

2016 CROSS COUNTRY (X-C) SKIING Dick Carroll, Chairperson H: (302) 475-2088

INTRODUCTION

The winter of 2015 provided very good skiing conditions. We are hoping this continues and have ordered deep snow for each of the many skiing opportunities in 2016. Except for an added 5-day to New Hampshire, the locales are the same as in recent years: mostly in the Tug Hill and Adirondack areas of New York. *We notice that more people are interested in snowshoeing and most areas are amenable (not Osceola), so our leaders will try to accommodate this.* As usual, beginners will be able to rent equipment and take lessons at most of the venues – check with the leader. Don't miss the fun and exercise the snow provides; sign up for trips early and often!

GENERAL X-C INFORMATION AND POLICIES

- Reservations for X-C skiing trips will be made in the order in which the Trip Leader receives deposits. "Check's in the mail" is not valid!
- Make your check payable to the Trip Leader. Include full address (including ZIP), phone number (including area code), and e-mail address.
- 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.
- All checks will be deposited (cashed) upon receipt to cover the cost of deposits paid to the lodges. Refunds, if permitted by policy (see below), will be paid less a \$2 handling charge.
- Trip Leaders have first preference for trips other than their own through Wednesday, 11/4/2015. No other reservations will be taken until the evening of 11/4.
- Please DO NOT CANCEL if there is no snow as it spoils our longstanding relationships with the lodges. Bring hiking boots and gear, and have an enjoyable winter hike. If you must cancel, depending on when, your deposit might not be refunded.
- All decisions and rules established by Trip Leaders are final.

SCHEDULE

Any time we have snow in the Wilmington area get in touch with Robin Kershaw (475-4620), our Local Skiing Coordinator so you can enjoy outings to local parks with other club members.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
12/31 – 1/3	1880 House Pulaski, NY	Winona State Forest Osceola Ski Center Chateaugay SF	\$251 includes breakfasts, wine therapy, dinner, & trail donation
Leader*	Driving		
Dick Carroll	310 miles, 5.5 hours		

BEGINNERS TRIP - Need skiing equipment? Rent at Osceola

The 1880 House has nice rooms, common areas, and great hospitality. Pulaski is one interchange south of Sandy Creek so we can ski at the Winona or Chateaugay State Forests, or a commercial area - the Osceola Ski Center, all within 20 miles. Dinners will either be in-house (soup and bread) or at local restaurants, depending on participants wishes. Send deposit of \$100 to Dick.

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Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
1/8 - 10	The Flip Inn Northville, NY	Lapland Lake Resort, N'ville/Lk. Placid Trail	\$100 includes breakfasts & wine therapy
Leader* Jan King	Driving 330 miles, 6+ hours		

BEGINNERS TRIP - Need skiing equipment? Rent at Lapland Lake

We have 8 motel-type rooms at the Flip Inn right across the lake from Northville. Ski at the renowned Lapland Lake ski area that has 47K of groomed trails ranging from easy to expert through a beautiful northern forest, and Woods Lake where you can practice your glide on the ice. Here you can rent equipment (snowshoes also), take lessons, and come in for a hot beverage or soup with brown-bag lunch or buy lunch. Back woods skiing is available on the nearby Northville-Lake Placid Trail. Send \$50 deposit to Jan.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
1/10 - 15	Eagle Mtn. House Jackson, NH	Jackson Ski Touring Bretton Woods Ski Center Great Glen	\$364 includes breakfasts and one dinner.
Leaders* Jenny Brown	Driving 500 miles, 9.5 hours		

New this year!

Join us to xc ski New Hampshire, and enjoy three different ski venues, including the Jackson Ski Touring Center, Bretton Woods, and Great Glen. We will stay at the historic Eagle Mountain House in Jackson NH, where comfortable rooms, complete breakfast, spacious lounging areas for happy hour, and Sauna and hot tub await you. One group dinner at the hotel is included in the total rate. Ski out the door for Jackson Ski Touring, or a short drive to either Bretton Woods or Great Glen. Lots of groomed trails, various degrees of difficulty, and great lodges for hot soup, a quick sandwich, or warm beverage. Trail fees range from \$10-21 per day with senior rates available and 2:1 at Bretton Woods on Wednesdays. Numerous local restaurants are available for dinner options. 9 ½ hour drive from DE, all interstate except for last hour. Rates include 5 breakfasts and one dinner at the Eagle Mtn House, all taxes and gratuities. Double occupancy for the week = \$726.56 total stay / \$363.28 pp. Single occupancy = \$549.91. Contact Jenny Brown for more information and details and to sign up: szabrojb@gmail.com or (302) 762-2818. After sign up with Jenny, you must contact Eagle Mountain House directly to make your reservation: Eagle Mountain House 179 Carter Notch Road, Jackson NH 03846 (603) 383-9111. Be sure to mention WTC to get the group rate.

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Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
1/15 - 17, 18	Double Eagle Lodge Pulaski, NY	Winona State Forest Osceola Ski Center Chateaugay SF	\$125-\$180 includes breakfasts, wine therapy (2-3 nights) & trail donation
Leaders*	Driving		
Jim & Joan March	310 miles, 5.5 hours		

Double Eagle is relatively new but has a rustic look; all the rooms have private bathrooms, TVs and refrigerators. It is just east of Pulaski so we can ski at the Winona or Chateaugay State Forests, or a commercial area - the Osceola Ski Center, all within 20 miles. Send \$50 deposit to Jim; this is a two- or three-day trip including Monday - your option.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
1/15 - 17, 18	Victorian B&B Boonville, NY	BREIA Areas, Osceola Ski Center	\$75-110 includes breakfasts & wine therapy (2-3 nights)
Leader*	Driving		
Paul Henry	340 miles, 6 hours		

(Note: second trip this weekend)

The area has a nice variety of skiing venues: 3 Black River Environmental Improvement Association choices {BRIEA - Canal Towpath for beginners, Egypt Road (the gullies) or Jackson Hill for more advanced), Lesser Wilderness State Forest, or Adirondack Park bushwhacking for the adventurous experts and intermediates. The Victorian is a delightful B&B with a cozy common area. It has 3 rooms for couples, and a larger room for singles. Send a deposit of \$50 to Paul; this is a two- or three-day trip including Monday - your option.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
1/22 - 24	Dillon Hill Inn Wevertown, NY	Garnet Hill	\$180 includes breakfasts & wine therapy
Leader*	Driving		
Dick Carroll	340 miles, 6.0 hours		

Dillon Hill Inn is a small B&B in North Creek (www.dillonhill.com). On Saturday we'll drive 15 miles to ski at Garnet Hill, a commercial resort with 55k of groomed ski trails (snowshoeing trails also available) that is at 2000 ft. elevation. They usually have very good snow. Sunday, we will try one of the other cross-country trails in the area. You may want to combine this trip with the Lake Placid trip that follows and is just up the road. Send deposit of \$100 to Dick.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Area	Approx. Prices
1/24 - 1/28	Golden Arrow Hotel Lake Placid, NY	Lake Placid area, commercial & public venues	\$119 per night, per room with wine therapy & trail donation
Leader*	Driving		
Dick Carroll	420 miles, 8+ hours		

As usual, we stay at the Golden Arrow on Main Street, overlooking Mirror Lake and across from the Olympic Ice Skating Arenas. The cost shown is for a double and does not include any meals. Previously, we have stayed 5 nights - talk with the leader if you wish to stay Thursday at The Goose Pond Inn on the way home and get in another skiing day. You may also consider combining the Dillon Hill trip that precedes this one. Many free Adirondack Park venues are close, as well as for-fee private areas. These cover terrain from beginner-type with lessons, to almost impossible. Mt. Van Hovenberg, Cascade, The Jack Rabbit Trail, and the Adirondack Visitors Center at Paul Smith will be some of our destinations. This has been, and is, a cross-country ski (snowshoeing & hiking also!) heaven! Please call (518) 523-3353 to reserve your room, tell them you are with WTC. Send \$25 deposit per person to Dick by 1/5/15.

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Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
1/29 - 31	Goose Pond Inn North Creek, NY	Garnet Hill	\$170 includes breakfasts & wine therapy
Leader* Alex Moeller	Driving 340 miles, 6.0 hours		

The Goose Pond Inn is a small B&B in North Creek (www.goosepondinn.com). On Saturday we will ski Garnet Hill, a commercial resort with 55k of groomed ski trails (snowshoeing trails also available) and that is at 2000 ft. elevation. They usually have very good snow. Sunday, we will try one of the other cross-country trails in the area. You may want to combine this trip with the Lake Placid trip that precedes and is just up the road. Send deposit of \$100 to Alex.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Area	Approx. Prices
1/29 - 2/5	Auberge du Vieux Foyer Val-David, Quebec, Canada	St. Agathe, Val-David, Mt. Tremblant	\$925-1050 (Can.) dinners & Sunday Brunch
Leaders* Carole Henry	Driving 600 miles, 12+ hours		

If you haven't had enough skiing in Lake Placid, join us just a few hours north of Montreal in Val-David for 7 more days! You can ski right from the Auberge onto Le Parc Régional Dufresne trails or try the endless backcountry and commercial ski venues including Ste. Agathe des Monts, Ski de Fond Morin Heights, Ski de Fond Mont-Tremblant at Domaine Saint-Bernard and Parc National du Mont-Tremblant. The Auberge features gourmet French cuisine, spa, and comfortable rooms. Price includes dinner starting on Friday night; breakfasts, Sunday brunch, and ski pass to local trails. You can checkout the Auberge on their website <http://www.aubergeduvieuxfoyer.com> then click on ENGLISH at right. To make a reservation for this trip, we ask that you call the Auberge directly at 819-322-2686, ask for Michel Doucet, and give him your credit card for the deposit or e-mail mdoucet@aubergeduvieuxfoyer.com or info@aubergeduvieuxfoyer.com. Make sure to tell them that you are with the Wilmington Trail Club because they are holding 2 comfort plus rooms in the Auberge and 2 Deluxe rooms in Champetre. Once you make a reservation please e-mail carolejhenry@verizon.net your reservation info. NOTE: you'll need a passport.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
2/5 - 7	1880 House Pulaski, NY	Winona State Forest Osceola Ski Center Chateaugay SF	\$196 includes breakfasts, wine therapy, dinner, & trail donation
Leader* Jan King	Driving 310 miles, 5.5 hours		

See 12/31 write up for information on 1880 House. Send deposit of \$100 to Jan.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Area	Approx. Prices
2/12- 15	Susquehannock Lodge Coudersport, PA	Susquehannock Trail Susq. St. Forest	\$196-212 with Breakfasts, dinners & wine therapy
Leader* Bill Hardam	Driving 275 Miles, 6 hours		

This is a 3-day trip including Monday (Presidents' Day). It is usually the best X-C skiing in PA. This trip is for intermediate & expert skiers, and for snowshoers. Ski directly from lodge to routes of varying difficulty in the Susquehannock State Forest. Lodge has mix of five semi-private rooms with regular and bunk beds; bathrooms are on first & second floor. Five private rooms are also available for an additional \$16. The lodge also sells trail lunches. Send deposit of \$50 to Bill.

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2/19 - 21	1880 House Pulaski, NY	Winona State Forest Osceola Ski Center Chateaugay SF	\$196 includes breakfasts, wine therapy, dinner, & trail donation
Leader*	Driving		
Mike McKenna	310 miles, 5.5 hours		

See 12/31 write up for information on 1880 House. Send deposit of \$100 to Mike.

Dates	Lodging	Ski Areas	Approx. Prices
2/26 - 2/28	Victorian B&B Boonville, NY	BREIA Areas, Osceola Ski Center	\$75 includes breakfasts & wine therapy
Leader*	Driving		
Linda Jones	340 miles, 6 hours		

See 1/15 write up for information on Victorian B&B. Send deposit of \$50 to Linda.

*** THANKS TO OUR TRIP LEADERS & COORDINATORS:**

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