

March 1(Saturday): Santanoni Ski**Leader: Tom Meyering****ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)****Duration: 4 hours Limit: 12**

Description: This is a chance to enjoy a 10 mile round trip ski. We will start at the Santanoni Gatehouse and ski to the Great Camp Santanoni. Going in there is a 350 foot ascent and 250 foot descent on the old carriage road over 5 miles. That is reversed for the return trip. The gradual elevation change adds to the adventure of the trip. Overall, I would rate this trip is easy. We will have lunch on the porch of the Great Camp. For information about the site and trail see the NYS DEC website.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM meet at the Santanoni Gate Lodge Parking Lot, located at 58 Newcomb Lake Road, off NY Route 28N in Newcomb. From Exit 29 of the Northway take Route 28N West 28.3 miles. Turn right onto Newcomb Lake Road. The parking lot is over the bridge.

Contact: Tom Meyering at 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.

March 6: Lake Bonita/Lake Ann Loop Snowshoe/ Micro-spike/ Hike**Leaders: Anne and Jim Waring****Level: Leader Level 1, C (Easy) Duration: 3 hours, 4 miles Limit:12**

Description: The Lake Bonita to Lake Ann loop offers a 4-mile hike with a 440 feet elevation gain through Moreau Lake State Park and is one of the hikes that qualifies for the ADK Gateway 8 Challenge. The trail descends and follows along the shore of Lake Bonita before winding through the forest to Lake Ann where we will stop at a lean-to for a snack/lunch. There are a few steep sections and creek crossings along the way. We will return back to Lake Bonita and continue around the lake back to the connecting trail to the parking lot.

Meeting Time/Place: 10 am at the Moreau Lake State Park/Lake Bonita trailhead at 201 Wilton/Corinth Mountain Road. Take the Northway Exit 16 for Corinth to Ballard Road (which becomes Corinth Mountain/Wilton Road). Follow Ballard Road for 4.2 miles to the parking lot for Lake Bonita on the right.

Contact: Anne or Jim Waring at annewaring1011@gmail.com or (631) 965-0610. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 am the day of the hike.

March 6: Ski to Marcy Dam off the Loj road near Lake Placid

Leader: Marti Townley

ADK rating: Leader Level 2, B (Moderate), Intermediate skills (able to ski short hills)

Duration: 4-5 hours, 7.5 miles

Description: This is a classic Adirondack ski. You will be skiing on a rolling terrain through the woods till you reach the Old Marcy Dam. There will be great views of the high Peaks.

Meeting time/place: 8:15 at the Black Bear in Pottersville or at the Parking area to South Meadow Road at 9:45. From Keene follow NY 73 W, In 11.5 miles, turn left on Adirondack Loj road. Go about 4 miles till you reach South Meadow on the left. If cancellation is necessary you will receive an email by 6 am.

Contact: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com 516-301-3712

March 13: Berry Mill Pond, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Snowshoe/Microspikes Hike

Leader: Ger Cox

ADK rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 3.5 hours 4 miles RT Limit: 12

Description: The trail starts uphill on an old road, then crosses a stream and then continues along some straight sections and then the road follows alongside a brook for a while. After crossing a stream, the trails continues through some nice woods. We will end up at a lean-to near the outlet to the Pond, where we will stop for a snack/lunch before returning along the same route.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM at trailhead. The trailhead is located in the Putnam Pond Campgrounds at the end of Putts Pond Road, about 3.5 miles south of Route 74.

Contact: Ger Cox at Ger526@msn.com or 646-476-1842.

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

March 13: X-Country Ski to Pharaoh Lake

Leader: Gail Gabriels

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

Duration: 4-4.5 Hours Limit: 10

Description: We will ski from the Beaver Pond Trailhead to Pharaoh Lake. Depending on conditions, we will ski across the lake to the lean-to for lunch.

Meeting Time/Place: Meet at the trailhead at 10AM. Follow Route 8 through the town of Brant Lake. Take a left onto Palisades Rd. at the northeast end of the lake. At about 1.5 miles turn right onto Beaver Pond Road. After less than a mile, look for Pharaoh Lake Road on the right. Continue to parking area on the left.

Contact: Gail Gabriels at gailgabriels@gmail.com or 518 644-3034.

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

March 20: 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: 15

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 AM, 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>

March 27: Hike/snowshoe Spectacle Pond and Gull Pond

Leader: Peggy Carrol

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 4 hours 4.5 Miles Limit: 15

Description: This trail along Spectacle Brook has a gentle slope of 300 feet over the course of 1.7 miles. There is a nice view of Pharaoh Mtn across the pond and a pleasant place to have lunch or a snack. There are several small bridges which are in good repair and fairly wide. On returning to the trailhead, we will drive about another mile up the road to the Gull Pond trailhead. A half mile hike into this little pond there is a campsite and a second pond reward.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM at the trailhead or carpool from the Adirondack General Store at 9:40. If you wish to meet at the store, notify the leader.

Directions: The trailhead is on Red Wing/Adirondack Rd. 5.8 miles north of the hamlet of Adirondack or 2.7 miles south of the intersection with Crane Pond Rd north of Schroon.

Contact: Peggy at peggycarrol281@gmail.com or 281-804-5744. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 AM the day of the outing