



# Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee

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## Monthly Events

### **Fall Forest & Field Hike in Heart of Wauwatosa**

*Sunday, November 6, 1:00 pm*

Two trails, two different experiences. Wauwatosa, Wis., offers some diverse fall hikes. On Sunday afternoon November 6 the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee will stroll through a tall-tree, 60-acre, filtered-light forest in the heart of Wauwatosa. Walk this easy, one-mile, gravel path at the Forest Exploration Center off Swan Blvd. You'll travel through a maple-spruce-oak woodland with remnants of old beech trees. Nature signage along the way is from the non-profit Forest Exploration Center in conjunction with Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources. Their goal is to create "a model of sustainable forestry and educational outreach." The hike starts at 1 p.m. in the parking lot. You'll find it at 1800 Forest Exploration Dr. off the traffic circle from Swan Blvd. (near Underwood Pkwy. and Hansen Golf Course). After the forest walk, we'll hike a trail next to the parking lot that circles a water-retention area near Underwood Pkwy. This nearly treeless trail (about 3 miles but we'll do just half) has a wide vista over fields of wildflowers. Note: There are no restrooms nearby. Please call Paula Brookmire beforehand as the hike may be cancelled due to inclement weather: 414-527-0040.



*The Forest Exploration Center in Wauwatosa has an easy path and lovely tree canopy.*

Coming Up:

***Holiday Hot Soup Party***  
***December 4, 2022***

***Keweenaw Peninsula Ski Trip***  
***December 30, 2022***  
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***Nordic Trails Ski Trip***  
***January 8, 2023***

***Nashota Park Ski/Snowshoe Outing***  
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***Ski Lessons and Winter Picnic***  
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***Valley Spur Bus Trip***  
***January 20-22, 2023***

## Lapham Peak Trail Clearing

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am until noon

On Saturday, November 12 the Nordic Ski Club will be working with the Friends of Lapham Peak to spread wood chips on the ski trails and other projects at the park. Stay for a hearty lunch of chili, bread and desserts provided at noon. Contact Rita at [rkeber@milwpc.com](mailto:rkeber@milwpc.com) by Wednesday, November 9th 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, Cty Hwy C exit. Proceed south for one mile on Cty 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.

## Loew Lake Ice Age Trail Fall Hike

Friday, November 18, 10:00 am

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot off Emerald Dr. just south of Shamrock Lane. We will hike south 3.0 miles and back for a total of 6 miles. Since it's an out and back, shorter distances are available. At this time, archery and shotgun hunting is allowed in Wisconsin: deer, turkeys, and small game. You might want to wear bright colors on the hike.

Lois Gresl hike leader 414-403-8673.

## Holiday Party & Hike With Hot Soup and Cookies

Sunday, December 4, 10:45 am

We're heading outdoors for the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee holiday party on Sunday afternoon, December 4. Two years ago we had a successful hot-soup party in the snow. It's unlikely to be snowing in early December. So we'll start with a hike led by Paul Keber at 10:45 am. Drive to Lapham Peak State Forest, off HWY C near Delafield (you'll need a state park sticker). Meet Paul at the park's Mike Fort covered shelter off the Homestead Hollow parking lot. From about noon to 4 we'll have a cook stove with 3 pots. We ask everyone to bring a can of either a white-base soup, a red base or a vegetarian soup. We'll provide hot chocolate and crackers. Some members will bring Christmas cookies to share. See more details in the NSCM December newsletter.



*Soup in the snow was the theme in January 2021. The Nordic Ski Club will do a hot soup holiday party December 4, probably without the snow. It will be at Lapham Peak State Park outdoors.*

**Minocqua Winter Park Bus Trip**  
**February 10-12, 2023**

**ABR Trails Bus Trip**  
**March 3-5, 2023**

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## Winter Ski Trips

If you haven't signed up for the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee's winter ski trips yet, don't delay! The sooner you sign up, the better chance you have to being assured a spot on one or more of these great trips, plus you can save \$20. Find the signup forms on the Events page of our website at [www.nordicskiclub.org](http://www.nordicskiclub.org). You can sign up online as well. To check on the status of a trip or to get more information, contact the trip leader or check the Ski Trip Status on our Website's [Events](#) page.

### Keweenaw Peninsula Ski Trip

*December 30 - January 2*

Start the New Year with your friends or make new ones and enjoy great skiing in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan. Swedetown has 30 km of groomed trails, 5 ½ km of snowshoe trails, and a chalet with food for sale. Michigan Tech University has 35 km of superbly groomed, wide trails with a chalet and small warming hut. Maasto Hiito has 24 km of scenic, striding-only trails and chalet with homemade food. On the way up, we will ski in Wisconsin at Brown County Reforestation Camp (30 km) near Green Bay or WinMan Trails (20 km) near Manitowish Waters. Accommodations are at the Quality Inn & Suites in downtown Houghton with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, a free continental breakfast, and microwave and refrigerator in each room. Contact trip leader Julie Amundson at 262-468-8223 or [jpammo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jpammo@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### Valley Spur Ski Trip

*January 20-22*

Join us for our popular ski trip to Valley Spur near Munising, MI. We will ski at Valley Spur Ski Trail in the Hiawatha National Forest with 45 km of picturesque ski trails, 3 km of snowshoe trails, and cozy log cabin. On the way up, we will ski at Brown County Reforestation Camp near Green Bay (30 km of ski trails, chalet, and 3 km of snowshoe trails) or at Valley Spur. Accommodations are at the Holiday Inn Express near Munising with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, free continental breakfast, and microwave and refrigerator in each room. Contact trip leader Stan Rosenstiel at 262-694-2206 or [mrstanmr@yahoo.com](mailto:mrstanmr@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip

*February 10-12*

Join us for some great skiing at Minocqua Winter Park, one of the premier cross-country ski areas in the Midwest, with 86 km of beautifully groomed and scenic ski trails as well as 15 miles of snowshoe trails. The chalet serves food, beer, and homemade soups, and the topnotch ski shop rents skis and snowshoes. On the way up, we will likely ski at Nine Mile Forest near Wausau with 30 km of ski trails, 11 km of snowshoe trails, and chalet with ski rentals. Accommodations are at the AmericInn in downtown Minocqua with swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, free continental breakfast, and microwave and refrigerator in each room. Contact trip leader John McCarthy at 414-412-0331 or [johnnymac1952@gmail.com](mailto:johnnymac1952@gmail.com) for more information.

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### Volunteers

The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers.

Please contact Renee Couture at [acoutr@att.net](mailto:acoutr@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.

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## ABR Trails Ski Trip

March 3-5

ABR Trails (Active Backwoods Recreation) is a family-run system with 95 km of scenic trails meticulously groomed and over 13 km of snowshoe trails, just outside of Ironwood, Mich. We ski both Saturday and Sunday at ABR Trails, with two lodge areas, a waxing room, and a ski shop that rents skis and snowshoes. On Friday we ski at Nine Mile Forest ski trails near Wausau, with 30 km of ski trails, 11 km of snowshoe trails, and chalet with ski rentals. Our accommodations are at the Quality Inn in Ironwood, with swimming pool, whirlpool, free continental breakfast, and a microwave and refrigerator in each room. Contact trip leader Alan Siegl at 262-744-4929 or [acesiegl@yahoo.com](mailto:acesiegl@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Nordic Ski Lessons & Winter Picnic at Trecker Lodge

January 15, 2023

The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee will offer limited cross-country ski lessons on Sunday morning, January 15, 2023. They will be followed at noon by the club's annual winter picnic with sandwiches and cookies. The lessons and picnic take place at Lapham Peak State Park, which will have machine-made snow on some easy trails. The picnic will start at noon at Trecker Lodge off the Homestead Hollow lot. Club members will need to sign up for the picnic ahead of time. See more details in the NSCM December newsletter.

*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.*

**Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee Inc. (NSCM)  
is a membership-based outing association  
active year-round since 1971.**

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](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@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pkeber@milwpc.com)