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<b>Monthly Meeting And Events -</b>  <b>Winter Picnic at Lapham Peak</b> <i>Sunday, January 14, 2024, noon</i>  The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee's annual winter picnic and monthly meeting will be held January 14, 2024.  <b>When:</b> Sunday, January 14, 2024  <b>Picnic:</b> Noon, Homestead Hollow parking lot, Trecker Lodge accessed from the <b>Homestead Hollow parking lot via a walking path.</b>  Reserve your spot for the picnic lunch by registering at <a href="#">event link</a> by <b>Tuesday, January 9.</b> The club will supply sub sandwiches and water for the indoor picnic.  If you plan to ski on the snowmaking loop located by Evergreen parking area, check the <a href="#">Friends of Lapham Peak website trail conditions</a> report for current conditions.  If you have any questions call Rita at 262-547-4827.  <b>Event Location:</b> Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit, W329 N846 County C, Delafield, WI 53018. If you are told by the park office attendant when you arrive that the park is full, state that you are attending a Milwaukee Nordic Ski Club event at Trecker Lodge.  <b>Directions:</b> On highway I-94 between Madison and Milwaukee, take the Delafield exit and		<b>Coming Up:</b>  <i>Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip</i> <b>February 9 - 11</b>  <i>Fish Fry and Meeting</i> <b>February 16</b>  <i>ABR Ski Trip</i> <b>March 1 - 3</b>  <b>March 13-23</b> <b>Online annual meeting &amp; board elections.</b>  <b>Contact Us:</b>  Email <a href="mailto:nordicskiclub.mke@gmail.com">nordicskiclub.mke@gmail.com</a>  For membership information, call

drive south on County Road C for 0.9 miles to the park entrance, on the east side of the road.  
**Entrance fee:** Purchase admission stickers online, by calling 888-305-0398, or at Lapham Peak.  
Resident annual vehicle \$28; senior (65+) \$13; daily \$8. Statewide trail pass (for skiing), \$25.

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## Valley Spur Ski Trip

*Friday, January 19 - Sunday, January 21, 2024*

There are many outstanding reasons to sign up for the January 19 - 21, 2024 Valley Spur ski weekend, Munising, Michigan.

The following are seven favorites:

- 1.) SNOW!
- 2.) Well groomed, beginner to advanced ski and snowshoe trails through the pristine Hiawatha National Forest
- 3.) Ski lessons offered by Nordic members
- 4.) Peggy Carberry's homemade soups for lunch
- 5.) Overnights at the comfortable Comfort Inn on the shore of Lake Superior
- 6.) Optional Saturday night group dinner
- 7.) Hang out with like minded, friendly people

Depart on Friday, 8:00 am with a stop at the Green Bay Reforestation Camp (if there is snow); ski two days at Valley Spur. Questions? Contact trip leader, Jane Stoltz (414-378-1691 or [1jmsoltz@gmail.com](mailto:1jmsoltz@gmail.com)). Click here to access the trip reservation form: [Valley Spur Ski Trip](#).

## NSCM Trip to Vermont

*January 27 - February 3, 2024*

There is still one room available for anyone interested in this ski trip. Vermont is well-known as a fabulous place to cross-country ski. We will be near the lovely Green Mountains, from which Vermont gets its name. Here is your opportunity to experience the beauty of Vermont in winter. The trip will consist of eight days and seven nights, with opportunity to ski on six days.

We plan to stay at the Comfort Inn Trolley Square near Rutland [see here](#). The rooms include TV, refrigerator, microwave, etc. The hotel has a pool and there is a restaurant next door.

Some nearby ski areas include:

Mountain Top Inn with 60 km of trails, 10 miles away [info](#)

Rikert Outdoor with 55 km of trails, 30 miles away [info](#)

Fox Run Nordic with 15 km of trails, 25 miles away [info](#)

Viking Nordic with 26 km of trails, 35 miles away [info](#)

<p>Woodstock Nordic Center with 45 km of trails, 31 miles away <a href="#">info</a></p> <p>Mountain Meadows XC Center with 40 km of trails, 12 miles away <a href="#">info</a></p> <p>The cost of the trip should be about \$1,000 for members and \$1,100 for non-members although the prices may change. This includes air fare from Chicago's O'Hare airport to Burlington, VT, rental car for every 3 people and lodging.</p> <p>Please contact Stan Rosenstiel at <a href="mailto:mrstanmr@yahoo.com">mrstanmr@yahoo.com</a> or 262-694-2206 if you are interested or for more information.</p>	<p><a href="http://@nordicskiclub.org">@nordicskiclub.org</a></p> <p><b>Facebook Chair:</b> Ellen Riley <a href="mailto:ellenriley612@gmail.com">ellenriley612@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook Link:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Nordic-Ski-Club-of-Milwaukee-NSCM-111282934088979/">https://www.facebook.com/Nordic-Ski-Club-of-Milwaukee-NSCM-111282934088979/</a></p>
<p><b>Minocqua Ski Trip</b> <i>Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11, 2024</i></p> <p>There is still plenty of room on the bus for you to join us for great skiing at Minocqua Winter Park, just named the Number 1 Cross Country Ski Resort in the country by USA Today.</p> <p>MWP has 86 km of meticulously groomed and scenic ski trails as well as 15 miles of snowshoe trails, and continues to make improvements to the trails and facilities. A café in the chalet serves a variety of food, and homemade soups. The ski shop, which has expanded into a new addition, has all the latest ski gear, waxes, and clothes, and rents skis and snowshoes.</p> <p>Out on the trails, you'll find the Tea House and three fire pits with shelters to gather with friends while skiing or snowshoeing.</p> <p>We plan to ski at Nine Mile Forest near Wausau on the way up, with 30 km of ski trails, 11 km of snowshoe trails, and a large chalet with ski rentals.</p> <p>Accommodations are at the AmericInn in downtown Minocqua with a swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, free continental breakfast, and a microwave and refrigerator in each room.</p> <p>Contact trip leader John McCarthy at 414-412-0331 or <a href="mailto:johnnymac1952@gmail.com">johnnymac1952@gmail.com</a> for more information. Click here to access the trip reservation form: <a href="#">Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip</a>.</p>	<p><b>Membership Chair:</b> Pat Doornek 414-906-0629</p> <p><i>New memberships or renewal forms may be mailed to:</i> Pat Doornek 3463 N. Newhall St. Milwaukee, WI 53211</p> <p><b>Contact Us:</b></p> <p><b>Volunteers</b></p> <p>The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at <a href="mailto:acoutrr@att.net">acoutrr@att.net</a> if you are interested in learning more.</p>
<p><b>ABR Ski Trip</b> <i>Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 3, 2024</i></p> <p>Save the date! Take advantage of this last blast outstanding skiing opportunity at ABR in Ironwood, MI. Last season they had 253 inches of snow on 101 km of groomed trails. Bring or rent snowshoes to enjoy 16 km of the most diverse and scenic snowshoeing you'll find in the Midwest.</p> <p>Our five-hour bus ride from Milwaukee is divided by a mid-day stop at Nine Mile Forest near Wausau, with 30 km of both skating and striding ski trails and 11 km of snowshoe trails. The chalet offers ski rentals.</p> <p>We'll stay at the Quality Inn hotel in Ironwood. Some restaurants are within walking distance of the hotel, and there are more dining options in nearby downtown Hurley. Saturday's group dinner will be at the Elk &amp; Hound Restaurant on the Gogebic Country Club grounds in Ironwood. Expect an unforgettable evening!</p> <p>Sign up before January 31 to receive the Early Bird discount. Contact Trip Leader Sally Heuer:</p>	<p><b>Club Membership</b></p> <p>Membership Renewals due Oct. 1. Renew online. Then pay through PayPal or mail check to Pat Doornek.</p> <p>Dues - Individual \$25 Household \$35 Must be a current member to book ski trips at member rate.</p> <p><b>Web Tips</b></p> <p>Adjust your profile settings so that fellow Nordic Members can see your name, address and phone numbers. Select "Members Only" to protect the information from the general public. That is the default for new members.</p>

smiles@metrodish.net or 414- 403-7911 with any questions. Click here to access more details and the trip reservation form: [ABR Trails Ski Trip](#).

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## Bus Trips Now Are for NSCM Members Only

To go on Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee bus ski trips up north, participants must be club members. That is a change made to NSCM policy by the board of directors at its December 11, 2023, meeting.

In the past, we allowed non-members to participate in trips at a higher price. Since our current membership fee is low -- \$25 for individuals -- it makes sense for trip participants simply to join the club instead of paying a higher trip price. And one set of pricing makes it easier for trip leaders.

Also, please make sure you have paid your dues, and signed the club's liability waiver, before you go on a trip or you won't be allowed on the trip.

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## If it Snows, We Go

If you think you might be watching weather conditions this winter with an eye toward chasing skiable snow either during the week or on weekends, consider being the “point” or “contact” person for a “pop up” carpool type ski event. Contact Paul Keber at 262-547-4827 or [pkeber@milwpc.com](mailto:pkeber@milwpc.com) to discuss what communications would be needed and how you could put this event together in a very short period of time.

The idea here is to make this an easy way to coordinate a carpool-like trip to a ski destination that involves one or more overnight stays. Members would be responsible for their own transportation and lodging arrangements, but could coordinate to ski together, have one or more meals together, lodge at the same hotel, and possibly carpool, but without advanced coordination required.

Think destinations like: Nine Mile Forest in Wausau; Iola and/or Standing Rocks (just east of Stevens Point); Moccasin Lake and Jack Lake near Antigo; Black River State Forest near Black River Falls; Minocqua, etc. There are lots of options, all depending on where it snows. If this is of interest to you, let Paul know.

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## Help Plan a Fish Fry

Got a favorite fish fry place? Bring along some friends. Volunteer to organize the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee's annual February Fish Fry (either for Feb. 16 or 23).

It takes very little effort. Find a place that can accommodate 20 to 25 club members in one area for a Friday fish dinner. We'll help you write an article on the event for our February newsletter (deadline Jan. 15) and also arrange for people to sign up ahead of time.

Meanwhile, for leading/organizing an event, your name will be put in our April volunteer drawing. Twice a year (April and October), the club draws names from the group of club members who have led club events or volunteered for the club in the previous six months. Two winners get \$50 each. Contact Carol Doeblner if you can volunteer: [tortoiseski@wi.rr.com](mailto:tortoiseski@wi.rr.com).

Go to [www.nordicskiclub.org](http://www.nordicskiclub.org) and login to your profile. The login is in the upper right-hand corner. From there, the Member Tab will appear on the menu. Full instructions are located on that page in a PDF file.

## Add Photos To The Nordic Website

As a member of the Nordics, you may upload photos to your personal photo album or to the public albums. Simply log-in so all member privileges are available. Then the upload and edit buttons are visible for you to add to the fun. Need help? [katiebivens@ymail.com](mailto:katiebivens@ymail.com)

If you are interested in leading a Nordic Event, or have a great idea for a member event, please contact a member of the Program Committee or Paul Keber, [pkeber@milwpc.com](mailto:pkeber@milwpc.com)

*Please take Photos on NSCM Ski Trips for Us*

We need your pictures. If you're going on a Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee motorcoach trip or on the plane trip to Vermont, please take your phone or camera. We want photos of the various trips so we can put together a slide show for our April meeting. This way, people who didn't go on one of the trips can see what it was like. Here are the types of photos we'd like:

- Signs indicating where you are at (e.g., Maasto Hiito, Valley Spur, hotels)
- Landmarks that are important to your ski location
- Club members while skiing or standing on skis with snow/trails in the background
- Restaurants where you ate, and the food
- Especially scenic shots
- Closeup shots of skis, snowshoes, faces, etc.

After the trip, please email photos to Paula Brookmire at [pbrookmire@gmail.com](mailto:pbrookmire@gmail.com) or text them to 414-491-4636. Indicate the approximate date and location of the picture. Thanks.

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*The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (NSCM) continues to follow recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Wisconsin authorities regarding Covid-19 safety. Know that your participation in any event is at your own risk. Before attending any NSCM outing or event, please check with the event leader. Use good judgment and continue to keep us all safe.*

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is a membership-based outing association  
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