

February 2026 ADK-CRC Outings

February 5: Wolf Pond Hike/Snowshoe, North Hudson

Leader: Rich Salz

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

Duration: 3.5 - 4.0 hours, 4.6 miles **Limit:** 12

Description: This is a gently rolling trail through a mossy conifer forest to a lean-to and pond with scenic views of the High Peaks and surrounding mountains. We will have lunch at the lean-to.

Meeting Time / Place: 10:00 am at the trailhead. The trailhead is on Blue Ridge Rd. in North Hudson on the north side of the road where the bridge crosses the Boreas River. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RUPxPPc8X2FH5mXx7>

Contact: Rich Salz at richsalz10@gmail.com or 914-260-1337. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 am on the day of the outing.

Saturday, February 7: Botheration Ski Loop (a back country ski tour), North River

Leader: Marti Townley

ADK Rating: Leader level 2, B+, Intermediate plus skills

Duration: 4 - 5 Hours, 7.5 miles **Limit:** 12

Description: A wonderful ski loop passing through a variety of forests, stopping at the pond for lunch, and crossing the East Branch of the Sacandaga River. You must be able to negotiate hills and turns in the woods. Date and place are subject to change based on ski conditions.

Meeting Time / Place: Meet at the Tops in North Creek at 9:15. Or meet at Old Farm Clearing trailhead at the end of 13th Lake Rd. in North River at 9:40.

Contact: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com 518-301-3712

February 12: Halfway Brook Trail Backcountry Ski

Leader: Matt Schwab

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1 (Easy+)

Duration: 4 Hours **Limit:** 8

Description: This is a 4.5 mile through-backcountry ski from Barton Mines Road to the Old Farm trailhead. We will ski over easy grades past the Vly, with views of Gore Mountain, to the junction with the Botheration Pond trail. From there, the going is most level and downhill over several other ponds to Old Farm Road. Although this is an easy backcountry route, metal-edged skis are recommended.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 at the Old Farm Road trailhead. From the intersection with Route 28 (5 miles northwest of North Creek) turn right onto 13th Lake Road for 4.1 miles. Stay straight onto Old Farm Road and go 0.7 miles to the end, continuing onto the narrower DEC single lane road to the trailhead. We will shuttle several cars from here to the start of the ski at Barton Mines Road.

Contact: Matt Schwab at mschwab205@gmail.com or 845-797-7193. Bring lunch and water. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7 AM the day of the outing.

February 12: Snowshoe Panther Mtn, Chestertown

Leader: Meredith Todd

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (easy)

Duration: 1.5 - 2.5 hours, depending on snow conditions

Description: This Chester Challenge trail climbs 663 feet gradually along the 1.2-mile ascent. There is a view of Chestertown and further to the west from a ledge near the summit.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM at the trailhead on Theriot Ave.

Directions: The trailhead is on Theriot near the junction of Starbuck Hill Rd. Theriot is a left turn off Rt. 8 just past North Warren School if coming from Northway exit 25 or is the road leading east from the flashing signal at the center of town. Parking is on either side of the barrier across Theriot Ave.

Contact: Meredith Todd at meredith36ny@yahoo.com or 518-494-8088.

Friday, February 13: Ski Bowl Park to Becks Tavern (Snowshoe), Town of Johnsburg

Leader: Brendan Hanley

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 2.5 hours Limit: 10

Description: After spotting cars at Becks, this three-mile (appx) meandering hike will start near the base of the Schaefer Trail at Ski Bowl Park in North Creek. From there we'll proceed through the park up the red trail and hook up with the Schaefer Trail at a junction. We'll then head up the Schaefer Trail, eventually leaving the park, and proceed to the base of a spectacular waterfall in the Roaring Brook gorge. After a break at the waterfall, we'll head back down the Schaefer Trail to the Becks Boundary trail. After passing a series of open viewpoints, we'll re-enter Ski Bowl Park on the white trail and proceed to a woods trail leading down to Becks. I estimate a total of 600 feet (appx) of elevation gain spread out among the various legs of the hike. I chose Friday (rather than Thursday) for this outing in anticipation of Becks being open for lunch at noon.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at 10:00AM at a location to be determined. Specific directions will be provided.

Contact: Brendan Hanley bjhanley53@gmail.com or call (518) 251-2142. Should cancellation be necessary, an email will be sent out to participants by 7AM.

February 19: Potluck and program at the Adirondack Interpretive Center, Newcomb

Hosts: Rose and Lance Cooper

Schedule: 1:00 - 4:00

1:00 – 1:30 Social Time

1:30 – 2:00 Meeting

2:00 – 3:00 Lunch

3:00 Program

The AIC has outlets for crock pots. Please bring your eating utensils, plates and beverage, plus your Potluck offering. Please contact us to let us know what you'll bring.

Contact: Rose Cooper rosecooper2@gmail.com or 914-844-3078.

February 19: Rich Lake & Peninsula Trail Loop with winter tree ID, Newcomb

Leader: Miok Salz, Licensed NY State Guide

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 1.5 hours, 1.9 miles Limit: 15

Description: This is a lovely trail through a mainly coniferous forest with scenic views of Rich Lake and Goodnow Mountain. One steep section. We will learn how to identify different conifers found in the boreal region.

Meeting Time / Place: 11:30 am in the AIC building.

Contact: Miok Salz at MIOKLS@aol.com or 914-261-8691. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 am on the day of the outing.

February 19: Cross Country Ski to Newcomb Lake intersection at Santanoni Great Camp, Newcomb

Leader: Shannon Andersen and Peggy Carrol

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 3 hours, 7 miles Limit: 15

Description: From the trailhead, we will pass by the gate and start a wonderful ski over mellow terrain. With lots of use by skiers and snowshoers, expect the road to be fast, especially on the sparse and moderate downhills. After an easy uphill ski, you will come to the Farm Complex. From there we will be skiing mostly uphill on a very easy grade, at times hardly noticeable and seemingly flat. Just prior to the crossing of the bridge at Newcomb Lake there is a slight downhill. We should return to the parking area by 12:30 so we can convene at the nearby AIC by 1:00 PM.

Meeting Time/Place: 9:00 AM at the Santanoni parking.

Contact: Shannon Andersen at theandersenson3385@yahoo.com or 914-490-9534.

Wednesday, February 25: Pine Ridge Snowshoe, Town of Johnsburg

Leader: Brendan Hanley

Level: Easy/Moderate ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 2.5 hours Limit: 10

Description: This is a 3.00-mile (appx) round trip snowshoe from the Hanley residence in North Creek to the summit of Pine Ridge (some additional milage could be added if participants are interested). The summit provides unique views across Peaceful Valley to the ski trails at Gore. Notwithstanding the ADK "Easy" rating I have added "to Moderate" language in my own assessment because 550 ft of elevation is gained primarily over the last half mile to the summit and that last half mile, as well as significant portions of the return loop, are bushwacks. It is possible we will be breaking trail through deep snow in those areas.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Hanley residence (30 Stork Road in North Creek) at 10:00AM. Specific directions to be provided.

Contact: Brendan Hanley bjhanley53@gmail.com or call (518) 251-2142. Should cancellation be necessary, an email will be sent out to participants by 7AM.

February 26, 2026: Cross Country Ski at Gore Mountain Ski Bowl

Leader: Tracey Donaldson

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 3 to 4 hours **Limit:** 10

Description: We will explore the Nordic trails at Gore Mountain, which are marked and groomed. See goremountain.com for rental rates and lift tickets if you need to purchase these. The Nordic trail map is also posted here to view the ski options. Tracey will lead green and blue trails.

Meeting time / Place: Meet at the Gore Mountain Nordic Center at the Ski Bowl, ready to ski at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Tracey Donaldson at traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com or 845-464-5177. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 a.m. on the day of the outing.

February 26: Second Pond Cross Country Ski, Johnsbury

Leader: Lynn Butterworth

ADK Rating Leader Level: 2, B (Moderate)

Duration: 4 - 5 hours, 5.4 miles **Limit:** 10

Description: This X-C ski has 700 feet of elevation, with mostly rolling terrain. There are a couple of longer climbs, with accompanying downhill. On our way to the pond, we will pass a beaver dam and go through a mature, hardwood forest. If ice conditions allow, we will ski out onto the pond, which will afford us a view of the backside of Gore Mountain and its fire tower.

Meeting Time / Place: Due to limited trailhead parking, we will meet at the corner of Rt. 8 and Peaceful Valley Rd. in Johnsbury at 9:45am.

Contact: Lynn at rendiandbutter@gmail.com or 518-240-6162. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 AM the day of the outing.