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December

The Canadian Ski Marathon (CSM)

I am planning to enter the CSM again in 2010 and would be willing to provide coaching and help to anyone interested in taking part. It is a great event and I encourage all cross-country skiers to try it at least once.

Here is the link to the website: www.csm-mcs.com/index2.html .

Wed. Dec. 2 – Family Event – Winter Trails of Lights – Downsview Park

Canada's largest walk-through holiday light show features an enchanting 2 km. outdoor trail of dazzling LED light displays through the Canada Forest and Downsview Park. Walk through the 13 metre tall Holiday Tree or under the Poinsetta Arch, have your picture taken with Santa (free) and grab a cup of hot chocolate – there's lots to do!

Thurs. Dec. 3 – Italian Food on Queen St. East

Enjoy Italian food on Queen St. East

Fri. Dec. 4 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface, adults only.

Sat. Dec. 5 – Day Hike – Seaton Trail and Pub – 14 KM

The Seaton Trail follows the West Duffin Valley north of Pickering. We will hike from the south end, north to Whitevale, and return the same route. This is an easy trail but could be muddy and slippery or snowy and icy at this time of year. Bring icers if there's snow or ice; snowshoes if there's lots of snow. Afterwards, we will go for refreshments at a local pub.

Wed. Dec. 9 – A Merry Walk of Baby Point at Christmas

First of our annual walks in the crisp air through some of Toronto's finest neighbourhoods during the Christmas season. One year there was even a roaming choir to serenade us.

Fri. Dec. 11 – Etobicoke School of the Arts – Christmas Concert

Not to be missed! An evening of lovely music by the talented students of the Etobicoke School of the Arts, acclaimed by the many club members who have attended in past years. The concert ends with the stirring Hallelulah from Handel's Messiah performed by the school's award-winning choir.

Fri. Dec. 11 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface, adults only.

Sat. Dec. 12 – Ski – Ganaraska Trail

Ski the Ganaraska Trail on the Oro-Medonte moraine between Bass Lake and Horseshoe Valley. This is an activity for intermediate skiers. If the snow is lacking, there will be a hike.

Wed. Dec. 16 – A Merry Walk of Lawrence Park at Christmas

Second of our annual walks viewing elegant homes laden with colourful strings of lights, reindeer, joyful wreaths and other decorations of the season.

Fri. Dec. 18 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface, adults only.

Sat. Dec. 19 – Live Theatre Outing – Port Hope – Naughty Panto – Jack & the Beanstalk

For the 8th year, around the holiday season, the Capital Theatre of Port Hope will be producing a Christmas Pantomime show. For those who are unfamiliar with the term, a Panto or Pantomime is a satirical or a fractured version of a fairy tale. This year they are adding a twist, as well as their usual family production. The Capital Theatre will be staging a second adults only version of ribald humour and sexy songs. Because the show starts at 7 p.m., past the bedtime of young children, we will have dinner before the show at a local restaurant in Port Hope.

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Sat. Dec. 19 – Day Hike or Snowshoe – Walker Woods and Pub

Depending on conditions, we will hike or snowshoe in the Walker Woods/Glen Major area, followed by seasonal refreshments at a local pub.

Sat. Dec. 19 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Warsaw

Impeccably clean and minimally adorned, this Roncesvalles Ave. family-friendly spot specializes in extremely hearty Polish fare. Outgoing staff make first-timers feel like long-lost relatives.

January

Fri. Jan. 1 – Day Walk – Toronto Island

Traditional New Years' walk on the islands. It's a different world on the islands in the winter. The farm animals of Centreville look for visitors, skaters grace the canals, and Christmas decorations still adorn the houses of Ward's and Algonquin Islands. Snow crunches as you walk along the boardwalk and explore the quaint cottage communities.

Sat. Jan. 2 – Bus Trip No. 1 – Ski or Snowshoe – Horseshoe/Ganaraska Trail/Copeland Forest

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing activities, alpine skiing available at the resort. The bus will drop track skiers at Horseshoe Resort, off-track skiers on the Ganaraska Trail and snowshoers in Horseshoe vicinity. At the end of the day, the bus will pick up all participants at Horseshoe and return home.

For track skiers, Horseshoe offers 40 km of trails meticulously groomed for both classical and skating techniques. There are trails catering to all skiing levels. Off-track skiers will ski along the nearby Ganaraska Trail with XXXXX from Oro Concession 4 and follow an improved version of the trail to Concession 11 to be picked up by the bus at the end of the day – a distance of 14 km through wooded uplands. For snowshoers, XXXXX will lead snowshoers from the Chalet to the adjacent Copeland Forest and the Ganaraska hiking trail. Snowshoes can be rented at Horseshoe, however, a trail pass will have to be bought as well.

Tues. Jan. 5 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Fri. Jan. 8 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface, adults only.

Sat. Jan. 9 – Snowshoe – Glen Major

Enjoy 3 to 4 hours of snowshoeing in this large wilderness area. We will choose a different and probably easier route than last year. Bring lunch and a hot drink.

Sat. Jan. 9 – Bus Trip No. 2 – Ski or Snowshoe – Hardwood Hills/Simcoe County Forests

Ski, snowshoe, demo skis or snowshoes at Hardwood Hills Resort, Ontario's best cross-country resort. Snowshoers get a chance to try new equipment for 20 minutes without renting it.

Snowshoeing will be led by XXXXX in Simcoe County forests nearby. Snowshoes should be rented before coming on this trip for use off the property. Off track skiing is available with XXXXX.

Tues. Jan. 12 – Snowshoe – Long Sault Conservation Area

For those who have hiked this area, we will also enjoy a snowshoeing day. With no trees to obscure our view, we will be able to enjoy the rolling hills on the Oak Ridges Moraine. If there is no snow, we will hike. Bring a lunch, water and snacks.

Tues. Jan. 12 – Skating – Cedarena

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Fri. Jan. 15 to Sun. Jan. 17 – Snowshoe Weekend – Waubauskene and Area – Part 1

We'll go where the snow takes us. Most areas will be on Crown land using map and compass through hidden trails, bushwhacking and frozen marshes and swamps. Muskoka, Severn, Tay and Georgian Bay townships are all within easy reach from our base in Waubauskene, an old 1880s farmhouse ½ hr. north of Barrie. Bring your lunches and a pot luck dish for Saturday night's dinner.

Sat. Jan. 16 – Snowshoe – Long Sault Conservation Area

Rugged terrain and an enchanting day for anyone who has some experience on snowshoes. Ski poles would be a definite asset and a camera is a must. Call the trip organizer for more details.

Sat. Jan. 16 – Bus Trip No. 3 – Ski or Snowshoe – Highlands Nordic/Bruce Trail

For skiers, Nordic Highlands at Duntroon offers Niagara Escarpment Nature at its best with 20 km of ski trails. They are groomed daily for classic and skate skiing. The trails go through maple bush and rolling hills with panoramic views of Georgian Bay. XXXXX is familiar with the area and will take snowshoers to the nearby Bruce Trail. It offers many kilometres of trail with views of Georgian Bay. Snowshoe rentals are available at Highlands Nordic.

Ski lessons: XXXXX will be providing two half-day cross-country ski lessons with a maximum of 6 people in each session...

Mon. Jan. 18 – Safety Seminar – Gary Jack from St. John Ambulance

The Five Winds Ski Club will be hosting a Safety Seminar. Gary is a very experienced educator of first aid in the wilderness; his list of clients include the Canadian military, paramedics, firefighters and police. He is currently training surveyors who are mapping our arctic shorelines in the winter months. His topics will include the following: 1) frostbite, hypothermia and how to stay warm; 2) what to do if you fall through the ice; 3) wound management in the outdoors; 4) first aid items to have in your pack; 5) what are the signs and symptoms of a heart attack or stroke and what steps to take; 6) panic avoidance in an emergency situation.

Tues. Jan. 19 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Wed. Jan. 20 – Ski – Earle Bales Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

Thurs. Jan. 21 – Snowshoe – Riverdale Park

A short snowshoe in the park on a moonlit night.

Fri. Jan. 22 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface, adults only.

Fri. Jan. 22 to Sun. Jan. 24 – Ski & Snowshoe Weekend – Camp Wanakita

Camp Wanakita is a YMCA outdoor centre 12 km south of Haliburton village. There is a main lodge with dining room and recreation facilities. We will have sole use of the Bear Den building which has rooms with 3 or 4 beds plus a common room, washrooms with showers, a laundry and a full kitchen. Wanakita provides a group facilitator dedicated to our group who will lead guided snowshoe or ski trips and offer some ski and/or snowshoe instruction. Skis and snowshoes are available for participants to borrow at no charge. The centre has 25 km of groomed cross-country ski trails and 25 km of snowshoeing trails as well as a skating rink, toboggan hills and an area for indoor games. It is also close to the 100 km trail system of the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association <http://www.skihaliburton.com>. On Saturday night, there is a guided ski excursion to a fire pit.

Sat. Jan. 23 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Madras

Join us and experience fine Indian cuisine at one of Toronto's best-known Indian restaurants.

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Sun. Jan. 24 – Bus Trip No. 4 – Ski or Snowshoe – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park/Ganaraska Trail

Wasaga Beach offers some of the most exciting Nordic ski terrain in Central Ontario with 32 km of trails located in the Dunes area of Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. Expert skiers are challenged on the groomed and track set High Dunes Trail, or you may choose a more leisurely ski on the Blueberry Plains Trail. Blueberry trails has modern equipment rentals, washrooms, fireplace and refreshment facilities. For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group along the Ganaraska trail with its many kilometres of forest trails. The ski lodge rents snowshoes. Come on out for a great day in the snow.

Tues. Jan. 26 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Wed. Jan. 27 – Ski – Wilket Creek Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

Wed. Jan. 27 – Dinner/Theatre Outing – Noel Coward's "Hay Fever"

Play synopsis: What happens when each member of an eccentric English family invites a guest for a weekend at their country house? A classic comedy of outlandish behaviour, flirtations, and silly parlour games.

Thurs. Jan. 28 – Snowshoe – Riverdale Park

A short snowshoe in the park on a moonlit night.

Fri. Jan. 29 to Sun. Jan. 31 – Snowshoe Weekend – Oxtongue Lake

Join us for a fun-filled weekend at the very rustic Wolfden Bunkhouse at the Oxtongue River near Algonquin Park. Explore by snowshoe the many trails in this beautiful area. Relax in the log sauna or socialize at the cozy fireplace. Mico, the black lab, would love to play Frisbee with you. The potluck dinner on Saturday night is always delicious. All previous trips booked out quickly so register early to avoid disappointment.

Sat. Jan. 30 – Bus Trip No. 5 – Ski or Snowshoe – Kolapore/Scenic Caves

Ski in-track or off-track ski Kolapore or bushwhack snowshoe. The bus will drop off track and snowshoers enroute at Kolapore, continue to Scenic Caves and return to Toronto in reverse order. Bus leaves Scenic Caves at 3:30 p.m.

For track skiers, Scenic Caves offers 16 km of trails meticulously groomed for classic, beginner and intermediate with excellent views of Georgian Bay from up on top of Blue Mountain. Off-track skiers will ski at Kolapore doing a fairly moderate off track trail with possible deep new powder snow. Snowshoers will be led by XXXXX who is knowledgeable with the area. Snowshoeing through Kolapore is only for those that can bushwhack, and they should have their own equipment. Rental snowshoes are available at Scenic Caves while we are there. Expected return at EYCC is 6:30 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 30 – Dinner/Movie Outing – Jersey Giant Pub Dinner & Movie #1

The Jersey Giant Pub offers great food and drink. It has a nice warm atmosphere inside to escape the cold of winter outside. Later, we will go over to the nearby Rainbow Cinema (80 Front Street in Market Square) to see what's interesting to see as a group. Refreshments after the movie somewhere in the area. One fun night out!

Sat. Jan. 30 to Sun. Feb. 7 – Hut to Hut La Traverse de Charlevoix – 103 km.

Come ski 10-20 km. for a 7 day/6 night trip on the ungroomed trails of Charlevoix. We will stay at a different fully equipped cottage each night. We will ski 5 to 9 hours each day to reach our next destination. Everyone must carry their own clothes, sleeping bag, thermarest and their share of the communal food. Wide skis, boots with ankle support, skins or snowshoes are required. The first and last day of the trip will be travel days. One night stay in a hotel will be required each way. If the group is large enough, having our gear transported daily will be available at an additional cost.

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Feb. 2010 Advance Notice – 5th Annual Reel Paddling Film Festival

The Outing Club of East York and the Complete Paddler will once again co-host the Reel Paddling Film Festival, the best canoeing, whitewater and sea kayaking films of the past year. Half of the proceeds from this event go to Project C.A.N.O.E. (Creative and Natural Outdoor Experience Inc.) a non-profit organization providing wilderness canoe trips for youths at risk.

Tues. Feb. 2 – Skating – Cedarena

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Thurs. Feb. 4 – Snowshoe – Riverdale Park

A short snowshoe in the park on a moonlit night.

Sat.. Feb. 6 – City Walk – Distillery District

Always a favourite, the Distillery District is a fun place to visit. If the weather is tolerable, there will be an informative historic walk leading up to our final destination where welcoming hot beverages can be procured. If, however, the weather is bone-chilling, we will keep warm by walking more briskly and directly to the warm comfort of the Distillery District buildings.

Sat. Feb. 6 – Snowshoe – Spencer's Gorge Wilderness Area

Rugged terrain and spectacular waterfalls will make this frozen wonderland and enchanting day for anyone who has some experience on snowshoes. Ski poles would be a definite asset and a camera is a must.

Sat. Feb. 6 – Bus Trip No. 6 – Ski or Snowshoe – Horseshoe Resort/Ganaraska Trail/Copeland Forest

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing activities, alpine skiing available at resort. The bus will drop track skiers at Horseshoe Resort, off-track skiers on the Ganaraska Trail and snowshoers in Horseshoe vicinity. At the end of the day the bus will pick up all participants at Horseshoe and return home.

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For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group to Horseshoe and the adjacent Copeland Forest with its many kilometres of quiet forest trails. Snowshoes can be rented at Horseshoe, however, a trail pass must be bought as well.

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Sat. Feb. 6 – Special Event – Pub Night

Share good cheer and mouthwatering snacks at the lively Whistler's Pub (Broadview & Mortimer). Leave the winter blues behind and enjoy a night out with your fellow club members. A good time is always had by all! Light refreshments will be provided. Beverages are extra.

Tues. Feb. 9 – Skating – Cedarena

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Thurs. Feb. 11 to Tues. Feb. 16 – Snowshoe or Ski Long Weekend – Val David, Quebec

We will be staying five nights, or fewer, if you cannot come for the whole time, at the Chalet Beaumont Hostel above the Village of Val David about 80 km north of Montreal. Accommodation will be in private rooms with two beds each and shared bathrooms. The hostel has a comfortable common room, solarium, full kitchen with food storage, laundry facilities. Val-Morin and Val-David have expropriated all the lands necessary for Parc Dufresne Val-David/Val-Morin. This is now an official regional park and the traditional trail network is protected in perpetuity.

There is access to over 80 km. of cross-country trails from the door of the hostel as well as opportunities for snowshoeing on nearby hiking trails and downhill skiing. Food will be independent except we will have a communal pot luck supper on Sunday night and perhaps go out to sample the delights of Val David on the Saturday evening.

Sun. Feb. 14 –Bus Trip No. 7 – Ski or Snowshoe – Mansfield Outdoor Centre/Dufferin Forest

For skiers, Mansfield offers 35 km of groomed and track set trails catering to all skiing levels. If you are new to Mansfield, be sure to ski the blue trail to the lookout with a view of the Pine River Valley. For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group to the adjacent Dufferin County Forest with its many kilometres of forest trails. Mansfield rents snowshoes at \$5 a pair. Come on out for a great day in the snow.

Mon. Feb. 15 – Family Day Walk – Belt Line and Cedarvale Ravine

Enjoy a brisk walk on Family Day through some of the most scenic parkland in the city. A great antidote for the mid-winter blues. Route for walk may vary due to winter conditions.

Mon. Feb. 15 – Ski – Five Winds Trails

Ski the challenging Five Winds Trails northwest of Gravenhurst. This will be an all day activity for intermediate skiers. Be prepared to break trail and contend with deep snow on narrow trails.

Tues. Feb. 16 – Skating – Cedarena

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Wed. Feb. 17 – Ski – Earl Bales Park

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Fri. Feb. 19 – Skating – York Mills Arena

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Sat. Feb. 20 – Ski – Beausoleil Island

We start at Honey Harbour and ski over the ice to and around Beausoleil Island for 5-6 hours at a slow pace taking time to check out the sights and sounds. Ordinary touring skis are all you need. Dress warm and bring a lunch.

Sat. Feb. 20 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Bangkok

Dinner at a cosy cafe-like spot in the Annex

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Wed. Feb. 24 – Ski – Wilket Creek Park

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Thurs. Feb. 25 – Snowshoe – Riverdale Park

A short snowshoe in the park on a moonlit night.

Fri. Feb. 26 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface, adults only.

Sat. Feb. 27 – Bus Trip No. 9 – Ski or Snowshoe – Kolapore/Scenic Caves

Ski in track or off-track ski Kolapore or bushwhack snowshoe. The bus will drop off track and snowshoers enroute at Kolapore, continue to Scenic Caves and return to Toronto in reverse order. Bus leaves Scenic Caves at 3:30 p.m.

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March

Thurs. March 3 – Snowshoe – Riverdale Park

A short snowshoe in the park on a moonlit night.

Sat. March 6 – Bus Trip No. 10 – Ski or Snowshoe – Horseshoe/Ganaraska Trail/Copeland Forest

The bus will drop track and alpine skiers at Horseshoe Resort, off-track skiers on the Ganaraska trail and snowshoers in Horseshoe vicinity. At the end of the day, the bus will pick up all participants at Horseshoe and return home.

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Off-track skiers will ski along the nearby Ganaraska Trail with XXXXX from Oro Concession and along the Ganaraska trail to Bass Lake. We will cross Bass Lake to XXXXX's house to be picked up by the bus at the end of the day – a distance of 14 km through wooded uplands.

For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group to Horseshoe and the adjacent Copeland Forest with its many kilometres of quiet forest trails.

Sun. March 7 – Day Hike – Kilbride

A hike along the Bruce Trail in the Burlington area. Most of the year this hike has some very buggy patches. In wintertime with its long boardwalks over the swamp and rocky terrain leading down to it, the environment is both comfortable and beautiful. Icecs required.

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Sat. March 13 – City Walk – Unionville

Embedded in the midst of the vast urban sprawl of the York region lies quaint Main Street Unionville, a gentrified version of a 19th century streetscape – in some ways resembling a local GTA version of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Afterwards, we can visit an art gallery and stop for refreshments.

Sun. March 14 – Bus Trip No. 11 – Ski or Snowshoe – Highlands Nordic/Bruce Trail

For skiers, Highlands Nordic at Duntroon offers Niagara Escarpment Nature at its best with 15 km of ski trails. They are groomed daily for classic and skating skiing. The trails go through maple bush and rolling hills with panoramic views of Georgian Bay. For snowshoers, a leader TBA will take the group on the nearby Bruce Trail. It offers many kilometres of trail with views of Georgian Bay. Snowshoe rentals are available at Nordic Highlands.

Sat. March 20 – Ski – Awenda Provincial Park

Don't put away those skis yet. The ski trails at Awenda still have some snow. The terrain is relatively flat and there are excellent views of Georgian Bay from the crest of the Nipissing Bluff. Along the shore, there may be the unusual remains of gigantic ice formations. If we must, then hike we will.

Sat. March 20 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Lisbon

Like the futebol on the giant plasma TV, this charmingly off-kilter Kensington Market institution remains a restaurant of two halves: one a traditional coastal Portuguese seafood eatery with formal, family-friendly decor; the other, a sometimes rowdy local complete with fishmongers to original Queen West legends.

Sun. March 21 – Day Hike – Crawford Lake Conservation Area – 12 km

We will be hiking a loop from Crawford Lake Conservation Area to Rattlesnake Point C.A. and return. At Crawford Lake, we will have time to visit the reconstructed Iroquoian village. Bring your Bruce Trail membership card for free parking. Bring icers if there is snow and/or ice.

Thurs. March 25 – 2010 Spring/Summer/Fall Information Night

This event will launch our new calendar, April to November, listing the best selection of outdoor events in the city. Our hiking, cycling and paddling programs will be highlighted as well as many social outings.

This is a great opportunity for members to meet up with each other and to get a head start on the upcoming activities. Bring your friends along. There is no better time to introduce them to the club and the tremendously varied program we offer. Refreshments will be provided.

Fri. March 26 to March 28 – Snowshoe Weekend – Beaver Valley

With the last of the Club ski bus behind us, if you still have energy to snowshoe, join me in the beautiful Beaver Valley. If the snow is gone, we'll hike. We will stay at a comfortable lodge-type house. Breakfast and Friday dinner will be included in the total cost (a modest amount in addition to the accommodation). Saturday supper will be pot luck. Lunches and snacks are your responsibility.

Sat. March 27 – City Walk – James Gardens – 10 km

We will hike to James Gardens and return – approximately a 10 km. trip. Lunch afterwards at a local restaurant for those interested.

Sat. March 27 – Dinner/Movie Outing – Jersey Giant Pub Dinner & Movie #2

The Jersey Giant Pub offers great food and drink. It has a nice warm atmosphere inside to escape the cold of winter outside. Later, we will go over to the nearby Rainbow Cinema (80 Front Street in Market Square) to see what's interesting to see as a group. Refreshments after the movie somewhere in the area. One fun night out!

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Fri. April 2 – Good Friday Hike – Mono Cliffs – 12 km.

Walk through the scenic Mono Cliffs Provincial Park with its small lakes and hardwood forests. Spectacular views are guaranteed.

Fri. April 23 to Sun. April 25 – Hike Weekend – Algonquin

As spring awakens in Algonquin, moose 'moms' and their calves come out to say hello to hikers. Spring peepers (frogs) start singing and birds start chirping again. Deer, otters or beavers may also come out to greet us. We will hike the Park trails even if there is still a bit of ice and snow around. We will stay at the cozy Wolf Den Lodge www.wolfdenbunkhouse.com and of course there is a Pot Luck Feast on the Saturday night.