

## March 2026 ADK-CRC Outings

**Monday March 2: Backcountry Ski the historic Raymond Brook Trail, North River**

**Leader: Rich Tocher**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B+ Moderately Strenuous**

**Minimum Duration: 3-4 hours, 4.5 miles**

**Limit: 8**

**Description:** After meeting at the Ski Bowl, we will carpool up to the trailhead on the Barton Mines Rd. The trail begins with a 200 ft. ascent (approx. 20 minutes). The trail then descends, passing the old 1930's Sled Shed, and crossing three bridges, descending about 1400' in about 4 miles of trail, with some ups and downs. We may take a side trip up to Rabbit Pond. After completing most of the descent, we will take the Connector Trail back to the Ski Bowl. Please bring water, snacks, and lunch. This trip is designed for intermediate to advanced skiers. The minimum equipment of backcountry AT skis with skins or telemark skis with metal edges and wax or skins is required. The ability to make turns in variable conditions and terrain in the woods is required.

**Meeting Place/Time:** Meet at 9:00 AM at Ski Bowl Park Parking Lot (Ski Bowl Road on Tri-County Nursing Home side, near Hudson Lift), off Route 28, North Creek, NY. From there we will carpool to the trailhead. The Ski Bowl is located near the Village of North Creek on Rt. 28. Coming from the south, turn left into Ski Bowl Road and follow road to parking lot.

**Contact:** Rich Tocher at [rich.tocher1@gmail.com](mailto:rich.tocher1@gmail.com) with subject line Raymond Brook Ski or call 970-901-0930. 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.

**March 5: Lapland Lake Cross Country Ski Area in Northville, NY**

**Leader: Marti Townley**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, Moderate (Marti Townley) and Level 1, Easy (Peggy Carrol)**

**Duration: 5 hours, you choose your own distance**

**Description:** Lapland Lake is a wonderful ski area with well-groomed trails for all levels. There is a fee for skiing but it is well worth it. Ski lessons and rentals would also be available. There is a nice ski lodge for warming up and buying or bringing your own lunch.

**Meeting time/Place:** Wevertown Community Center (corner Rt. 8 and Rt. 28) 8:30 or Lapland Lake at 9:30. 139 Lapland Lake Rd, Northville, NY.

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

**Friday, March 6, 2026: Little Rock Pond Snowshoe, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness**

**Leader: Alex Paul**

**Co-Leader: Tracey Donaldson**

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

**Duration: 6 hours Limit: 10**

**Description:** From the Putnam Pond Campsite boat launch parking lot, we will snowshoe through the campsite to Little Rock Pond (approx. 2.3 miles). At the leanto Alex will demonstrate flint & amp, steel fire building, roasting and brewing coffee on a campfire. While tending the fire Co-leader Tracey will lead the group on a short hike to Rock Pond. Upon returning to the leanto we will enjoy coffee and biscochos around the campfire. We will return to our vehicles via our initial route.

**Meeting Time/Place:** 9:00 AM at the Putnam Pond Campsite Boat Launch Parking lot. From I-87 exit 28 take NY74 east past Paradox and Eagle lakes to Putts Rd. (approx. 15 miles). Turn south on Putts Rd. and proceed to Putnam Pond Campsite at the end of the road (approx. 8 miles).

**Contact:** Alex Paul at 719.306.4467 or [alex.paul954@yahoo.com](mailto:alex.paul954@yahoo.com).

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

**March 12: Hike/Microspike/Snowshoe at Pack Demonstration Forest in Chestertown, NY**

**Leaders: Anne and Jim Waring**

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

**Duration: 2.5-3 hours, 4.1 miles Limit: 12**

**Description:** This is a 4.1-mile loop hike around the scenic Pack Forest Lake with a minimal elevation gain of 165 feet. This property was gifted in 1927 by Charles Lathrop Pack to Syracuse University and is now part of the SUNY of Environmental Science and Forestry campus. It is also home to an Environmental Education Camp during the summer for 500 campers between the ages of 11-17. The trail will loop back to the parking area.

**MeetingTime/Place:** 10 AM at the Pack Demonstration parking area at 136 Pack Forest Road in Chestertown, NY off route 9.

**Contact:** Anne or Jim Waring at [annewaring1011@gmail.com](mailto: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 12: Boreas Ponds XC Ski, North Hudson**

**Leader: Gail Gabriels**

**Level: Leader Level B+ Duration: 5.5 - 7 hours, 14 miles Limit: 10**

**Description:** We will ski along the Gulf Brook Road to the Boreas Ponds. The road starts with a gradual, steady climb for 1.2 miles before leveling off. It descends a bit and then is mostly flat. This is a long ski, but worth the views from the dam where we will have lunch. Bring snacks, lunch, water and layers.

**Meeting Time / Place:** 8:00 AM at the Black Bear or 8:45 AM at Gulf Brook Road, North Hudson. Parking may be limited so we will carpool as much as possible.

**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 6:30 AM the day of the outing.

**March 19: Hike Severance Mountain, Schroon Lake**

**Leader: Tracey Donaldson**

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

**Duration 2 to 3 hours, 2.5 miles Limit: 10**

**Description:** This is a short gentle climb to a nice view to Schroon and Paradox Lakes. The trail goes under the Northway, crosses a stream and climbs about a mile. This is an out and back hike on a well-marked and popular trail.

**Meeting Time / Place:** Meet at the Severance trailhead at 10:00 AM, located on Route 9, north of the village of Schroon Lake, near the Alder Meadow Road intersection.

**Contact:** Tracey Donaldson at [traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com](mailto:traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com) or 845-464-5177. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent out by 7:00 AM the day of the outing.

**March 19: Cross Country Ski at Tupper Lake Golf Course**

**Leader: Shannon Andersen**

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

**Duration: 3.5 hours, Limit: 15**

**Description:** Tupper Lake Golf Course turns into a free cross country ski location with over 5 miles of groomed trails. This is not your typical golf course skiing as most of the trails have gentle rolling hills and are in the woods. This is a ski for all abilities.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Be ready to ski at 10 AM. We will meet at the parking area for the Tupper Lake Golf Course which is along the old road to the Big Tupper Ski area. There is a warming hut/pro shop on the right.

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

## **March 26: Snowshoe/Hike on the Oregon Trail, Johnsbury**

**Leader: Shannon Andersen**

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

**Duration: 3 hours, Limit: 15**

**Description:** This trail is in the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest. Last year we snowshoed to Cod Pond. This year we will stay straight at the intersection and snowshoe towards Stewart Creek Flow. Here the trail follows the stream through a forest of pine, hemlock and birch trees. We will then hike to the Stewart Creek Bridge to admire the Stewart Flow where we will see a waterfall and the site of an old dam. If we can cross the creek we will continue on the trail towards North Bend and Baldwin Springs before we turn around and go back the way we came.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Trailhead located at the Cod Pond parking lot on Route 8 in Johnsbury.

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

## **March 26: Snowshoe/Hike to Goose Pond, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Town of Schroon**

**Leader: Meredith Todd**

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

**Duration/Distance: 3 - 4 hours, depending on snow (or lack of) / 3 miles round trip, plus a little extra along the shore**

**Description:** There is only 300 feet of elevation gain along the trail to the pond. We will follow a brook a good part of the way. There is a nice view of Pharaoh Mtn from the pond.

**Meeting Time/Place:** 10:00 AM at the trailhead or 9:30 at the Black Bear to carpool.

**Directions:** From Northway Exit 28 (Rt 74/Ticonderoga) proceed to the 4 way flashing red signal. Turn right (south) onto US Rt 9. At 0.6 miles, take the first left onto Alder Meadow Rd. At 2.1 miles, turn left onto Crane Pond Rd, drive 1.4 miles to the parking lot at the end.

**Contact:** Meredith Todd at [meredith36ny@yahoo.com](mailto:meredith36ny@yahoo.com) or 518-494-8088.