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MOWICHLAKE SKI

Early this year we got a group together to meet with the Mt. Rainier Park Superintendent to try and get a new snowpark approved at the Sunrise turn off but they weren't quite ready to approve the site this year. However they suggested the Mowich Lake side of the park as an alternative. So we are going to check out the skiing over at that entrance. Here is the description. In the northwest corner of Mt. Rainier is the least used entrance to the national park. Due to the high elevation of this road it gets snowed in early in the ski season. This is our destination for this year's early season nordic trip. The road is a fairly moderate slope (about 7% grade) and goes for miles up into the park. Views of Mt. Rainier are frequent along the upper stretch of road. I will be keeping an eye on Cayuse Pass though and if we can make it up to the pass before closure this will be the priority. Provided: transit, maps. Date 12/1 Donation premium for "Day Tripper" level (\$34+)

SNOWSHOE DAY TRIPS

About 25 years ago the Sherpa Snowshoe Company started incorporating hi-tech materials into the design of their snowshoes, making them lighter, smaller, and less awkward to use. Sherpa designers integrated a hinged and clawed binding that provides both durability and traction. In the last dozen years several companies have followed Sherpa into the snowshoe business including Feather, Atlas, and MSR. Now there are even snowshoes made specifically for running races and playing snowshoe softball, as well as walking and hiking on snow. Come with us for a day on the snow to try this popular sport of hiking on snowshoes. Trail options vary from easy road grades to winding paths. No specific skills are needed but everyone should be capable of spending the day on the trail. Remember to bring a day pack with water and a lunch. Previous experience on snowshoes is not needed. A guide/instructor will spend time with the group in the morning so that everyone has the opportunity to get properly laced into their shoes and started down the path with proper techniques. Party members will then be released to travel either at their own pace or stick together as a group. Provided: transit, maps, orientation. Dates: Sat.1/5, Sat.2/2, Sun.3/2 Donation premium for "Day Tripper" level (\$34+)



CRYSTAL LAKES AT TRIP

The Crystal Lakes basin encompasses ski terrain of every type and description, from the twitchie steep chute to the gently rolling lake shore. The extreme end of things includes high altitude ridge top bowls with the possibility of vertical drop-in entries, to long narrow rock-lined and tree lined chutes with names like Excess, and Pencil Thin. The lower basin (where we will spend most of our time) is mostly tree gladed slopes from 20 to 30 degrees in grade and lots of variety. The basin itself is exceptionally scenic for something so close to a ski area. In the morning we will meet in the Crystal Mountain brown bag room. The first part of the day will be in area evaluating snow conditions, evaluating the terrain and how to pick the best exposures. In the afternoon we will pick off some good ski lines into the backcountry where we will need our climbing skins to get around. The entire day will be spent doing a lot of skiing, and in between runs, practicing with skins, avi. search beacons and probes, digging "rutschblock" pits and evaluating terrain for stability, skiability, best ascension routes and other essentials. Provided: lift ticket, transit, maps. Date Saturday 1/12 Donation premium for "Adventurer level" (\$85)

COLUMBIA GORGE SKI

The Trapper Creek Wilderness is our playground while staying at the Bingen Schoolhouse hostel overlooking the Columbia Gorge. The lower elevation forests here are frequently beautiful old growth Douglas Fir forest. Sparkling cascading streams and waterfalls are plentiful throughout the steep slopes at the lower elevations, while huckleberry fields occur in the higher elevations near Observation Peak. A small lake in the southern portion of the Wilderness adds to the diversity of habitats. Spotted owls inhabit the Wilderness as well as barred owls, pileated woodpeckers and goshawks. Animals commonly seen in the area include blacktail deer, roosevelt elk, and black bear. Cougar, bobcat, and pine marten can be seen occasionally, but we will most likely just see tracks in the winter. We will be staying in private rooms in the Bingen Schoolhouse Hostel in the quaint little town of Bingen Washington where we are within easy driving distance to no less than seven snowpark areas. Located off the beaten track, the ski trails of the Upper Wind River are a great alternative to overcrowded trails on Mount Hood. The trails, which follow both unplowed roads and designated ski trails, pass through forests and clear cuts that provide occasional views of Mt Adams, Mt Rainier, Mt. Hood, and Mount St. Helens. Among the most popular trails are those starting at Old Man Pass, which is the site of the first snowpark in the area. Provided: transit, lodging. Dates 1/25-29 Donation premium for "Adventurer level" x4 (\$340+)

LEAVENWORTH SKI TRIP

Come ski with us for the Martin Luther King holiday this year in Washington's own little Bavaria (Leavenworth). We will spend the two days skiing the tracks and trail systems around Leavenworth. Those who tire of skiing can ski into town and browse the shops lining main street or walk through the park to the shore of the Wenatchee River. For the skiing enthusiast there are several nordic track systems to ski. The two groomed trail systems are the fish hatchery and the golf course. The hatchery has 12 kilometers of skiing trails that are virtually flat. The golf course consists of 13+k. of rolling terrain that connects to the trail into town. The third area is Icicle Creek Road, which is ungroomed but follows the picturesque Icicle Creek Valley to its headwaters. At the close of the day as the sun sets behind the Cascade Mountains to the west we will dine in Leavenworth and head to our lodging to rest up for our second day of skiing. The snug houses that we will be staying in all have kitchens so everyone can cook their own breakfast, or bring food and cook dinner as well. Provided: transit, lodging. Dates Mon.-Tue. 1/14-15 Donation Premium for "Adventurer level" x2 (\$170+)



HUT TO HUT TOUR

Have you ever wanted to participate in a wilderness ski experience, but not been willing to leave behind the comfort and security of a roof over your head? If this sounds like you, this is your trip. We will be spending three days in the backcountry of the Methow Valley traversing two broad basins through open and gladed mountain slopes. The distances we will be traveling each day will be around seven to nine miles, with up to 1,500' elevation gain. The best part is that all our gear will be hauled from hut to hut for us. All we need carry is our day packs. The hut system provides a practical way to transcend the typical day trip experience, and get a glimpse of what it must have been like to travel the hills and mountains of a century ago, a time when you could not retreat to the road and a car ride home, or to the nearest McDonalds. The huts sleep eight and are heated by a wood burning stove. The bunks have mattresses but you must bring a sleeping bag. All trails are nicely machine groomed. Provided: transit, lodging, maps. Dates 2/9-11 Donation Premium for "Adventurer level" x4 (340+)

3 DAY SKI TRAVERSE DEER PARK TO HURRICANE RIDGE

The Olympic Mountains have gotten bad press in the world of cross country skiing. Stories abound of terrific winter storms and steep terrain. Put those stories to rest by visiting Hurricane Ridge, the range's most popular ski area. Friday we will ski out from Deer Park, perhaps the range's second most popular destination during the summer. This first day will carry us well out onto the connector ridge toward our eventual destination and the second pickup car at Hurricane Ridge. After camping out for our first night the early risers will get some turns in before breakfast and breaking camp mid morning for our second camp. This ridge top has relatively little variation in elevation but offers truly remarkable runs down off of it into the valleys below. Our last day will probably include a ski tour down to Whiskey bend from Hurricane Ridge. The tour down to Whiskey Bend leads past the gleaming slopes and stunning scenery that in 1982 led the United Nations to designate Olympic National Park as a World Heritage Park. Views of the Elwha River and the Bailey Range are major highlights of this tour. Provided: transit, maps, meals. Dates 4/3-4/6 Donation Premium for "Adventurer level" x2 (\$170+)



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