

## **Jan. 2: Wolf Pond Snowshoe, North Hudson**

**Leader: Ger Cox**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C+ (Fairly Easy)**

**Duration: 3.5-4 hours 4.6 miles RT Limit: 12**

**Description:** This is an undulating trail first along the rushing brook and then climbs for a short while, before dropping down towards the gorgeous pond. Elevation gain is 410 ft. We will reach a lean-to where we will have a snack/lunch. We can walk a short distance further for a nice view of some of the High Peaks. There are some interesting rock formations and ice flows alongside the trail, and a couple of water crossings.

**Meeting Time/Place:** 10AM at the trailhead. To carpool, we can meet at Frontier Town parking lot at 9:30am at Exit 29. Trailhead is approx. 12 miles off Exit 29 on Blue Ridge Road, on the right, just past where the road crosses over the Boreas River.

**Contact:** Ger Cox at [ger526@msn.com](mailto:ger526@msn.com) or 646-476-1842.

## **January 9: Snowshoe Cod Pond, Johnsbury**

**Leader: Shannon Andersen**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)**

**Duration: 3 hours 2.2 Miles RT Limit: 15**

**Description:** The Cod Pond trail is an easy 2.2-mile roundtrip with a slight elevation gain and a worthwhile reward. Our snowshoe will begin at the parking area near where Stewart Creek crosses Route 8 and flows into the Sacandaga River. We will begin on the Oregon Trail then quickly turn onto the Cod Pond Trail. Here we will gently climb uphill for about 1/2 a mile through tall pines and birches. The terrain will level out as we continue to the pond. Throughout this snowshoe we will have views of Stewart Creek along the way, and later Stewart Flow. We will then begin to get glimpses of the pond to our left and will head towards the pond. Here we will enjoy a lunch or snack before heading back the way we came.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Trailhead at 10 AM. NY-8 14.9 miles from the light/intersection on Route 28. The trailhead, with a small sign that may be easily missed and a parking lot for 10-12 cars is on the left.

**Contact:** Shannon Andersen at [theandersenson3385@yahoo.com](mailto:theandersenson3385@yahoo.com) or 914-490-9534

## **January 9: Ski to Whiteface Landing**

**Leader: Marti Townley**

**ADK Leader Level 2, B+ (Intermediate skills)**

**Duration: 4 hours 7 miles RT Limit:12**

**Description:** A few twists and turns in the beginning and then a mostly wide trail with a gradual incline. You must be able to negotiate hills and metal edges are recommended. You pass Connery pond in the beginning and then reach Lake Placid at the end. You will see beautiful views of the Lake and surrounding Mountains. If the Lake is frozen you can get great views of Whiteface.

**Meeting Place/Time:** Black Bear in Pottersville ready to leave at 8:30 OR at exit 29 at Frontiertown at 8:45 OR at the trailhead for Connery Pond about 9:50. ( call if directions are needed)

**Contact:** Marti Townley at [mdksshea@aol.com](mailto:mdksshea@aol.com) or call 518-301-3712.

**January 16, 2025: Crown Point State Historic Site Snowshoe, Crown Point, NY**

**Leader:** Tom Meyering

**ADK Rating:** Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

**Duration:** 3 hours 4 miles RT Limit: 12

**Description:** This is a snowshoe hike going through the fields and forests surrounding the ruins of Fort St. Frederic and the British Fort at Crown Point. It is anticipated we will travel 4 miles. It is relatively level with some modest hills. I work at the site and will be able to explain what we are seeing as we snowshoe across the site. The almost 400 acres was a military post over 49 years used by three countries. The ruins of the two forts are preserved. In the event that there isn't enough snow we will simply walk the site. I have two extra pair of snowshoes I can loan out (first come, first served), if needed.

**Meeting Time / Place:** 10:00 AM meet at the Museum Parking Lot of the Crown Point State Historic Site, 21 Grandview Dr., Crown Point, NY. Take the Northway to Exit 28 and head EAST on Route 74 (17.2 miles) to Route 9N. Turn left and take Route 9N North (11.4 miles) to NYS Route 185. Take Route 185 East (3.5 miles) to the Historic Site entrance on the Left. Follow the signs for the Bridge to Vermont. Drive past the Park Maintenance Building to the Museum Parking Lot near the lake.

**Contact:** Tom Meyering at [Remy12603@gmail.com](mailto:Remy12603@gmail.com) or 845-235-7699. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 AM the day of the outing.

**January 16: Polaris Bridge X-Country Ski**

**Leader:** Gail Gabriels

**ADK Rating:** Leader Level B (Moderate) 6 miles RT

**Duration:** 4-5 Hours Limit: 15

**Description:** The trail begins off the Goodnow Flow Road. It is an old road with rolling hills and one longer hill before the bridge. We will ski to the bridge, find a sheltered spot for lunch, and depending on the group, ski along the river or turn back.

**Meeting Time / Place:** 9:15AM at the Black Bear in Pottersville or 10:00 at the Overlook rest area in Newcomb.

**Contact:** Gail Gabriels at [gailgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:gailgabriels@gmail.com) or 518 644-3034.

If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 6 AM the day of the outing.

**January 23: First Brother Snowshoe, Town of Horicon**

**Leader: Brendan Hanley**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)**

**Duration: 2 hours 2.3 miles RT Limit: 10**

**Description:** This is a 2.3 mile (appx) out-and-back snowshoe off Palisade Road near Brant Lake. From the trailhead we'll hike up a ridgeline to the summit of the First Brother. Approximately 800 feet of elevation will be gained. The summit features open rocks and excellent views to the west towards Brant Lake. Depending upon conditions and group interest, the outing could be extended a total of 1.5 miles (appx) to the summit of the Second Brother and back. Such an extension would add an additional 550 feet (appx) of elevation gain and bump the ADK Rating up to Level 1, C+ (Fairly Easy).

**Meeting Place/Time:** Meet at 10:30AM at a location to be determined. Specific directions to be provided.

**Contact:** Brendan Hanley [thehanleys@frontiernet.net](mailto:thehanleys@frontiernet.net) or call (518) 251-2142. Should cancellation be necessary, an email will be sent out to participants by 7AM.

**January 23: Moxham Mt. Snowshoe/Hike, Minerva**

**Leader: Rich Salz**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B (Moderate)**

**Duration: 4.5 hours 5.4 miles Limit: 15**

**Description:** This has become one of the most popular hikes in our region due to the many overlooks with scenic views, culminating in a rocky summit facing Gore and Crane Mountains. Mostly gradual ups and downs with some moderate, short sections.

**Meeting Time/Place:** 10:00 am at the trailhead 1.8 miles down the paved portion off 14th Road, off NY 28N. Continue on the dirt road 0.2 miles. Shoulder parking also available.

**Contact:** Rich Salz at [richsalz10@gmail.com](mailto:richsalz10@gmail.com) or 914-260-1337.

If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 am the day of the outing.

**January 23: Halfway Brook Trail Ski from Barton Mines Rd to Garnet Hill, North River**

**Leader: Greg Schaefer ADK**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C+ (Fairly Easy)**

**Duration: 3 - 4 hours 4.5 miles Limit: 8**

**Description:** This back country ski covers a variety of terrain and gains several hundred feet of elevation before dropping down to Garnet Hill. The trail passes the Vly, a beaver flow, and William Blake Pond which all lend to the beautiful scenery. Much of the trail is comfortably wide but there are narrow sections on the downhill side. Although rated Fairly Easy, this trip is designed for intermediate to advanced skiers. Because of the nature of the wilderness terrain encountered, the minimum equipment of backcountry skis with edges or telemark skis are recommended. The ability to make turns in variable conditions and terrain in the woods is required. Please bring water and snacks.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Meet at 9 AM at the Tennis Courts near the Outdoor Center at Garnet Hill Lodge. From there we will carpool to the trailhead. From Rt 28 in North River, follow 13th Lake Road to Garnet Hill Road. Look for signs for right turn to the Outdoor Center. The tennis courts are located off the Outdoor Center Parking Lot.

**Contact:** Greg Schaefer at [greg.schaefer@frontier.com](mailto:greg.schaefer@frontier.com) with subject line Halfway Brook Ski or call 518-251-5451. Please note that the trip is dependent on good snow conditions. We will postpone the trip if necessary due to poor snow conditions by 7:00 am the day of the trip.

**January 30, 2025: Lost Pond Snowshoe, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness**

**Leader: Alex Paul**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)**

**Duration: 4 hours 4 miles Limit: 10**

**Description:** This is an undulating trail through woodlands with a little elevation gain to Lost Pond. We will snowshoe to the pond and along its SW shore stopping along the way for snack/lunch. We will return by the same trail.

**Meeting Time / Place:** 10:00 a.m. at the trailhead. The trailhead is located outside the Putnam Pond Campground on Putts Pond Road, about 3.3 miles south of Route 74. Parking is on the left side of the road.

**Contact:** Alex Paul at [alex.paul954@yahoo.com](mailto:alex.paul954@yahoo.com) or 719.306.4467 If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of the outing.

**January 30: Moose Pond X – C Ski, Newcomb**

**Leaders: Lynn Butterworth & John Rendinaro**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 3, A+ (Very Strenuous, due to distance)**

**Duration: 6 - 7 hours 14 miles Limit: 15**

**Description:** This ski starts off the road to Great Camp Santanoni at 2.5 miles. We turn left at the junction onto an old road that offers many ups and downs, including one long downhill to the pond. We will have lunch at the pond.

**Meeting Time / Place:** 8:30 AM at the Great Camp Santanoni trailhead

**Contact:** Lynn or John at [rendiandbutter@gmail.com](mailto:rendiandbutter@gmail.com) or 518. 240. 6162

If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 AM the day of the outing.