

January 2026 ADK-CRC Outings

January 8: Spectacle Pond Snowshoe/microspikes, Pharaoh Wilderness

Leader: Ger Cox

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 2.5 hours, 3.2 miles **Limit:** 12

Description: The trail follows a gentle incline on the way to the pond along Spectacle Brook which we will cross a few times. There is a campsite along the edge of the water, and from the pond there is a great view looking across the water towards the surrounding mountains. Since this is a short hike, we will have the option to also do Gull Pond trail one mile north along Adirondack Road, if the group is interested. This trail is only .5 miles into pond but has dramatic cliffs on the opposite side to the pond.

Meeting Place/Time: 9:30am at trailhead. Take Alder Meadow Road, north of the town of Schroon, and go 3.1 miles. Continue following the road to the right and go for another 2.7 miles to trailhead on left. You will pass Gull Pond trailhead on your left but keep going for another mile south. Trailhead is at a big bend in the road.

From Pottersville, Route 9, take Glendale Road past the launch and make a left turn on to Adirondack Road. At the settlement of Adirondack, turn on to Red Wing Road and drive approx. 5.8 miles to the trailhead at a wide bend in the road on the right.

Contact: Ger Cox at ger526@msn.com or 646-476-1842. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7AM on the day of the outing.

January 8: Cross Country Ski at Fern Park in Inlet

Leader: Marti Townley

ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B, intermediate **Limit:** 12

Duration: 5 Hours, 6-8 miles

Description: This Park has beautiful ski trails through the woods, and many are groomed. We will pick trails with the best conditions. Inlet often has early snow.

Meeting Time/Place: 8:30 at Tops in North Creek or at 10 at the entrance to Fern Park in Inlet. At the information center turn left on South Shore Road, then left on Loomis Road.

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

January 15, 2026: Crown Point State Historic Site Snowshoe, Crown Point, NY

Leader: Tom Meyering

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

Duration: 3 hours

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: Please signup by contacting me. 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.

January 15: Polaris Bridge X-Country Ski

Leader: Gail Gabriels

ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, 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: 9:15 AM at the Black Bear in Pottersville or 10:00 at the Overlook rest area in Newcomb.

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.

January 22, 2026: Lost Pond Snowshoe, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness

Leader: Tracey Donaldson

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

January 29: Snowshoe Cunningham Trails, Chestertown

Leader: Meredith Todd

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 2.5 - 3 hours

Description: The Cunningham Trails were added to the Chester Challenge a couple of years ago, and the network continues to expand. We will snowshoe or hike 3 - 5 miles, depending on trail conditions. There are many possible routes, but at least one loop will be included. There will be one modest hill near the start, but otherwise there will not be much elevation change.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM at the Town of Chester Dog Park lot or across Little Tannery Rd from the park.

Directions: Little Tannery Rd is a loop road off of US Rt 9 at the south end of town.

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