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Ice Age Trail Talk and Ski Trip Signup Meeting

Friday, October 13, 6:00 pm

Put on your hiking boots, grab your “day pack” or backpack and imagine yourself on Wisconsin’s Ice Age Trail. Learn more about this remarkable 1,000+ mile footpath, one of 11 National Scenic Trails, at the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee ski trip signup meeting on Friday, October 13. We’ll have past and current hikers on hand to share their personal, unique experiences, traversing the countryside one step at a time on this timeless trail carved by glaciers over 10,000 years ago. Ya gotta love Wisconsin, winter weather for skiing and year-round opportunities for hiking!

WHAT: Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee season-opening meeting

WHEN: Friday, October 13, 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

WHERE: Elks Lodge 400, 2301 Springdale Road, Waukesha

Ski-trip signup: See story in this newsletter about signing up at this meeting for Cross Country ski trips this winter.

ENTER: from lower level back parking lot.

Coming Up:

Holiday Picnic
Saturday, Dec. 2

Keweenaw
Peninsula Winter
Ski Trip
Dec. 29 - Jan. 1

Contact Us:

Email nordicskiclub.mke@gmail.com

For membership information, call Pat Doornek 414-906-0629

Nordic Officers

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FOOD: Pizza (including vegetarian choices). Cash bar.

SIGN UP: Food is free **if you sign up by Oct. 11** at [Ski Trip Signup Meeting Registration](#)

Winter Ski Trip Leader/Assistants Training

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 pm

If you are leading a winter ski trip, want to be an assistant trip leader, or want to find out what's involved in leading or assisting on a ski trip, then mark your calendar for Thursday, October 5. That's when our trip leader training session for next winter's ski trips will be held beginning at 7:00 pm at the Waukesha home of Paul Keber or on a Zoom meeting. You'll also discover the rewards of leading or assisting on a trip. Please contact Paul at 262-547-4827 or pkeber@milwpc.com to let him know if you will be attending and if you have any questions.

Monches Ice Age Trail Hike

Saturday, October 7, 12:00 noon

Let's hike the Monches segment of the Ice Age Trail. Much of the Monches segment traverses maple forest and parallels the Oconomowoc River. This 6-mile hike will be out to the Oconomowoc River bridge and back from there. Meet by noon at the Ice Age Trail parking lot on County K just north of County Q.

From Milwaukee, take I-41/45 north to County Line Road (County Q) and go west 11.3 miles to County K; turn right and the parking lot is a short distance on the right. **Please RSVP with Mike at 414-552-5011 no later than Friday, October 6 if you plan to attend.**

Milwaukee River Fall Colors Ice Age Trail Hike

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am

The fall colors should be spectacular! We will hike 7.2 miles one way in the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest on the Milwaukee River Segment. From the DNR's New Fane parking lot, we will carpool to Sunburst Ski Hill and then hike back to New Fane. Highlights include a side trip to Shelter #1 and rolling moraine topography. This hike is rated "moderately strenuous" due to hills and its distance. A Wisconsin state park sticker is required.

Meet at the DNR's New Fane parking lot on the border of Fond du Lac and Washington Counties. Directions: Drive Hwy 45 North to Kewaskum. Turn right into Hwy 28. Drive a little over 2 miles and turn left onto Kettle Moraine Drive. Continue about 1.5 miles and turn right onto Valley View Drive. The parking lot is on the north side of Valley View Drive. Contact Rita with questions at 414-627-7659 or rkeber@milwpc.com.

Ski Trip Signup Procedures

In-person registration at monthly meeting Friday, October 13, 7:00 pm; Online registration opens Saturday, October 14

The earliest opportunity to sign up for 2023-2024 NSCM bus ski trips is at the in-person registration on Friday, October 13 beginning at 7:00 pm, during the membership meeting. Both members and non-members are encouraged and invited to register for our trips.

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Ski-trip flyers are available on the club website and were in a September email sent to members. Don't mail in reservation forms if you plan to sign up at the in-person registration.

Covid-19 vaccinations for bus ski trip participants are no longer required, but everyone is encouraged to keep up to date with the latest booster.

To prepare your registration, complete the reservation form for each ski trip and include a separate check payable to NSCM for the deposit amount. **If you want to have the "trip letter" mailed to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope with each reservation. Otherwise, the "trip letter" will be emailed to you.**

Note that "four-to-a-room" means that there are four people and two beds in a room, with two people sharing each bed.

At the October in-person registration and meeting, one member of a household membership can bring all the reservation forms for their household. You can bring reservation forms for others who cannot attend the meeting. The signup priority will remain the same as in previous years. It is listed in the Ski-trip Reservation Policy of the "Important Facts For Ski Trip Reservations" document that can be found on the NSCM website Events page.

Online ski-trip registration opens on Saturday, October 14. Online reservations require payment of the total amount if you elect to pay online. You can also mail a check to the trip leader for the deposit amount. Online registration is generally available until 1 week prior to the departure date or until the trip fills. The ski trip links below will take you to the online ski trip events where you can also view the ski trip flyer.

TRIP DATES	DESTINATION
Fri., Dec. 29 – Mon., Jan. 1	Keweenaw Peninsula, Houghton, MI
Fri., Jan. 19 – Sun., Jan. 21	Valley Spur, Munising MI
Fri., Feb. 9 – Sun., Feb. 11	Minocqua Winter Park, Minocqua WI
Fri., Mar. 3 – Sun., Mar. 5	ABR Trails, Ironwood MI

Please contact a member of the Program Committee if you have any questions.

Lapham Peak Trail Clearing

Saturday, November 11, 9:00 am until noon

On Saturday, November 11, the Nordic Ski Club will be working with the Friends of Lapham Peak to get the ski trails ready for winter as well as other projects at the park.

Stay for a hearty lunch of chili at noon. If you wish, bring a bread or dessert to share. **Contact Rita at rheber@milwpc.com by Wednesday, November 8th if you can attend so we can plan for food accordingly.**

Details of where to meet will be provided once we know the number of people attending.

Bring gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools will be provided.

Directions: To get to Lapham Peak, go west on I-94 and take the Delafield, County Hwy C exit. Proceed south for one mile on County C; the park entrance is on the left (east) side of Hwy C. A state park sticker is needed for your vehicle to enter the park. A daily park sticker costs \$8.

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Membership Chair:

Pat Doornek
414-906-0629

New memberships or renewal forms may be mailed to:

Pat Doornek
3463 N. Newhall St.
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Contact Us:

Volunteers

The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at acoutrr@att.net if you are interested in learning more.

Club Membership

Membership Renewals due Oct. 1. Renew online. Then pay through PayPal or mail check to Pat Doornek.

Dues -

Individual \$25

Household \$35

Must be a current member to book ski trips at member rate.

Web Tips

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. Go to 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

<p>Holiday Picnic <i>Saturday, December 2, 10:45 am</i></p> <p>Our annual holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Trecker Lodge. We will once again enjoy a well-received “soup dump” and talk with fellow Nordics about the upcoming ski season.</p> <p>Drop off a can of soup or your favorite unfrozen soup to add to one of three soup pots: a red-based soup, a white-based soup, or a vegetarian soup to heat on the stove while you enjoy a morning hike on a Lapham Peak trail. Remember to also bring your own bowl and spoon.</p> <p>The stove for the soup drop-off and the start of the hike will be at Trecker Lodge in Homestead Hollow of Lapham Peak. The hike will begin at 10:45 am.</p> <p>Desserts are welcome and much appreciated. Contact Carol (below) with any desserts/cookies you would like to add to the food at the party. Crackers, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided.</p> <p>This year we will dine inside Trecker Lodge as we share news about our 2024 season's ski trips and other events, including our trip to Vermont. If you have any questions or ideas about desserts, please contact Carol, tortoiseski@wi.rr.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: Saturday, December 2, 10:45 am for the hike • 12:15 -12:30 pm will be the approximate start time for serving the soup. • Where: Lapham Peak State Forest, off Hwy C near Delafield, Wisconsin • NSCM Party location: Trecker Lodge, Homestead Hollow, Lapham Peak • Required: You'll need a Wisconsin State Park sticker. 	<p>are located on that page in a PDF file.</p>
<p>Who Wants to Lead a Club Event?</p> <p>The Nordic Program Committee continues to work toward finalizing its activities calendar through November. We're looking for events and event leaders particularly for October and November to continue our tradition of providing fun and varied recreational and social events for our members. Is there an event that you'd like to participate in yourself and would be willing to lead? We are looking particularly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hikes • Bike Rides • Paddling Outings <p>Would you be willing to lead an event for the Club? Perhaps you have other ideas for a fun social or recreational activity? It could be a social outing like a museum outing, a movie meet-up, a walking tour, etc. There are lots of options, and you get to choose your preferred date, whether on a weekday or weekend. Get back to me (becky.l.yakes@gmail.com) or message Paul Keber directly (pkeber@milwpc.com) with the event(s) that you're willing to lead, along with your preferred date(s). Then, draft up a newsletter article (see the current or past newsletters for examples) and submit it before the 15th of the month preceding the month of your event (or two months' prior if your event date is early in the month).</p> <p>The earlier you respond, the better chance you have of locking in your preferred date(s). Thank</p>	<p>Add Photos To The Nordic Website</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>

you!

Becky Yakes, NSCM Program Committee

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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