

## **CROSS-COUNTRY (XC) SKIING & SNOWSHOEING**

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### **NEW PROCESS for XC Ski/Snowshoe Trip Sign Ups!**

First, a thank you to Dick Carroll who chaired the Cross Country Ski group for many years. Dick will continue as a ski trip leader but has stepped down from the chair role. Also, thank you to Bill Hardam and Lorena Meunier, who hosted the trip sign-up social for many years. Their hospitality was always appreciated, but we feel a meeting for this activity is no longer needed. Instead, individuals interested in finding out more information about a trip, or signing up for a trip will **contact the trip leader directly** via email. (See Process & Policies below for details.) Details for all trips can be obtained from Linda Jones via email request ([LLJones926@gmail.com](mailto:LLJones926@gmail.com)). Also, be sure to sign up for email notifications on the WTC website Skiing forum as updates to the schedule will be posted there.

### **Introduction**

XC ski/snowshoe trips are weekend (or longer) events organized by volunteer leaders from WTC. The club offers trips mostly in New York, and one each in New Hampshire, Quebec and Pennsylvania. Travel to the location is not provided, but carpooling is encouraged. If you are interested in a trip but don't want to drive, let the leader know and s/he will help to find you a ride. In addition to offering great exercise and enjoyment of the outdoors, trips are fun, social events with happy hour provided by the trip leader. Details regarding food, driving distance, ability level, snowshoeing options and more are listed with each trip or can be obtained from the trip leader or Linda Jones. An orientation for those new to skiing/snowshoeing will be held as needed in November/December.

### **NEW Process and Policies**

- Be sure to sign up for email notifications on the WTC website Skiing forum as updates to the schedule will be posted there.
- Reservations for XC ski/snowshoe trips will be accepted on a first-come basis on receipt of the deposit check.
- WTC members (and members' family and significant others) have first preference. Non-members are placed on a waiting list with receipt of a deposit check; their reservations will not be final until two weeks before the trip.
- You must contact the leader first by email to confirm openings but your reservation will not be final until a deposit is received.
- Checks are payable to the trip leader unless otherwise instructed. The leader will let you know where to send the check and what other information may be needed.
- Refunds for cancellation will be made based on the policy of the lodge.
- The deadline for sign ups is listed with each trip.
- Updates on trips that fill up, still have openings or are cancelled, will be posted in the forum.
- If there is no snow, trips are not cancelled as it spoils our longstanding relationships with the lodges. Bring hiking boots and gear, and have an enjoyable winter hike.
- All decisions and rules established by trip leaders are final.

### Preliminary 2019 XC Ski/Snowshoe Schedule

**Local Events:** Any time we have snow in the Wilmington area refer to the forum, or get in touch with Robin Kershaw. She will coordinate local skiing/snowshoeing events. Contact Robin at [robin.kershaw@verizon.net](mailto:robin.kershaw@verizon.net); 302-475-4620

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Jan 4-6	1880 House Pulaski, NY \$196 includes break- fast, dinner, happy hour, trail donation	310 miles 5.5 hours	Full breakfast Dinner: light fare in-house or local restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<u>Winona State Forest</u> : groomed and backcountry, intermediate level; snowshoeing; no lodge	free	\$100	Dec 7
<u>Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals available; lodge; no snowshoeing	\$15-20		

**Leader:** Dick Carroll; [ski38@icloud.com](mailto:ski38@icloud.com); phone 302-475-2088

**Additional Info:** Historic B&B; bedrooms with shared bathrooms; nice common areas; lodging approximately 20 minutes from ski area

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Jan 6-12	Eagle Mountain House Jackson, NH \$136 single/night \$151 double/night Includes breakfast & taxes/fees	500 miles 9.5 hours	Full breakfast included; lunches available at ski lodges; dinners at local restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Reg Deadline</b>
<u>Jackson Ski Touring</u> (at Eagle Mt. Lodge), Bretton Wood Ski Center or Great Glen Trails: All groomed, all abilities; lodges; snowshoeing	\$10-12	Make own reservations after signing up with leader	Dec 7

**Leader:** Jenny Brown; [szabrojb@gmail.com](mailto:szabrojb@gmail.com); phone 302-762-2818

**Additional Info:** Room upgrades available. Sign up with leader first then make your own hotel reservations. When making hotel reservations, please make sure they know you are with WTC. Look for more information on the forum of the WT website.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Jan 11-13	Goose Pond Inn North Creek, NY \$170 (breakfast & Happy hour)	340 Miles 6 hours	Full breakfast included; dinners at nearby restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
North Creek Ski Bowl at Gore <u>Mountain</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals; lodge; no snowshoeing <u>Garnet Hill</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; \$22 rentals; lodge; snowshoeing	\$16	\$100	Dec 7

**Leader:** Alex Moeller; [agmoeller1@gmail.com](mailto:agmoeller1@gmail.com); phone 610-476-2475

**Additional Info:** Leader makes lodging arrangements; rooms have queen beds and private bath; nice common areas including game room. Gore Mountain has lights for skiing Friday evening; Saturday is typically at Garnet Hill; Sunday may be backcountry skiing or snowshoeing; some restaurants are in walking distance.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Jan 18-21 (1 of 2)	Boonville, NY	340 miles 6 hours	Full breakfast included; dinners at nearby restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<u>BREIA</u> : groomed and backcountry; Beginner-expert; snowshoeing; no lodge (shelters) <u>Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals available; lodge; no snowshoeing <u>Lesser Wilderness</u> : backcountry, intermediate level; snowshoeing; no lodge	Free \$15-20 Free	TBD	Dec 14

**Leader:** Paul Henry; [paul\\_henry@verizon.net](mailto:paul_henry@verizon.net); phone 610-470-4466

**Additional Info:** Two trips this weekend; holiday weekend, can be 2 or 3 days. Victorian B&B in Boonville has closed. Leader is exploring new options for lodging. The fallback will be North Country Manor, a lovely B&B. Prices range from \$99-129/night and includes full breakfast.

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Jan 18-21 (1 of 2)	Double Eagle Lodge Pulaski, NY \$215 (3 nights)	310 miles 5.5 miles	Breakfast TBD; dinners at nearby restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<u>Winona State Forest</u> : groomed and backcountry, intermediate level; snowshoeing; no lodge	free	\$50	Dec 14
<u>Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals available; lodge; no snowshoeing	\$15-20		

**Leader:** Linda Jones; [LLJones926@gmail.com](mailto:LLJones926@gmail.com); phone 302-383-1088

**Additional Info:** Private bath, small refrigerator, TV in each room, comfortable common area. Often ski at smaller venue on last day on the way home

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Jan 27-31	Golden Arrow Hotel Lake Placid, NY \$596/room; \$20 happy hour	420 miles 8+ hours	No meals included; many options in hotel or close by

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
Many commercial & public venues; Groomed & backcountry; beginner-expert; rentals; lodge; snowshoeing	Free-\$20	\$25; make your own hotel reservations	Jan 4, 2019

**Leader:** Bill Hardam; [bhardam@comcast.net](mailto:bhardam@comcast.net); phone 302-654-6577

**Additional Info:** Often used as a pre-trip to Quebec (see below). Sign up with leader first then make your own hotel reservations. Cost shown is for 4 nights double occupancy. Many options for all levels of skiing (ski on Olympic courses!) and snowshoeing.

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Feb 1-8 (flexible)	Auberge du Vieux Foyer Val David, Quebec, Canada \$925-1050 (breakfast & dinner)	600 miles 12+ hours	Dinner beginning Friday night, breakfasts and Sunday brunch

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<u>De Fond Morin Heights</u> : groomed & backcountry; intermediate to expert; rentals; lodge; snowshoeing	Included	Make your own reservations after signing up with the leader	Room block held until Dec 1
<u>De Fond Mont-Tremblant</u> (and many other venues): groomed & backcountry; intermediate to expert; rentals; lodge; snowshoeing	\$12-20		

**Leader:** Carole Henry; [carolejhenry@verizon.net](mailto:carolejhenry@verizon.net); phone 518-603-9341

**Additional Info:** Just a few hours from Lake Placid; will need a passport; hotel includes French cuisine, spa and comfortable rooms. Sign up with leader then make reservations on your own. Duration of trip and start/end dates are flexible. When making hotel reservations, please make sure they know you are with WTC.

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Feb 1-3	Dillon Hill Wevertown, NY \$125-150/night	340 miles	Full breakfast; dinner at nearby restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<u>North Creek Ski Bowl at Gore</u> <u>Mountain</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals; lodge; no snowshoeing	\$16	\$100	Jan 6
<u>Garnet Hill</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; \$22 rentals; lodge; snowshoeing			

**Leader:** Linda Jones; [LLJones926@gmail.com](mailto:LLJones926@gmail.com); phone 302-383-1088

**Additional Info:** Leader makes lodging arrangements; rooms have full or queen beds and private bath; nice common area. Gore Mountain has lights for skiing Friday evening; Saturday is typically at Garnet Hill; Sunday may be backcountry skiing or snowshoeing.

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Feb 8-10	1880 House Pulaski, NY \$196 includes break- fast, dinner, happy hour, trail donation	310 miles 5.5 hours	Full breakfast Dinner: in-house or local restaurants

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<u>Winona State Forest</u> : groomed and backcountry, intermediate level; snowshoeing; no lodge	free	\$100	Jan 6
<u>Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals available; lodge; no snowshoeing	\$15-20		

**Leader:** Mike McKenna; [jmmckenna2@gmail.com](mailto:jmmckenna2@gmail.com); phone 610-274-8618

**Additional Info:** Historic B&B; bedrooms with shared bathrooms; nice common areas; lodging approximately 20 minutes from ski area

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Feb 15-18 (1 of 2)	Susquehannock Lodge Coudersport, PA \$196-212	275 miles	Includes breakfast and dinner; lunch available

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
Susquehannock State Forest. Ski from lodge; mostly backcountry; intermediate-expert; snowshoeing	Free	\$50	Jan 13

**Leader:** Bill Hardam; [bhardam@comcast.net](mailto:bhardam@comcast.net); phone 302-654-6577

**Additional Info:** Two trips this weekend; holiday weekend, can be 2 or 3 days. Mix of 5 semi-private rooms with regular and bunk beds; shared bathrooms. Private rooms available for +\$16.

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Feb 15-18 (1 of 2)	North Country Manor Boonville, NY \$99-129/night; includes breakfast	340 miles 6 hours	Full breakfast included; dinners at nearby restaurants

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<u>BREIA</u> : groomed and backcountry; Beginner-expert; snowshoeing; no lodge (shelters)	Free	TBD	Jan 13
<u>Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals available; lodge; no snowshoeing	\$15-20		
<u>Lesser Wilderness</u> : backcountry, intermediate level; snowshoeing; no lodge	Free		

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**Additional Info:** Victorian B&B in Boonville has closed. North Country Manor, a lovely B&B. Prices range from \$99-129/night and includes full breakfast.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location/Cost</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Food</b>
Feb 22-24 (1 of 2)	TBD, Boonville, NY	340 miles 6 hours	Full breakfast included; dinners at nearby restaurants

<b>Ski Area/Ability</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<u>BREIA</u> : groomed and backcountry; Beginner-expert; snowshoeing; no lodge (shelters)	Free	TBD	Jan 13
<u>Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center</u> : groomed; beginner-expert; rentals available; lodge; no snowshoeing	\$15-20		
<u>Lesser Wilderness</u> : backcountry, intermediate level; snowshoeing; no lodge	Free		

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