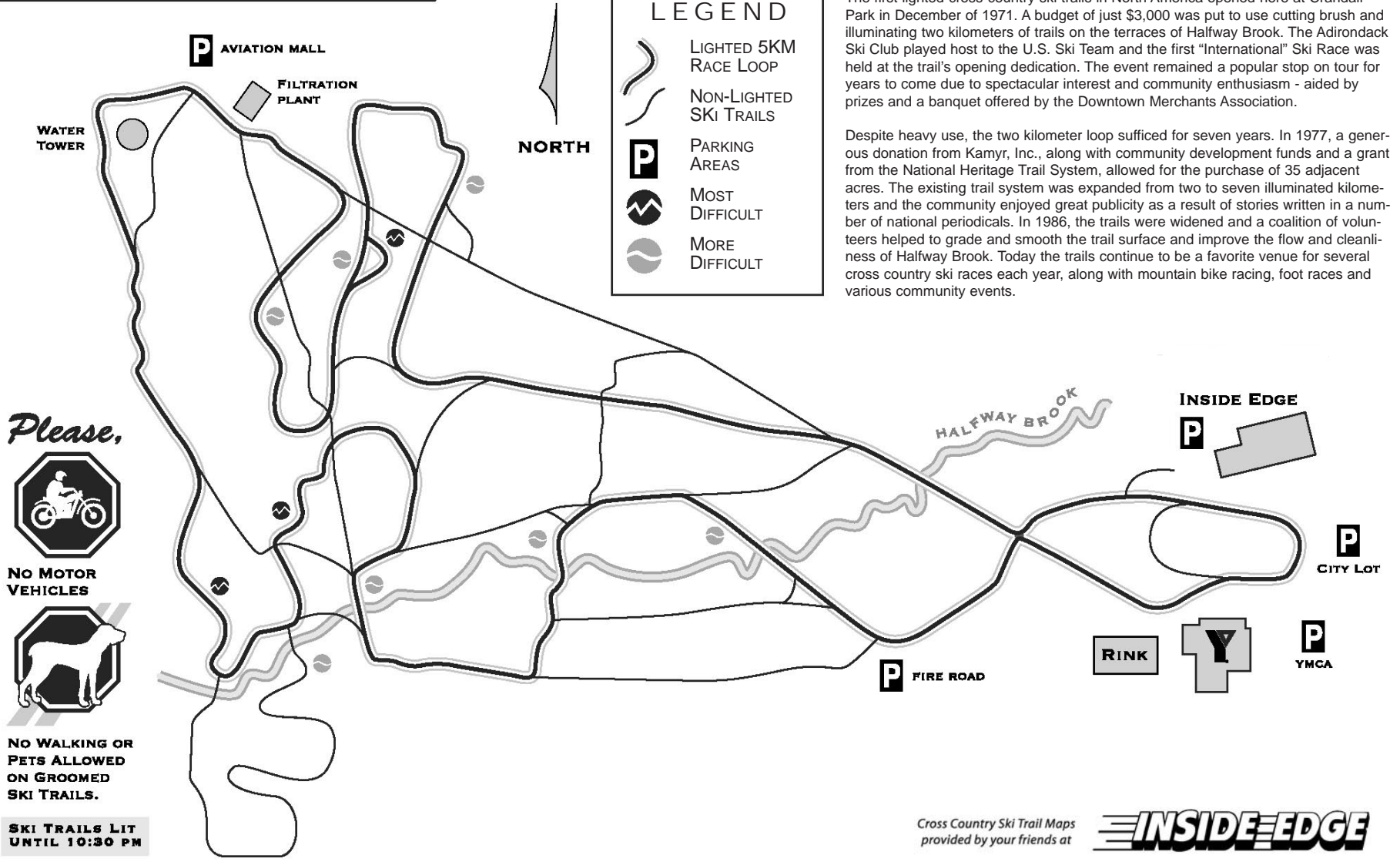
GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK

LEGEND

-  LIGHTED 5KM RACE LOOP
-  NON-LIGHTED SKI TRAILS
-  PARKING AREAS
-  MOST DIFFICULT
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The first lighted cross-country ski trails in North America opened here at Crandall Park in December of 1971. A budget of just \$3,000 was put to use cutting brush and illuminating two kilometers of trails on the terraces of Halfway Brook. The Adirondack Ski Club played host to the U.S. Ski Team and the first "International" Ski Race was held at the trail's opening dedication. The event remained a popular stop on tour for years to come due to spectacular interest and community enthusiasm - aided by prizes and a banquet offered by the Downtown Merchants Association.

Despite heavy use, the two kilometer loop sufficed for seven years. In 1977, a generous donation from Kamy, Inc., along with community development funds and a grant from the National Heritage Trail System, allowed for the purchase of 35 adjacent acres. The existing trail system was expanded from two to seven illuminated kilometers and the community enjoyed great publicity as a result of stories written in a number of national periodicals. In 1986, the trails were widened and a coalition of volunteers helped to grade and smooth the trail surface and improve the flow and cleanliness of Halfway Brook. Today the trails continue to be a favorite venue for several cross country ski races each year, along with mountain bike racing, foot races and various community events.



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NO MOTOR VEHICLES



NO WALKING OR PETS ALLOWED ON GROOMED SKI TRAILS.

SKI TRAILS LIT UNTIL 10:30 PM

Cross Country Ski Trail Maps provided by your friends at

