

RASki & Outdoor Club

More than just a ski club

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NOVEMBER 2023 WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

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RA SKI CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 PM

RA Centre, Courtside B room (east end of the building)

We will be holding our annual Open House in-person this year! Visit us to find out about our 2023-2024 programs and activities, including a slide show of all our activities over the past year.

RA SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

Thank you for becoming a (*new or returning!*) Club member this season. We hope you look forward to and enjoy our programs and, maybe, entice a friend to join, too, to help us grow.

Welcome Back! And, by that, I mean back to normal programming – we are happy to offer a full complement of activities in many of our programs!

This year's Open House will be an in-person event at the RA's Courtside B on November 15th. If we don't see you there, we are looking forward to seeing you on the trails again soon!

After missing out last season, we are thrilled to be able to offer a weeklong trip in 2024. Sticker shock at travel price increases derailed our plans for a European destination, but our vacation provider put together a competitively priced Banff holiday which is nearly sold-out. If you were on the fence about our trip, it's time to hop off and sign up!

We have a number of multi-day trips organized for both Downhill and Cross-country destinations and, thanks to a partnership with the Bytown Ski Club, RA Ski Club members can once more enjoy bus trips to Mont Tremblant each month January to April. Look through the pages of this newsletter for these details and more...

I would like to recognize our Club Council members who have been actively planning for the return of our programs with safety first and foremost. They have been working hard to revive and revitalize the membership and activities *and* recruit volunteers to lead our trips.

The Council welcomes input and suggestions for Club activities from our members and works with a strong contingent of volunteers. Can we count you in? Please, reach out to any Council member with ideas, suggestions, or offers to help. All are welcome!

Be sure to follow our Social Media to receive regular news and updates all season long (see the *Stay Informed* box on our web page).

On behalf of the Club Council,

Jaime Impey, Vice-Chair, weeklong-2020@raski.ca

WEEKLONG 2024 – BANFF AB



FEBRUARY 1 – 8, 2024

COST (including taxes)

Double Occupancy: \$1,999

Single Occupancy: \$2,589

Included:

5 day Big 3 lift pass

7 nights accommodation

Limited
Spots
Available!

HOTEL and AMENITIES

RA Skiers and friends will enjoy 7 nights relaxing in their Superior hotel room at the Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa after days of skiing the distinctive resorts of the Big 3 in Banff - Banff Sunshine, Lake Louise Ski Resort and Mt Norquay. Start your day with the hot breakfast buffet included in this package. Registration closes on Dec 15. *Hope to see you on the trails!*



Banff Caribou Lodge

Located in Banff National Park, it offers a mountain lodge hotel, a great steakhouse restaurant, an indoor, jetted hot pool for up to 26, and a full-service spa, all in one outstanding location on Banff Avenue, the main street in the town of Banff and a short walk downtown. Surrounded by mountains, there are plenty of activities to keep you busy and the Lodge is the first shuttle stop for Resort shuttles, departing every 60-70 mins in the morning, with up to 4 return times in the afternoon.

Rooms contain a mini fridge, coffee maker, tea kettle, room safe, flat screen TV and cable, and free Wi-Fi.

Dining and Shopping

Many restaurants and cafes are available for dining in Banff, including the hotel steakhouse. There is a wide variety of shopping on the main streets of Banff and Lake Louise.

ACTIVITIES

Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is known for its exceptional natural beauty, rare wildlife and abundant land-forms. The ski towns of Banff, and Lake Louise access the resorts of Banff Sunshine, Lake Louise Ski Resort and Mt Norquay. The three boast 7,748 acres of skiable terrain, 2 gondolas, 27 chairlifts and 30 feet of feather-light, dry Canadian Rockies powder annually – all accessible with one SkiBig3 Lift Ticket. There's a run for everyone - everything from super-wide groomers, gladed runs, to steep and deep chutes and black diamond mogul thrill rides.

Step into a pair of XC skis and glide your way around Banff National Park's spectacular landscape. Scenic track-set and skate skiing options are available in the Banff, Lake Louise, and Castle Junction areas. Whether you prefer classic or skate skiing, cross-country skiing is wonderful way to explore Banff, get your heart rate going and enjoy nature.

In addition to skiing and snowboarding, there is snowshoeing, hiking, ice skating, snowmobiling, dog sledding, fat biking and Night Ice Walks.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

RASki will be travelling between Ottawa and Calgary on Air Canada, and via coach transfers to and from Banff. Included: one carry-on and one piece of checked luggage. Air Canada is currently charging a fee to check in a 2nd piece (ski/boot bag combo).

TRIP RENDEZVOUS NIGHT

To be scheduled for a January evening 7:00 PM

Trip Co-ordinator

Jaime Impey, weeklong-2020@raski.ca

MONT SAINTE-ANNE MIDWEEK DOWNHILL & CROSS-COUNTRY

FEB. 25 to MAR. 1, 2024

Downhill & Cross-Country



Join the RA Ski & Outdoor club as we head to Mont Sainte-Anne near Quebec City for a fabulous getaway.

Enjoy 100+ downhill ski runs at your hotel doorstep or, just 7 km away, glide on 184 km of groomed cross-country trails & 42 km snowshoe trails.

COST

- \$755.97 (taxes incl) – Double Occupancy
- \$1395.55 (taxes incl) – Single Occupancy

Add-Ons to purchase when you register with the RA

- \$418.10(taxes incl) – Downhill Ski Lift ticket age 18-64 (any 3 days Mon-Thurs)
- \$344.65(taxes incl) – Downhill Ski Lift ticket age 65+ (any 3 days Mon-Thurs)

XC Ski Passes (purchase on-site)

(50% discount available for Gatineau Park cross-country season-pass holders)

- \$45/day Cross country trail pass, age 18-64
- \$37/day Cross country trail pass, age 65+

TRAVEL

This is a **self-drive trip**. Options include carpool or VIA Rail.

MONT SAINTE-ANNE DOWNHILL

- 71 trails
- 2050 feet of vertical
- 9 lifts, including a high-speed gondola

<https://mont-sainte-anne.com/en/alpine-skiing-trail-maps/>

MONT SAINT-ANNE CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country ski centre is one of the best in Canada, with 184 km of trails.

<https://mont-sainte-anne.com/cartes-des-sentiers-ski-de-fond/>



The xc ski centre features rustic cabins, a cafeteria, a shop, equipment rentals, and an on-site waxing room.

ACCOMMODATION

5 nights lodging at Delta Mont Saint Anne (slope side).

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yqbdm-delta-hotels-mont-sainte-anne-resort-and-convention-center/overview/>



Rooms have 2 Queen beds and a kitchenette (rooms with one King bed are available but limited).

REGISTRATION

Register at the RA Centre
– in person, phone (613-733-5100), or PlayRA

PAYMENT, TERMS/CONDITIONS

- 50% deposit due on registration or by Nov 17, 2023
- Balance due on January 15, 2024
- No refunds for lodging after February 2, 2024
- Mont Saint-Anne lift tickets are non-refundable 3 business days in advance of arrival (Feb 21)

FAR HILLS INN, VAL MORIN, QUEBEC

Weds. – Friday Feb. 14-16, 2024

COST (tax included):

\$365.21 for double accommodation

\$514 for single accommodation.

We are going back to the Far Hills Inn in the beautiful Laurentian Hills this year!

Located in Val Morin, this location provides direct access to the ski trails of Parc Regional Dufresne right outside their door.

The Inn has a new chef this year to provide 3 course dinners on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

INCLUDED:

2 nights accommodation

- 2 dinners, 2 buffet breakfasts,
- XC ski/snowshoe pass to Parc Dufresne
- taxes and gratuity

PARC REGIONAL DUFRESNE

The Parc regional Dufresne (formerly known as the Far Hills & Val-David XC ski areas) is one of the largest and most comprehensive ski centres in all of Quebec.



Far Hills viewpoint

The extensive system of 130 km of trails (80 km groomed and 50 km of back-country), offers excellent skiing for all levels of ability. Most of the trails are double-tracked, and many have an additional skating lane in the centre. Some of the trails were cut by the legendary Jackrabbit Johannsen!

There are also 31 km of snowshoe trails in the park, covering a variety of terrain.

HOTEL

Far Hills Inn is located in the Laurentians just over an hour's drive north of Montreal at 3399 chemin Far Hills Inn.



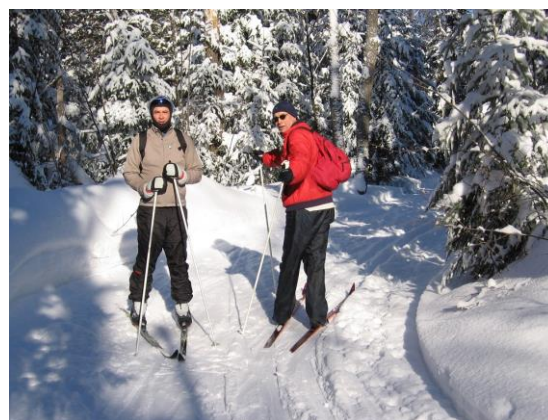
Website: <http://www.farhillsinn.com>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING:

There are 2 ways to register:

1 – Visit or call the RA Member Services at 613-733-5100. You have to register for both accommodation (either single or double accommodation) and the meal package. (This is due to the way that taxes had to be calculated.)

2 – Online at www.racentre.com. Choose PLAYRA, then login. Search for Far Hills in the search bar. Both accommodation choices and the meal plan should show up. Choose the meal plan and either double or single accommodations. (If you haven't logged into the system, then you will have to contact member services to get an account.)



RA Skiers at Far Hills

If you are looking for a roommate or a drive, please contact me.

Louise Cameron, XC Co-Chair, [XC-2020\(at\)raski.ca](mailto:XC-2020(at)raski.ca)

DOWNHILL DAYS

Our 2023-2024 downhill ski season is shaping up to be a full calendar of day & multi-day outings to local hills and beyond.

“NEW” for RAski members this year are four day-bus trips to Tremblant that are being offered in conjunction with the Bytown Ski Club, with pickup & drop-off at the RA. Registration & cost details will be posted shortly.

We are also offering a multi-day trip to Mont Sainte-Anne, February. 25-March 1.



Feb. 2011 – RA skiers at Mont Sainte-Anne

Back by popular demand are our “Fortune Fridays” – an informal meet-up at Camp Fortune with friends, family, and anyone who wants to come out and enjoy a ski day.

Most hills last year moved to an online purchase system for day passes, and some savings for purchasing lift tickets in advance can be realized. However, we will continue to search for any promotions or savings that might arise throughout the ski season so that we can pass them on to you.



Jan. 25 – Meet’n’Ski at Edelweiss. Too cold to take the photo outdoors

Hope to see you on the hills !!



Dec. 20, 2022 – DH skiing at Camp Fortune

DOWNHILL DAY PROGRAM

- **14 Meet n’ Ski days** with carpool, trip leaders, and local destinations.
- **17 “Fortune Fridays”** where skiers can just show up at Camp Fortune Main Lodge at 10 a.m. and look for some familiar friendly RAski members to enjoy a ski day.
- **Trips**
 - Four bus trips to Tremblant - two Fridays (Jan 19, Feb 16) and two Sundays (Mar 17, Apr 7)
 - Multi-day trip to Mont Ste Anne Feb 25-Mar 1
- **“POP-UP” ski days**, where a local ski destination will be announced on the Sunday preceding the destination date. If you have a destination in mind, let us know and we’ll be glad to promote it.



Feb. 14 – “Pop-up” ski at Camp Fortune

Bob Cavan, Downhill Day Chair, downhill-2020{at}raski.ca

DOWNHILL SCHEDULE 2023-2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sat Dec 9	10:00	Edelweiss	meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Dec 15	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at Main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Fri Dec 22	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Fri Jan 5	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Sun Jan 7	10:00	Calabogie	carpool/meet at main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Thu Jan 11	10:00	Mont Cascades	carpool/meet at main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Jan 12	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10 am	Fortune Friday
Fri Jan 19	07:00	Tremblant	Bus trip w/Bytown ski club	Meet at RA
Fri Jan 19	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Wed Jan 24	10:00	Edelweiss	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Jan 26	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Mon Jan 29	10:00	Vorlage	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Feb 1-8		WEEKLONG - Banff	Details at www.raski.ca	
Fri Feb 2	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Sun Feb 4	10:00	Calabogie	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Feb 9	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet in main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Wed Feb 14	10:00	Edelweiss	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Feb 16	07:00	Tremblant	Bus trip w/ Bytown ski club	Meet at RA
Fri Feb 16	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Tue Feb 20	10:00	Mont Ste Marie	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Feb 23	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Feb 25–Mar 1		MULTI-DAY Mont Ste-Anne	details at www.raski.ca	
Fri Mar 1	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Wed Mar 6	10:00	Calabogie	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Mar 8	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet in main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Sun Mar 10	10:00	Mont Ste Marie	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Mar 14	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet in main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Sun Mar 17	07:00	Tremblant	Bus trip w/Bytown ski club	Meet at RA
Tues Mar 19	10:00	Pakenham	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Mar 22	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Tue Mar 26	10:00	Edelweiss	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Mar 29	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Sat Mar 30	10:00	Vorlage	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Wed Apr 3	10:00	Calabogie	carpool/meet in main lodge at 10am	Meet n'Ski
Fri Apr 5	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet at main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday
Sun Apr 7	07:00	Tremblant	Bus trip w/Bytown ski club	Meet at RA
Fri Apr 14	10:00	Camp Fortune	meet in main lodge at 10am	Fortune Friday

CROSS-COUNTRY

XC Day Trips



Dec. 26, 2022 – XC ski to Renaud cabin

Overview

Our day trips to Gatineau Park, the Greenbelt and city trails will begin in mid-December and run until mid-March. Outings are scheduled on weekdays and weekends. More outings may be added as conditions permit, and more members volunteer to lead. We also encourage everyone to use our Facebook group, RA Ski & Outdoor Club of Ottawa, to initiate meet-ups with other interested members.

As we all know, COVID, colds and flu are always with us. If you are not feeling well (cough, sniffles, headache) please stay at home and keep us all healthy.

Arrangements

We will meet at the trail head or parking lot indicated in the trip description. Note that start times will vary but, generally, we meet at 10:00 or 12:00 for weekend trips and 10:30 for weekday trips. Check the calendar on our web site for particulars on each trip. If you require transportation to the trail head/parking lot, let the trip leader know and they can ask other participants if anyone is available to carpool.

Members are asked to register with us the day before. This makes our job as leaders much easier especially on cold mornings. It also means the trip leader can notify those who have registered of any last-minute changes. And, of course, we ask that you arrive on time. Nobody wants to stand around in a cold parking lot any longer than necessary. For the same reason, please wax before leaving home.

We normally ski for 2 to 3 hours and bring a snack or small lunch.

Check the Web Site and Facebook

Outings are dependent on the weather and ski conditions. For a variety of reasons, the date, trail, destination or start time can change. We may also add additional skis to take advantage of some good conditions. **So...it is very important to check regularly for updates on our web site raski.ca and our Facebook group, especially before heading out.**

If you can snowplow . . .?

We welcome skiers of all levels. Gatineau Park does have hills **so our only requirement is that you be able to comfortably execute a snowplow stop, and a snowplow turn before joining us.** Trails on the Ontario side are generally much flatter but there is the occasional small hill.



Mar. 6 – XC skiing at Larose Forest

Seeking New Trip Leaders

We are a club that depends solely on member volunteers to make it a great club. We are short of volunteers for our XC program and ask that you seriously consider volunteering to lead a day trip. You can contact any one of us for more information and to answer all of your questions

XC Ski Lessons

The RA ski club does not offer ski lessons. During winter, the City of Ottawa's Terry Fox Athletic Facility (2690 Riverside Drive) is transformed into the Mooney's Bay Ski Centre. The centre offers 5 km of groomed and well-lit trails for classic and skate skiing, changing facilities, waxing room, and ski rentals.

The ski school offers lessons for children, youth, and adults from experienced and qualified instructors. Classes are for all abilities from beginner to advanced, and cover classic or skate-skiing lessons. Registration is found on the City of Ottawa website www.ottawa.ca in their Recreation and Parks section.

Winter Season Passes for Gatineau Park

NCC has made some changes to the season pass pricing structure to make the purchasing process easier. For reasons of fairness, the sale of passes with discount codes for groups is no longer in effect this season – everyone is eligible for the discounts listed below.

The pre-sale 25% discount period for this offer ran until October 25. Now a 15% discount is available if your purchase is made between October 26 and November 30.

To purchase, go to:

<https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/gatineau-park-winter-passes>

Have a digital photo of you handy. You can crop it on the web site.

Adult (Age 18 to 59)

Until Nov. 30, 2023 \$193.16

As of Dec. 1, 2023 \$225.35

Senior (Age 60 and over)

Until Nov. 30, 2023 \$121.87

As of Dec. 1, 2023 \$141.42

Notes

We recommend you purchase a trail map at one of the NCC Visitor Centres or at one of the outdoor stores in Ottawa and Gatineau. The NCC website also has an interactive map <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/cross-country-skiing> You can access the Gatineau Park winter and summer trail maps on the Avenir app for mobile phones.

Gatineau Park cross country ski conditions can be found at <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/ski-conditions>

Make sure you lock your car in Quebec. Police check the parking lots and give you a ticket if your doors are unlocked or if your car's license plate is expired.



Feb. 26 – XC ski to Pink Lake

Schedule of Day XC Trips

At the time of writing this newsletter, these are the day trips for which we have trip leaders. If you have suggestions for other trips or destinations, or if you are willing to lead a trip, contact us at xc-2020@raski.ca.

Sat Dec 16 - 10 AM Gatineau - P8-P9

Tues Dec 26 - 12 noon (Boxing Day) - P20 to Taylor Lake

Wed Jan 3 - 10:30 AM - P19 Leitrim Road

Tues Jan 9 - 10:30 AM - P16 to Herridge

Sat Jan 13 - 10 AM - Asticou (p1)

Tues Jan 16 - 10:30 AM - Britannia Winter trail

Sun Jan 21 - 12 noon - P6 to Pink Lake (easier trail)

Thurs Jan 25 - 10:30 AM - KichiSibi Winter trail

Wed Jan 31 - 10:30 AM - P20 Mer Bleue

Sat Feb 3 - 10 AM - Gatineau - P20 to Lusk Cabin

Tues Feb 6 - 10:30 AM - P27 Heritage East City trail

Fri Feb 9 - 10:30 AM - P17 to Brown Cabin

Sat Feb 24 - 10 PM - P6 to Pink Lake (intermediate trail)

Wed Feb 28 - 11 AM - P7 Larose Forest

Sun Mar 3 - 12 PM - Gatineau - P12 to Western

Wed Mar 6 - 10:30 AM - Greenbelt – Heritage East City trail – east to Orleans

Sat Mar 9 - 10 AM - Gatineau - P20 to end of Lac Philippe

Tues Mar 12 - 10:30 AM - City - Rideau Winter Trail

Thurs Mar 21 - 10:30 AM - Gatineau - P6 to King Mountain “Biathlon”



**Mar. 16 – Biathlon (XC skiing and walking).
At Mackenzie-King ruins**

Louise Cameron & Jane Hilliard, XC Co-Chairs,
xc-2020@raski.ca

HILL & STORE DISCOUNTS

RA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you want a club membership card to show as proof of RA Ski membership, just email membership-2020@raski.ca

SKI HILL DISCOUNTS

Note that except for Pakenham and Cascades (lessons only), ski hills are not offering any discounts this winter.



www.calabogie.com

1-800-669-4861

With a vertical drop of 760 feet (the highest in the region), Calabogie Peaks offers 20 outstanding runs, with 35% at the beginner level, 23% intermediate, and 42% advanced. Its snowmaking capabilities cover 95% of the hill area. Calabogie also offers a 25-room inn, complete with spa and restaurant.

- No discounts offered for 2023-24 ski season.

Directions: Highway 417 West, continue past Arnprior approximately 10 km. Take exit 194 McLean De/Calabogie, turn left onto highway 508 (Calabogie Road) and continue to Calabogie.



www.montcascades.ca 819-827-03301

Lift Tickets:

10% off day ticket with presentation of RAski membership card

Lessons

7 week/14 hour group lesson + 5 day/7 night season pass for \$325

Directions: Take the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge north and take the second exit, Highway 50, direction east to Montreal/Gatineau. Take the first exit (Archambault Boulevard) and turn right (north) onto Highway 307. Drive 15 km, then turn left onto Mont Cascades Road, and proceed 7 km to Mont Cascades.



www.mountpakenham.com 613-624-5290

Mount Pakenham is Eastern Ontario's premier family ski, snowboard and tubing area. It offers alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing. Mount Pakenham offers a wonderful winter experience for you and your family. Pakenham has 300 feet of vertical, and offers 10 alpine runs, and 6 lifts.

Lift Tickets: \$5.00 off the regular ticket prices with valid Ski Club ID.

Seniors (70+) ski for \$17 + HST

Children (under 6) ski for \$102+ HST when accompanied by an adult ticket holder.

Adult Ski/Board Lessons

Night Owl: (8-week program) Skiing or Snowboarding
Thursday nights 7-8 pm, starting Jan. 11
\$165 (lesson only), or \$208 (with lift ticket)

Private Lessons: Regular Price 1 hour private lesson for \$80+ tax (advanced reservations required)
\$5.00 off with valid ski club ID

Directions: Take Highway 417 (Queensway) West past the Scotia Bank Place (Kanata) and continue on 417 West. Take the Exit marked Kinburn Side Road/Pakenham. At the stop sign turn left onto Road 20. Follow Road 20 across the Stone Bridge and turn left at the stop sign. Drive through Pakenham and just past the train overpass turn right onto McWatty Road. Follow this road to the stop sign and turn right onto Ski Hill Road. Drive time from the Scotia Bank Place is approximately 20 minutes.



www.montstemarie.com 1-800-567-1256

Mont Sainte-Marie has the highest vertical (1200 feet) within an hour's drive of Ottawa. There are 3 lifts (two high-speed quads) and 24 trails spanning two mountains.

- No discounts offered for 2023-24 ski season.

Directions: Take Highway 5 north through Hull, then catch the 105 North. Stay on the 105 and follow the signs to the resort. Approximate drive time 55 minutes from downtown Ottawa.



www.tremblant.ca 1-888-857-8001

Rising 3001 feet above the majestic lake, Mont Tremblant offers 94+ groomed trails with 13 state-of-the-art lifts, more than any other mountain in the East. Tremblant offers 16 novice runs, 31 intermediate runs as well as miles of expert terrain.

Tremblant SkiMAX DH Tickets

Entirely transferable and valid during the 23/24 ski season, these tickets give you the flexibility to ski at any day that suits you, except from December 27, 2023, to January 4, 2024 and February 17-22, 2024.

Regular price: \$135
Until Dec. 7: \$88 (save 35%)

To order, use the code Mx-RASKI and go to

[https://www.tremblant.ca/plan/groups-business/skimax?utm_source=IBM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TR-WIN-23_24-SKIMAX-PROMO-E%20\(1\)&utm_content=3&eml-publisher=Strategie&eml-name=TR-WIN-23_24-SKIMAX-PROMO-E%20\(1\)&uid=&eurl=3&spMailingID=9864615&spUserID=NTkwNjAzMzQyNTczS0&spJobID=1800472777&spReportId=MTgwMDQ3Mjc3NwS2](https://www.tremblant.ca/plan/groups-business/skimax?utm_source=IBM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TR-WIN-23_24-SKIMAX-PROMO-E%20(1)&utm_content=3&eml-publisher=Strategie&eml-name=TR-WIN-23_24-SKIMAX-PROMO-E%20(1)&uid=&eurl=3&spMailingID=9864615&spUserID=NTkwNjAzMzQyNTczS0&spJobID=1800472777&spReportId=MTgwMDQ3Mjc3NwS2)



www.skivorlage.com 1-877-vorlage

Located in the picturesque village of Wakefield, Vorlage is widely recognized as "The Family Ski Area" with fantastic conditions and friendly service. Complete snowmaking on 18 runs serviced by 5 lifts and a spacious chalet with a view of the slopes. The ski hill has 490 feet of vertical, 18 runs and 5 lifts.

- No discounts offered for 2023-24 ski season.

Directions: 25 minutes from Ottawa. Cross the MacDonald-Cartier bridge, follow highway 5 (the freeway) North. At exit #28, turn right into Wakefield, turn left at the "T" intersection and go through the village. Either Chemen Elmdale or Burnside will lead you right to Vorlage. Alternatively, from the freeway, turn right on Chemin Burnside at the end of the freeway, then right at the corner store.

STORE DISCOUNTS

Bushtukah Great Outdoor Gear www.bushtukah.com



203 Richmond Rd. 613-792-1170
5607 Hazeldean Road, Kanata 613-831-3604

- 10% off all regularly-priced merchandise. Shop labour is not included.

Fresh Air Experience www.freshairexp.ca



1291 Wellington Street (between Holland & Island Park), Ottawa
613-729-3002

- 10% discount on merchandise except bikes

Great Escape Outfitters www.greatescapeoutfitters.com



79 Holland Ave. 613-729-7777

- 10% off (min. purchase \$50) all regular-priced merchandise, and on online orders (discount code: RASki)

Kunststadt Sports www.kunststadt.com



583 Bank Street (at Heron) 613-260-0696
680 Bank Street (Glebe) 613-233-4820
462 Hazeldean Road, Kanata 613-831-2059

- 10% discount off posted regular prices on our winter merchandise
- Labour/service will not be included in this program.

The RA Ski Club is a member of the RA Centre – 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa K1H 7X7 - 733-5100 – www.racentre.com



2639 B Alta Vista Drive at Bank St. 613-521-3791

- 10% off all regular priced merchandise.
- Discount does not apply to service.
- Discount cannot be combined with any other offer.

Trailhead Paddleshack www.trailheadpaddleshack.ca



2148 Carling Ave., Ottawa 613-722-4229

- 10% off all regular-priced merchandise.
- Discount does not apply to service
- Discount cannot be combined with any other offer.

RA Ski would like to extend our thanks to the above merchants for their generous support of the Club in the form of personal time, discounts or donated prizes.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

You can find or receive news and updates about Club activities through a number of methods:

- **SKI-MAIL**

Find out about last-minute additions or changes, club news, and upcoming events, by subscribing to Ski-Mail, our e-mail newsletter.

Send an email to: RASkiClub+subscribe@groups.io using the email address you wish email to be sent to.

NOTE: If you haven't been receiving Ski-Mails since December, you need to re-subscribe, as we had to change our e-mail provider.

- **WEBSITE**

The RA Ski Club website covers everything you wanted to know about the club, but were afraid to ask.

www.raski.ca

- **FACEBOOK**



Visit us on Facebook to learn about upcoming events, read members' comments, and much more! Go to **RA Ski and Snowboard Club of Ottawa** and ask to join in.

TIME TO RENEW SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The RA's computer isn't smart enough to send you a reminder to renew your membership.

To renew, phone the RA at 613-733-5100. Hopefully, in the near future we can register on-line.

PHOTOS & TRIP REPORTS

Photos and trip reports from most of our outings are on the RA Ski web site, www.raski.ca.

TRIP REPORTS

Downhill and cross-country trip reports for the last month are put on our web site www.raski.ca. Click on "Trip reports" on the left-hand sidebar on our home page.

PHOTOS

For photos, on the left sidebar click on "Photos", then on the appropriate album ("Cross-country", "Downhill", "Snowshoeing", or "Biking Hiking and Skating".) To see the photo larger, double-click on it.

To see the photos as a slideshow:

1. Double-click on the little square icon on the top right under the number of photos. Wait a few seconds and the slideshow will start. Click on the right arrow to advance to the next slide.

Downloading photos: (Unfortunately you now need a Yahoo account.)

1. Double-click on the photo.
2. On the bottom right, click on the down arrow with the bar underneath it.
3. Click on the size you want (i.e., "Original").
4. Click on "Save File", then click on "OK."

Your file will be downloaded to your directory "Downloads."

We also put "RA Ski Photos of the Week" on our home page raski.ca

MORE PHOTOS



Mar. 12 – XC ski to the far end of Lac Philippe



Sept. 9 – Biking to Petrie Island



Oct. 19 – Hike to Brown's Lake



Oct. 12 – Hike to Shilly Shally cabin



Sept. 13 – Biking to Aylmer Marina



Jan. 15 – XC ski at Relais plein air



Oct. 4 – Hike to Carbide ruins



Sept. 16 – Hike, Lauriault trail



Sept. 27 – Poet's Pathway, Stage 4 – to Green Bean Café



Aug. 10 – Biking to Rideau Falls, lunch at Tavern at the Falls



Dec. 26, 2022 – XC ski, Taylor Lake trail



Oct. 26 – Hike to Lusk cabin

PHOTOS OF SOME WEEKLONG TRIPS



2022 – Fernie BC



2017 Sölden, Austria



2020 – Saint Moritz, Switzerland



2015 Morzine, France



2019 Andorra



Aug. 2008 – Portillo, Chile