

# Foxy Brown X-Ski Trail

## Jessup River Wild Forest

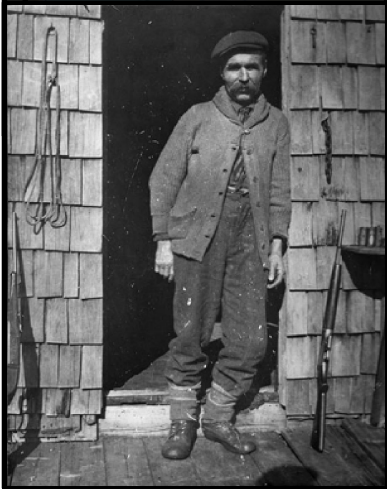
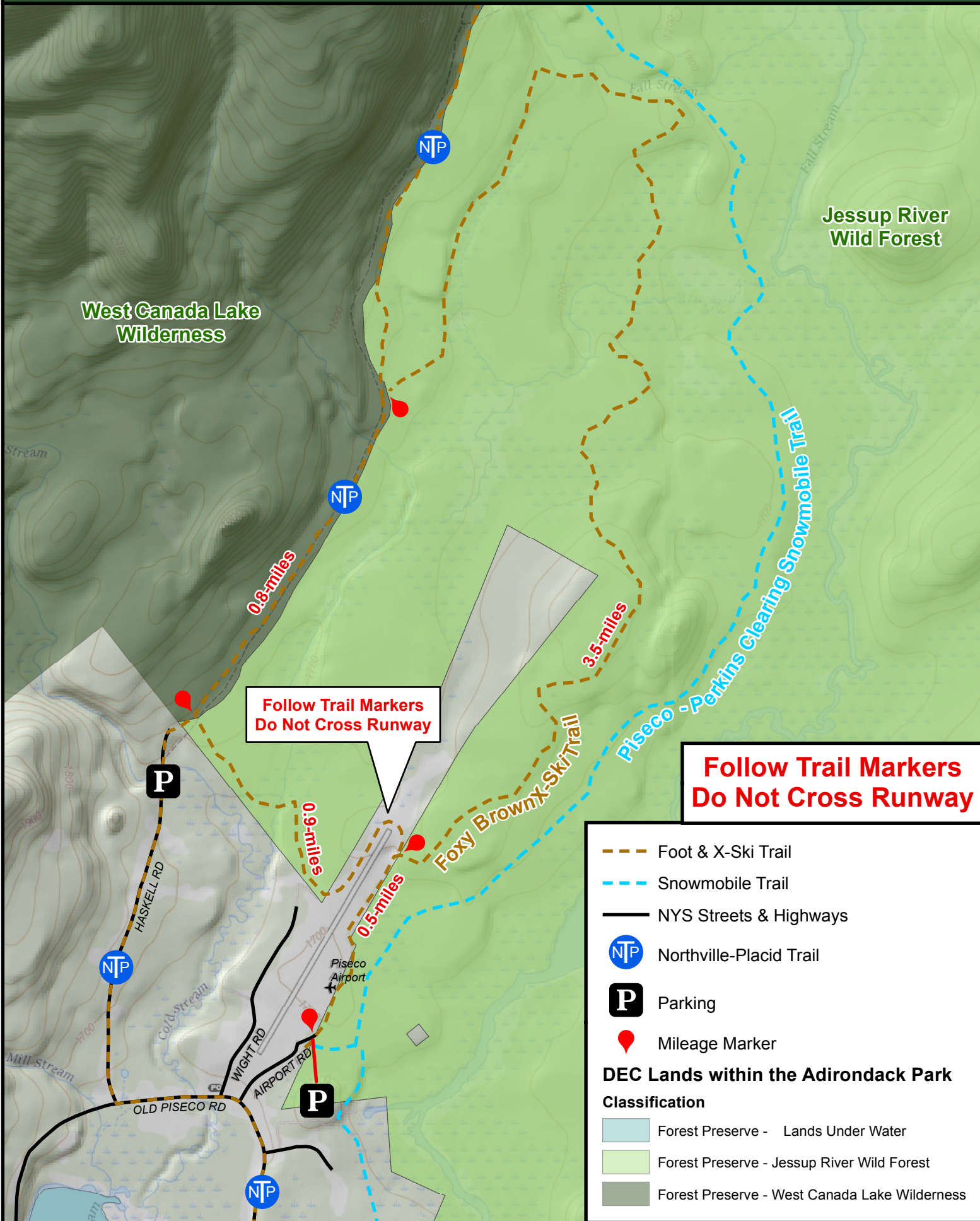


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The Foxy Brown X-Ski Trail is a 5.6-mile cross-country ski trail located within the Jessup River Wild Forest. After traveling along the Piseco Airport runway, the trail routes users through a Northern Hardwood Forest, with patches of Spruce-Fir Hardwood Forest and Wet Meadow-Shrub Swamp mixed in. To complete the loop, cross to the North of the runway—do not cross the runway itself—and travel back to the trailhead and parking area.

The Foxy Brown X-Ski Trail, also known as the Piseco Airport Trail, is named after Adirondack hermit Foxy Brown, whose real name was David Brennan. He moved to the area approximately in 1890 from Boston, NY. Foxy Brown worked logging operations around Lake Pleasant and Speculator, then known as Newton Corners, before settling in the backcountry about 6-miles north of Piseco. He built himself a little log cabin at the lower end of an old logging flow on Fall Stream, where he lived for about 25-years. He cleared a few acres of land, built a small barn, and kept a few livestock. He had a small spring at the base of a hill where he kept canned goods to prevent them from freezing in the winter. Like many other Adirondack hermits, he hunted, fished, trapped, and made shingles, which he sold locally.

In a partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation, through a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement, the Piseco Lake Association and its volunteers help to maintain the Foxy Brown X-Ski Trail.

