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Monthly Events

New Berlin Trail Bike Ride
Tuesday, May 31, 9:30 am

What could be finer than a grand finale finish to May, a 35 mile bike ride! The date is Tuesday, May 31. We'll be meeting at Greenfield Park and ride on the New Berlin bike trail to "cozy and classy" Mama D's Coffee in Wales. Indoor and outdoor seating available. It's an "out and back" ride on the trail, approximately 17 miles each way, equaling a grand total of 35 miles at ride's end.

Park & meet fellow Nordics in the lot adjoining the pavilion & splash pool, ready to ride at 9:30 am. Bring water and snacks for the ride. Route terrain is mostly flat with a few, mostly gradual incline/declines on both rural and, urban parts of the trail. An added bonus, route distance can be easily altered. The downside, be prepared for a number of stops as the trail crosses busy roads and highways. Oh well, all worth it due to a very enjoyable ride, good friends, and a delightful lunch! Contact ride leader Jane Stoltz via email by May 30 if you plan to join her:
1jnstoltz@gmail.com.

Next Month,
 Look For:

Black River GSP Paddling & Camping Trip
July 1 - 5

July 4 Fireworks
July 4

Retzer Nature Center Beer Garden
July 8

Rock River GSP Paddling Trip

Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am

Join the Glacier State Paddlers for a fun day trip along a scenic section of the upper Rock River. The trip starts at 10:00 am at Harnischfeger Park (3048 N Crawfish Rd, Ixonia). Directions: Take Hwy 67 north from the Hwy 16 Oconomowoc bypass a little over 3 miles. Turn left onto Evergreen Rd and go 2.1 miles, then turn right onto Highview Rd and go 1.1 miles, then turn right onto N Crawfish Rd and go to the parking lot near the Rock River. The canoe trip will end at Kaul Park near Hwy 16. This trip is suitable for beginners.

Please bring a bag lunch, beverage, and gloves to protect your hands. Call GSP trip leader and Nordic member David Rosenberg at 414-975-2298 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get additional trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.



Hike at the Conservancy for Healing & Heritage in Franklin

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am

Join Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee friends on June 11 at 10 am for a peaceful walk through woodlands and wetlands in Franklin, WI. We'll stroll along a lake at the Conservancy behind Ascension's Reiman Cancer Center, 7410 W. Rawson Ave. in Franklin. Take the entrance on the east side of the facility and head straight to the back of the parking lot. We'll meet at the A-frame chapel on your right at 10 am. You can check out the inside of this beautiful building and use the facilities before we head out. There are about 2 miles of trails, built on a glacial moraine, that lead down to Kopmeier Lake on steep switchbacks and back up an elegant, long staircase to the top of the moraine trail.

Two observation decks along the trail, several rustic benches, and a brand new pier and observation deck along the lake allow for photos, scenic views, rest and reflection. We'll also stroll through the healing gardens containing two gazebos, waterfalls, more places to sit, and lots of tree bird feeders on the steep terrain.

Kopmeier Lake is 15 acres of pristine water up to 50 feet deep with no invasive species. Created by a kettle carved out during the Ice Age over 10,000 years ago, it is the only glacial lake in Milwaukee County. In 2005, the Conservancy bought these 36 acres, which originally were

Local Bike Ride and Picnic July 16

White River GSP Paddling Trip July 17

Milwaukee River GSP Twilight Paddle July 20

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purchased in 1889 by the Kopmeier family as a working farm and passed through many hands before they became this healing place. Contact hike leader Joanne at joanne.ziarek@att.net or leave a message at 262-821-2064 if you plan to attend.

Bug spray may be needed, depending on the weather, since trails are completely in the woods. You can bring water and a snack to enjoy afterward on one of the observation decks or gazebos; just leave no trace behind.

Milwaukee River GSP Twilight Paddle

Wednesday, June 15, 6:00 pm

Enjoy a summer evening with a twilight paddle on the Milwaukee River. Join other Nordics and Glacier State Paddlers members Wednesday evening on June 15 starting at 6:00 pm and ending at dusk, so please bring a flashlight. We'll paddle the Milwaukee River through downtown Milwaukee. Launch site is the Kiwanis Boat Landing at 2135 N Riverboat Rd - on river side of street with street parking. Come 15 minutes before the 6:00 launch to help get canoes and kayaks into the water. Let GSP trip leader Debbie Luetzow know you are attending by calling or texting her at 414-333-0064. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Fire and Fun Friday at Lapham Peak

Friday, June 17, 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Get ready to celebrate spring with the hope of summer and the ability to gather with friends. Join your fellow Nordics for a picnic, yard games, campfire, laughter, and conversation. We will meet at the pavilion by the Evergreen shelter at Lapham Peak State Park in Delafield starting at 5:30 pm on Friday, June 17 (Raindate to be determined).

Picnic: Everyone can bring their own dinner, beverages, and lawn chair. Yard Games: bean bag toss, life-size Jenga, croquet, bocci ball, and/or ladder toss.

Campfire: bring your lawn chair, supplies for s'mores - the choice is yours. Come join in the fun. Questions? Call Julie at 262-468-8223. Not interested in yard games? Pull up your lawn chair and refresh your conversation skills, it's been a while and we would love to see you.



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Volunteers

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

Mukwonago River GSP Paddling Trip

Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am

Join the Glacier State Paddlers for a trip on the Mukwonago River. The river is closer to a creek by definition, twisty with occasional down trees to navigate and may require portages. Shorter boats are suggested along with good experience. The trip starts at 10:00 am at Rainbow Springs that is approximately 3 miles west of the take-out on County I. Both are located off of County LO west of Hwy 83 and north of I-43 in Mukwonago. A few hundred yards of carry is required to the put-in. The entire trip should last about 3 hours with an intermediate take-out halfway.

Please bring a bag lunch, beverage, and gloves to protect your hands. Contact GSP trip leader Gary Johncox text only at 262-332-0432 or email at thecreekchub@hotmail.com for more information or to let him know you are participating. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Bark River GSP Paddling Trip & Picnic

Sunday, June 19, 1:00 pm

Join Glacier State Paddlers for paddling on the Bark River from Lower Nemahbin Lake to Genesee Lake Rd on Sunday, June 19. The trip will begin with a 1:00 pm launch starting at Sugar Island Road off County P. This is an easy, scenic trip on a surprisingly clear “close to town” river. Cool off along the way with a swim in Crooked Lake. After we take out at Genesee Lake Rd, we will head to Cushing Memorial Park west of Delafield for a cookout. Bring your own entrée, drinks, and a dish to pass. Grills will be provided.

Contact GSP trip leader Lynn Pagenkop at lynnhp45@gmail.com or 414-540-1161 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Summer Solstice Celebration at Lapham Peak

Friday, June 24, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Join fellow Nordics for a fun-filled evening of live music featuring Tom Klein and the band **The Front** sponsored by the Friends of Lapham Peak. Join us at the Mike Fort Picnic Shelter by Homestead Hollow area. You may bring a chair, blanket or sit at picnic tables. Food, beer and bottled water will be available for purchase. Cost: \$10.00 for adults, 12-18 years \$5.00; kids 11 and under are free. Proceeds from this event benefits Lapham Lodge. If you have questions, contact Rita Keber rkeber@milwpc.com or 262-547-4827.

Bugline Sculpture Bike Ride

Saturday, June 25, 1:00 pm

We'll start at 1:00 at Silver Spring & 164. Park in the PicknSave parking lot which is just north of Silver Spring, at the back edge (W), near Culvers. We'll catch the Bugline trail a few blocks to the north and ride a combo of the Bugline and roads, with a stop at the sculpture park in Colgate. If you haven't seen this yet it is really something!

[Metal Art | Paul Bobrowitz Spectacular Sculpture -https://www.bobrowitzsculpture.com](https://www.bobrowitzsculpture.com)

The ride is 22 miles, mostly flat but, yes there are a few hills! Be sure to bring your water, helmet, spare tube etc. I will bring some cue sheets so let me know if you plan to come by Friday. We can visit Culvers for an ice cream or snack afterwards :-)

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 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@gmail.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

the ride is canceled. If you do plan to come, Contact Renee, coutrr@gmail.com so we know who to look for.



Renee Couture

Join Our Newsletter Designer Team!

Our three-person newsletter design team is looking for someone to replace Mark, who is retiring from his service at the end of this year (thank you Mark).

You can work from home! Learn about social events in advance! Your volunteer efforts are needed just four times each year.

We'll train you on the use of the club's simple online software. All you need is a computer, printer and internet access. To learn more, contact Sally Heuer at 414-403-7911 or smiles@metrodish.net member.

Register by June 30 for Discount on 50th Anniversary Dinner in August

Thursday, June 30, Early Registration deadline

We're getting started early for the 50th anniversary celebration in August for the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. Register in June for the best price. Ski into the past with us as we scroll through five decades of fun outdoors. Get set for awards, recognitions, prizes, dinner and a custom-made cocktail for our club. While anyone can attend the event, club members get the best deal: \$10 off the \$38.50 price for dinner and anniversary cake. If you register and pay by June 30, 2022, the member cost is only \$28.50. If you wait till July, the cost will be \$5.50 higher.

The event runs from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 28. We have a tented, outdoor venue at Matty's Bar & Grille on College Avenue in New Berlin. We hope to have about 100 people, including many past presidents and club members. Dinner includes a choice among three entrees: beef tips and gravy with mashed potatoes, chicken parmesan with penne pasta and red sauce, or baked tilapia with mashed potatoes. Coleslaw and rolls are available for all three entrees. At 2:00 pm, the appetizers will be served: a seasonal fruit plate, fresh vegetables with ranch dip, and spinach and artichoke dip with tortilla chips.

You can [register and pay online via this link](#) or on our website, www.nordicskiclub.org. **If you prefer to pay by check, [Print this form](#)**, make the check out to NSCM and mail to Paula Brookmire, 10106 W. Keefe Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53222. Remember, prices go up as of July 1, and reservations end August 1. Questions? Email paula at pbrookmire@gmail.com.



Matty's Bar & Grille will host the Nordic Ski Club's 50th anniversary dinner.

Camp Out & Paddle at Black River Forest

July 1 – 5

If you like kayaking or canoeing with a group, sign up for a July 1-5 paddle on the Black River in northwestern Wisconsin. David Rosenberg, a board member for the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, will lead a Glacier State Paddlers campout and outing over the July 4 holiday. You'll paddle down sections 3-6 of the Black River and camp at the large Black River Forest East Fork Group Campground. You can camp in a tent or a camper (no electrical hookup). Water is available and there are cement block toilets (showers a mile down the road at family campground). There's a fish fry on Friday, July 1. Total cost is under \$20 per person. Contact David at 414-975-2298 or rosenbergdm@att.net.

For a full schedule of paddlers' events, go to their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/939851256093491.

Watch Fireworks From Fairgrounds July 4

Monday, July 4, 8:30 pm

It's the 15th year of our Nordic Ski Club outing to view a multitude of fireworks from the bleachers at Wisconsin's State Fair Park. The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee will meet at the grandstand bleachers in the fairgrounds in West Allis on Monday, July 4. Here you can get a 180-degree panoramic view of fireworks from more than 25 other cities and parks plus the West Allis fireworks right in front of you. Usually a concert band plays about 8:30 pm, and the West Allis fireworks start about 9:30 pm. We plan to sit in the comfortable blue seats high in the bleachers at State Fair Park. For those with difficulty walking, there is an elevator in one of the pillars that can take you to the upper levels. If you don't find us near the top rows of the section directly overlooking the band, call Paula at 414-491-4636.

Gary Braun and Paula Brookmire have been leading this outing for 15 years. Call us to RSVP: (414) 527-0040. Meet us by 8:30 pm, while it's still light. We'll wear red and blue and wave small flags. Wear red and/or bring a flag. The restrooms are open and not far away. Enter off 84th St. north of Greenfield Ave. There is a parking charge. To avoid it, park near 85th St. and Washington St. (one-quarter mile north of Greenfield Ave.) and walk into the west entrance of the park and to the grandstand.

Ski Trips Update, Labor Day Camping

The following ski trips have been scheduled for next winter:

Keweenaw Peninsula: Friday, Dec. 30 (8 am) – Monday, Jan. 2

Valley Spur: Friday, Jan. 20 (8 am) – Sunday, Jan. 22

Minocqua Winter Park: Friday, Feb. 10 (8 am) – Sunday, Feb. 12

ABR Trails: Friday, Mar. 3 (8 am) – Sunday, Mar. 5

Lodging at the popular 4-day Keweenaw trip will be at the Quality Inn & Suites once again. Rooms at the new Hampton Inn & Suites (formerly The Franklin Square Inn) would have cost each person \$151 more. We will be staying at the popular Holiday Inn Express once again for the Valley Spur ski trip. Lodging for the Minocqua trip will be at the AmericInn of Minocqua, mainly due to no availability for the trip dates at the Best Western Plus Concord Inn. Lodging for the ABR Trails trip will be at the Quality Inn in Ironwood, MI. Rooms at the AmericInn of Ironwood would have cost each person \$33 more.

Mark your calendars for the Labor Day Weekend camping trip that will be held at Peninsula State Park in Door County, WI from Friday, Sept. 2 thru Monday, Sept. 5.

-- Paul Keber, Program Committee, Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee

Nordic Ski Club Memories From Linda Cross

To celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2021-2022, the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee has been running profiles and memories of members. Linda Cross was a member of the Nordic Ski Club for about 25 years, from 1979 through 2004. Here are some of her memories from that time.

Like many of us, I was newly divorced when I joined the club in 1979. My first trip was fall biking in Door County, the resort peninsula in northeast Wisconsin. We stayed at Bailey's (I think) cabins in Fish Creek--tiny, tired little cabins...but cheap. Saturday morning began early with our trip leader walking into the unlocked cabins with egg-bacon casseroles to bake in the various cabin ovens. I immediately felt welcomed by the group. This trip went on for several years. Lots of biking and hiking. I am very grateful to the Nordic Ski Club for the many wonderful people I met over the years, many of whom are still good friends. It's such a welcoming, friendly group.



On a 1986 NSCM ski trip to Marquette, MI, Linda Cross finds this "Linda's Hill" sign.

I have the same memories you will hear from many:

* Double-digit, below-zero temperatures in Minocqua year after year in the 1980s. We would ski for an hour, then warm up. Lots of frostbite in those years--as well as Trivial Pursuit. Buses had to be left running all night or diesel fuel would freeze.

* The mom-and-pop motel in Minocqua where we had a staggered shower schedule or the hot water would run out.

* Buses breaking down on the way home and the wait for replacement buses.

* The box of oranges on every trip.

* Lots of snow in Milwaukee in the '80s. Then, little by little, more and more bus trips up north to find that elusive snow.

* The willingness of so many members to give ski lessons, help with waxing, etc. Lots of socializing and games on the buses.

* The change from three-pin bindings to click-in bindings, from wool to wicking fabric, from classic skiing to skate skiing. And the welcome change from hostel to cheap motel to nicer hotel--and from four to a room to two to a room...as we "matured."

* Pasties for lunch in Marquette, Mich., brought by a relative of Becky Jorgensen.

* Jim Dieball leaving his car running but locked at the Watertown Plank Road park and ride when the bus took us north for the weekend. Then him finding it out of gas upon our late-night return.

* Club romances...with quite a few marriages as a result.

Thanks, Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee!



On an October 1988 Door County biking weekend, Linda Cross is in the pink jacket.

The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (NSCM) continues to practice social distancing and the use of face masks, as recommended by the CDC and Wisconsin authorities. 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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