

**SHATAGEE WOODS CHAPTER
ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB**

WINTER & SPRING SCHEDULE 2023

Winter is right around the corner but as I look out my window writing this little missive all I see is dreary rain and not beautiful white snow. Yes.... I like snow this time of year. Officially winter begins December 21st; my favorite day of the year because after that, we gain precious daylight each day. January and February are a wonderful time of year to get out and enjoy the beautiful winter weather on a pair of skis or snowshoes. Before you know it, it will be Spring and we'll be putting our boats in the water for a paddle or putting on our hiking shoes for a little trek. I hope many can enjoy the wonderful schedule our leaders and our outing chair, Jane Keltling, has put together - THANK YOU! See you on the trail! - Marjorie

January 7th New Land Trust

Ski or snowshoe at New Land Trust in Saranac, always our first trip of the season. Time to wax skis and check snowshoe bindings. Margaret & Janet Empsall are willing to be our leaders. Please call them at (518) 425-9968 to let them know you are coming.

January 14th Barnes Pond Road

These trails are located off of the True Brook Road near Redford. It's been a while since Bill & I have skied here but there is quite a network of old logging roads. The state built handicapped accessible campsites along these roads that were seldom used. Call the Keltings at (518) 425-3314

January 21st Dunkin Reserve

Mary Holmes led this ski outing last year and all enjoyed the trail which is quite flat till the sudden dip at the end. If the snow is deep, it is not well suited for snowshoes, just ask Bill! The length is 4 miles round trip. Contact Mary at (302) 723-7708

January 28th Malone Fish & Game Club

A great place to ski/snowshoe on well groomed trails plus a warm clubhouse where we can enjoy our lunch. A day pass is \$10. Please give the Keltings a call if you plan to join us (518) 425-3314

February 4th Titusville Cliffs

Marty Sosville will be leading this snowshoe hike. This trail is maintained by the DEC but there is still no real parking space. Marty does not plan to climb the cliffs; call him at (518) 483-4897 for details.

February 11th Beautiful Marcy Dam

Hope for a perfect day to enjoy skiing/snowshoeing into Marcy Dam. A 4.46 mile (round trip) from ADK's Lodge at Heart Lake. Skiing is a bit tricky! If you're not used to rough terrain, snowshoes might be a better choice. Marty Sosville is leading, his number is (518) 483-4897

February 18th Ellenburg Mountain

On the north side of this range there are a number of old logging roads that Mary Holmes wishes to explore. Please join her on skis or snowshoes. Mary's number is: (302) 723-7708

February 25th A Day at the VIC

People's choice, we'll decide what trails we wish to do when we meet. We can ski or snowshoe on the same trail so we don't have to separate. There is a fee for a day pass, check with the Kelting's on the price. This outing is being organized by the Keltings, just give them a call, (518) 425-3314

March 4th Cascade Acres

Word has it that ADK members can ski free so don't forget your membership card! Always one of our favorite places to go come spring. The trails are well groomed for skiing or snowshoeing. We'll plan to meet in the parking lot at 10am. Just give the Keltings a call for more details (518) 425-3314

March 11th Altona Flat Rock

Alan Liptak will be leading a ski/snowshoe or hike on a portion of the Flat Rock. Alan plans to visit the Dead Sea, an abandoned gorge in the Potsdam Sandstone that is the result of an ancient waterfall during the last glacial epoch. The outing will begin at the end of the Brunell Road in Altona, and is about two miles round trip. The weather will be our guide, hopefully there will be snow. Don't miss this!! Contact Alan at (802) 917-4228 or alan@leenv.net

March 18th Up & Over

The snowmobile trail that goes over the ridge of Panther Mountain towards Ellenburg is a great ski. A car can be parked at either end making it a really nice trip. The Keltings will organize this so give them a call. Plan to spend some time around the wood stove at Panther Lodge following your ski. (518) 425-3314

March 25th Jay Range

You'll most likely need snowshoes to join Mary Holmes on this beautiful climb. Please call Mary for the details. Mary's number is (302) 723-7708.

April 1st Sugaring Off

We will meet at the Lake View Schoolhouse in Merrill. There will be plenty of maple syrup boiled down to eat on snow. Bring a chair and join the fun. Just give the Keltings a call for more info (518) 425-3314

April 8th Woolly Invasives

Time to walk or maybe ski to the hemlock groves we check each spring for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid or HWA. Our sites are located on the west shore of Upper Chateaugay Lake, beautiful spots for a picnic lunch. Please join us in our search. Call Sue Smith at (802) 373-7942

SPRING BREAK

May 13th A Picnic at AuSable Point

We did this a few years ago and it was fun. Besides eating and chatting we did a cleanup of the beach and surrounding area. Jim & Sharon Votraw will be organizing the fun. Their number is: (518) 420-8274.

Notices will be sent out re: the following two outings

A tour of the Underground RR Hideout in the basement of the Congregational church in Malone. Marjorie will be arranging this to take place in May.

A visit to the Underground RR Museum at AuSable Chasm. Jane will arrange this visit to take place around June 10th.

May 27th Clintonville Pine Barrens

Mary Holmes will be leading us on a pleasant stroll through this lovely pine forest. No hills to climb, a nice flat trail. Call Mary at (302) 723-7708.

June 15th An Old Growth Forest

Located at the base of Ampersand Mountain near Saranac Lake is a rare stand of forest. Mary Holmes and Sue Smith are leading. The first mile of trail up Ampersand goes through this forest. People may choose to continue up the mountain with Mary or to turn around with Sue and head down the trail that leads to the beach on Middle Saranac Lake. Hopefully we'll all meet at the beach for a picnic later in the day. Call Sue at (802) 373-7942

June 21st Spring Bog

Ken Adams and Sue Smith have arranged to lead us on this section of Nature Conserve Land near Tupper Lake. A perfect opportunity to learn all about a bog from Ken who is extremely knowledgeable. Sue will be the contact person.

June 24th A Paddle Breakdown

First paddle of the season on Upper Chateaugay Lake. We will be putting in from Sue Smith's beach. Please contact at (802) 373-7942

June 29th Our Annual Dinner

Additional information will be sent out. There will be a speaker. We want to stress our need for more trails and better parking at trailheads.

Our calendar is also viewable on our website: <https://www.shatageeadk.org>