Cold River Chapter Outings December 2026

December 3: OK Slip Falls Hike
Leader: Tracey Donaldson
ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B
Duration: 4 to 5 hours, 6.4 miles, elevation gain 975, Limit 10
Description: Hike to one of the highest waterfalls in the Adirondacks. This is a nice trail on rolling terrain through the forest.
Meeting Time / Place: 9:30 at Tops in North Creek, or at the parking lot for the trailhead at 9:50. The parking area is labeled Hudson Gorge Wilderness Area on the left side of Route 28, about 10 miles north of North Creek.
Contact: Tracey at traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com or 845-464-5177
If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 6:00 AM the day of the outing.
Medical: Hudson Headwaters Health Center, 126 Ski Bowl Road, North Creek, NY 518-251-2541

December 3: Hike Wilcox Lake, Stony Creek
Leader: Peggy Carrol
ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C
Duration: 4 to 5 hours, 5.7 miles, elevation gain 486 ft, Limit 12
Description: A hike to a great trout fishing spot, part of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor in the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest. From the trailhead we cross East Stony Creek on a suspension bridge, walk for about 1.5 miles on current and old logging roads, passing through Bakertown on private land and enter the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest. On DEC trails we cross another bridge, have some elevation as we approach the Lake, stop at an east shore lean-to for lunch and then retrace our steps.
Meeting Time / Place: 10:00 at the trailhead or for those who want to carpool from Warrensburg, 9:15 at Warrensburg Price Chopper parking lot.
Directions: From the south, take the Northway to exit 23. Turn left off the exit and then right onto Route 9 North for half a mile. Turn left onto Judd Bridge and then right onto River St/NY 418 W for 3.9 miles. Continue onto Stony Creek/Warrensburg Rd for 8.6 miles into Stony Creek. In Stony Creek, turn right onto Harrisburg Rd and continue for 11 miles to the end of the pavement where you find a small parking lot on the right, just before the creek crossing and a suspension foot bridge.
Contact: peggycarrol281@gmail.com or 281-804-5744. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7 AM the day of the outing.
Medical Facility: Urgent Care Hudson Headwaters Warrensburg, 3767 Main Street, Warrensburg, NY 518-623-2844

December 10: Microspike/snowshoe/hike Sawyer Mountain, Indian Lake Leader: Shannon Andersen
ADK Rating: Level 1, C
Duration: 2.3 miles, 2 Hours, Limit 12
Description: This is an out and back 2.3-mile hike with a gradual 623 foot elevation gain. The summit is wooded but there are two lookouts on the way up and another one 100 yards beyond the summit. From these points you get long range views of the surrounding mountains.
Meeting Time/Place: We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Sawyer Mountain pull off parking area on Route 28/30 between Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake.
Contact: Shannon Andersen at theandersenson3385@yahoo.com or 914-490-9534. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7 AM the day of the outing.
Medical Facility: Indian Lake Health Center, 6356 State Rt 30, Indian Lake, 518-648-5707

Saturday December 12: Holiday Luncheon at Garnet Hill Lodge
Social Hour – 10:30-11:30 AM
Annual Meeting & Election of New CRC Officers – 11:30
Luncheon – 12:00
RSVP by December 4, 2026

December 17: Ski into Great Camp Santanoni
Leader: Marti Townley
ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B (advanced beginner / intermediate ski Level)
Duration: 5 hours, 10 miles Limit: 15
Description: This is a traditional first ski of the year into Great Camp Santanoni on Newcomb Lake. There are a few hills to negotiate but you are on a road most of the way.
Meeting time / Place: 8:30 am Black Bear in Pottersville or 9:30 at the trailhead Drive through the town of Newcomb on rt 28N if coming from the south. Look for a sign on the right for Great Camp Santanoni.
Contact: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com 518-301-3712
Medical: Newcomb Health Center, 4 Santanoni Drive, Newcomb NY , 518-582-2991

Thursday, December 31: Mt. Van Hoevenberg X – C Ski, Lake Placid
**If there is no snow, this outing will be replaced with a moderately rated hike.
Leader: Lynn Butterworth
ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy) Skiing for all abilities!
Duration 3 - 5 hours Limit: 15
Description: LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! The Mt Van Hoevenberg Olympic Ski Center boasts 55+ kilometers of beautiful, groomed trails, offering easy to expert skiing conditions. We will break into groups based on ability. If you are brand new to skiing, Mt. Van Ho offers rental equipment with a lesson for $65. We can all meet for a lunch break in the lodge at noon before heading back out for an afternoon of more skiing. Bring your own lunch, or you can purchase lunch at the lodge. A one-day adult ski pass is $32, ages 65 – 69 $28, or ages 70+ $24.
Meeting Time / Place: 10:00 AM at Mt Van Hoevenberg ski center, upstairs
31 Van Hoevenberg Way, Lake Placid, NY 12946
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.
Medical: Lake Placid Health Center, 203 Old Military Rd., Lake Placid 12946
518. 523. 1717