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Posting: Where to go sledding in Willi?
Poster: Walker (and Sledder wannabe)

Date: 20 December 2004 5:04 PM

For such a hilly city, I've never found a good place to take the kids sledding. Of course, there is Horsebarn Hill in Storrs, but that is not for children, only crazy College students LOL. Any in-town spots? I haven't found any...

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: PAUL

Date: 20 December 2004 5:42 PM

The end of Gordon Avenue next to Lauter Park is a dead end street and was a favorite sledding spot when I was a child. I haven't been there in many years, but I would assume that the hill is okay for sledding. Check it out.

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Ron

Date: 20 December 2004 6:22 PM

There is a nicely sloped hill to the right and rear of Windham Center School on Rt.14/203.

I've taken the kids there for some good old fashioned sledding. Usually on a good day, you wouldn't be sledding alone.

If conditions are good, I bet you could glide 150 - 175 feet. Be careful. I remember a tree or two that you wouldn't want to run into.

Good old-fashioned exercise for anyone. Gotta climb back up that hill...

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Ernie

Date: 20 December 2004 9:46 PM

Back in the mid forties the town closed Windham St. from Prospect to Main St for sledding. It was made for the brave at heart and Jack Connell AKA Jackie Cooper was the king of them all.

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Idragon

Date: 21 December 2004 8:23 AM

WE WOULD GO SLIDING ON THE HILL OR SHOULD I SAY (front lawn) OF THE TRYON HOUSE, WHERE THE WILLETS LIVED. THE HILL WOULD LEAD US TO PEARL ST. AND WITH A GOOD START, YOU MIGHT GET LUCKY AND MAKE VALLEY. THE CITY OPENED THE SUMMIT ST. HILL LATER ON AND SPREAD SAND AT THE BOTTOM TO KEEP YOU FROM SLIDING ONTO JACKSON.

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Walker

Date: 21 December 2004 10:00 AM

Thanks, everyone, now I have some places to try in-town! Happy Holidays to all!!

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: ro

Date: 21 December 2004 11:06 AM

Back in the 40's the city blocked off Summit St from Turner St to Jackson St. At the intersection of Summit and Jackson the city put a thick layer of sand and blocked the street off. At the intersection of Summit and Oak there was a man who directed traffic across Summit st. Sledding was allowed after school hours and all day on weekends. I think at night we would sled and someone would take turns watching for traffic.

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Francis "Whitey" Sellars
Date: 23 December 2004 12:52 AM

When I was a youngster (late 30' & early 40', we used the road leading up to the reservoir on Hosmer Mountain. That was sure a long and a swift ride down. Not many cars on Mountain St. in them days, we had a lookout at the bottom of reservoir rd. because we crossed right over Mountain St.

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Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Skippy

Date: 31 December 2004 12:28 AM

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Poster: Spelling police

Date: 1 January 2005 7:34 AM

The correct spelling is "FASCIST", please take your medications before making posts.

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: Mack

Date: 3 January 2005 2:26 PM

And this relates how to sledding? Stay on topic

Posting: Re: Where to go sledding in Willi?

Poster: r

Date: 3 January 2005 2:51 PM

Were they sledding when this happened??