



## **Black River Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club**

### **Upcoming Outings for January, February, and March 2019**

All are welcome to attend, you need not be a club member. Please come! Bring your friends!

**ADK WINTER OUTING 2019:** Hosted by the Iroquois Chapter, join fellow winter enthusiasts to experience the thrill of cross country skiing or the invigorating activity of snow shoeing at the annual ADK Tug Hill winter outing January 18-20, 2019 (Martin Luther King weekend). The Tug Hill region is noted for the east's heaviest snowfall, just waiting for you to explore the numerous groomed and back country trails minutes from the club house (skis and snow shoes not provided.) You will "rough" it at the Mad River Club in Sandy Creek. Full package includes floor space for pad (or cot) and sleeping bag, snacks Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and a catered dinner Saturday. And if you feel lucky, several door prizes to tantalize your curiosity following dinner. For general information and registration contact David White at [ccswhite@juno.com](mailto:ccswhite@juno.com). Full registration is \$110. Saturday activities and dinner is \$45. All but \$20 is refundable to Dec. 31. For general information, contact Paul Sirtoli at [alexsirtoli@outlook.com](mailto:alexsirtoli@outlook.com). Registration Deadline Jan 04, 2019. <https://www.adk.org/play/snow-sports-information/winter-outing/>.

### **Snowshoe Highland Forest, North Country Nat'l Scenic Trail with the Onondaga Chapter of ADK.**

Date: Sun 12/29/18 Meeting Time: 9:00am Meeting Place: Highland Forest Skyline Visitor Ctr. (**please call leader to confirm.**) Rating: (M). Hiking Distance: 5 miles. Map: Delorme 61, Fabius

Leader: Mary Coffin 687-3589 Email: [MARYCCOFFIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARYCCOFFIN@GMAIL.COM)

**Description:** We will snowshoe on the North Country National Scenic Trail and Finger Lakes Trail in Highland Forest. There is a \$3 fee to walk the trails in this Onondaga County Park. We will follow the hike with hot chocolate inside the Skyline Lodge.

### **Join us on the Annual Sackets Harbor FIRST DAY HIKE NEW YEARS DAY - JANUARY 1, 2019 1:30 P.M. Starting at the SACKETS HARBOR VISITORS' CENTER (Corner of Main and Bayard Streets).**

Follow parts of the Battlefield History Trail and Village's War of 1812 Bicentennial Trail, ending at the Visitors' Center - approximately 2 mi. Prepare for diverse weather conditions – snowshoes or cross country skis – trail route includes roadways, sidewalks, and un-groomed stone dust trail. For more information, call the Visitors' Center at (315) 646-2321. Free NYS Parks "First Day Hike" fleece hats & commemorative stickers for the first 40 participants!

**Sun. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Yes!!! Winter in northern NY!!! What could be better? Join us for a ski snowshoe or hike at Wellesley Island State Park.** A beautiful place in all seasons. The area offers a variety of trails of varying difficulty. The scenery of the river and woods is perfect. We can break up into small groups and try different trails. A great outing for children. Bundle up the kids and let's enjoy our winter. Snow shoes are available for rental. The newly remodeled Minna Anthony Common Nature Center is a beautiful place to learn more about our natural area. Great displays!!! Meet there at 1:30. Call Marie Steinbeck 315-558-8568 or email [mjstbeck@aol.com](mailto:mjstbeck@aol.com)

**Title: ADK Winter Outing, Snowshoe Winona State Forest with Onondaga Chapter.** Date: Sat 1/18/19 Meeting Time: 7:40 Meeting Place: Please call leader. Rating: (M) Hiking Distance: 5 miles R/T drive: 80 mi Map: Delorme 33, Sandy Creek-Lacona Leader: Mary 687-3589 Email: [MARYCCOFFIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARYCCOFFIN@GMAIL.COM) **call leader for meeting place**

Description: You can join any of the Winter Outing trips and ski or snowshoe in the Tug Hill area. I will be leading an easy snowshoe trip in in the Winona State Forest such as Winona Way, Bill's Belly and more. Conditions will dictate exact routes. Dress for the weather and bring several mini lunches suitable for short food breaks. We will stop for hot soup after the trip.

**Sun. Feb. 3 Indian River Trails in Theresa with Ray Spahn.** Join Ray Spahn for a snowshoe hike on February 3 at 1:00 on the Indian River Lakes Conservancy trail system. There are 2 trail loops that will be involved in the hike. Doing both is optional. Both loops are about 3 miles long.

These trails give wonderful views of Butterfield Lake and Grass Lake. The primitive trails wind through a very peaceful forest. There are no signs of civilization while on the trails. The trails have some very short, steep descents/ascents. Snowshoes with teeth are strongly recommended.

Directions: Take Rt. 37 to Redwood, turn onto Cottage Hill Road, drive 3 miles and turn left onto Burns Road. There is a DEC sign at the head of the road for The Lake of the Woods. Burns Road starts out as asphalt and turns to dirt after about a mile. Please call 315-286-4507 to confirm and to be told which parking lot to park in.

**Sat Feb. 9 Black River Trail (snowshoe, ski or hike, depending on weather).** Beginning in Great Bend of Rt. 3, we will follow the trail to the midway point at 3.5 miles, then return. 7 miles RT. Level 3, moderate pace. Contact Linda Quackenbush (516) 662-5020 or [lindaq04@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaq04@yahoo.com).

**Snowshoe Stoney Pond** Date: Sun 2/17/19 Meeting Time: 9:00 am

Meeting Place: Cazenovia Lake, Rt. 20 DOT lot. **Please call leader to confirm meeting time and place.**

Rating: (M)

Hiking Distance: 5 miles Adirondack? N R/T drive: 15mi Map: Delorme 61-62 Leader: Mary and Bill Coffin 687-3589

Email: [MARYCCOFFIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARYCCOFFIN@GMAIL.COM)

Description: We will snowshoe around the pond in this State Forest between Cazenovia and Morrisville.

**Sun. March 3 at 1:00, Ray Spahn will lead a snowshoe hike in Selkirk Shores State Park.** The park is situated along the Lake Ontario shore. The terrain is nice and flat. There are more than 6 miles of trails to enjoy. The trails are in the middle of a small evergreen forest. It is a nice place to go to recharge one's batteries. The park is popular in the winter and the trails are usually well packed down. Directions: Option 1- The park entrance is on Route 3 on the right side, about 30 miles south from Sackets Harbor. Option 2- take route 81 south to Pulaski, then route 13 from Pulaski to route 3 and turn south (left). Call Ray at 315-286-4507 for confirmation and meeting site in the park.

Upcoming items – We are looking for outings for March through May for a spring listing and June through August for a summer listing. If anyone is interested in leading an outing please contact Wendy Newell with the details (e-mail [wendynewell@netscape.net](mailto:wendynewell@netscape.net) or mail to Wendy Newell, 22476 Colonial Manor Road, Watertown, NY. Also, we generally have a pot luck dinner (with a program) on a Saturday night in April at the First Presbyterian Church in Watertown. We have not set a date for this yet but it is always a fun time. Please come!

Please join our e-mail list, if you are not already a member. Contact Wendy Newell ([wendynewell@netscape.net](mailto:wendynewell@netscape.net).)