

**2022**

## **Winona Forest Snowshoe Marathon**

**6 courses + 6 distances = One Great Marathon**

**Prelude:** All marathon courses are marked very well. All intersections are signed. In all actuality, you do not need this course description to find your way. However, it is very easy to “zone out”. Focus at all times, and stay sharp. I’m excited to offer you this opportunity, get out there!

### [The Blue Course](#)

3.9 Miles

This is an OUT-N-BACK Course

Beginning on North Church Road, the course begins on Shady Shuttle. Look for the blue “Start” sign on the right hand side of the trail near the gate. Guiding you are small BLUE rectangles on posts and trees. There is some overlap of other courses on this route, orange and red, so don’t get distracted, focus on BLUE.

The course starts with a gentle rise, then levels out for a bit. At about .3 miles you will drop into a very nice valley with a creek. You will cross the creek on one of our recently built bridges. Climbing back out of the valley, you will see Bernie’s Bypass on your right, used for the Red Course. Stay on BLUE. Another .1 mile, Red veers off to the right, you stay on Blue. The trail gently drops down again and soon you will pass over another newly built bridge. After the bridge, you will arrive at an intersection, you will stay to the left (focus on BLUE), continuing on Shady Shuttle. After a small rise, and you will continue on a very pleasant section of spruce forest, offering protection from the elements. At about .3 miles from the last intersection, you will approach a closed gate in which you will go around. Follow Blue, crossing Wart Rd, and continuing on Shady Shuttle. Another .1 you will take a right onto Lookout Trail. This single track trail was built in the Spring of 2019, and follows a ridge full of very nice overlooks.

After a couple quick down and ups, you will come to a more significant drop you are certain to notice. At the bottom, you will see a creek on your right, trail leads to the Turnaround sign in less than .1 from bottom of hill, at Backus Bend, a snowmobile trail. Hopefully you saved some fuel, you’ll need it on that climb back out. Return exactly as

you came.