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Winter Guided Snowshoe Hikes 2014

Participants may win a "trail" prize. Thanks to our partners for organizing the hikes on the ground and thanks to Take the Roof Off Winter, Backroad Mapbooks and Take It Outside for their donations.

When hiking, always be prepared for the conditions.

Learn how to prepare for hiking here: www.adventuresmart.ca/land/hiking.htm. Hikes are free unless otherwise indicated.

Trail / Hike Name	Date / Time	Details	Contact / Hike Host Organization
Ross Farm Trail, New Ross	January 11 10 am	Pre-registration is required at nrfrc@ns.sympatico.ca or 689-2414. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration through the Chester Recreation Department. Find the Ross Farm Trail by entering at Lion's Park across from New Ross Consolidated School (4689 Hwy 12, New Ross). Ross Farm Museum will provide hot chocolate during the walk. This is a 45 minute walk.	New Ross Family Resource Centre Diane Webber nrfrc@ns.sympatico.ca www.nrfrc.ca
Kentville Year Round Walk, Kentville	January 11 10 am	Cost is \$2.00 per member; no cost to non-members. Registration is required on site at the start of the walk. This is a walking event only. Meet at the Ultramar Corner Store, 11 Park Street, Kentville. The walk is on sidewalks, along rails to trails and through Miner's Marsh.	Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club Philip Longmire philip.longmire@bellaliant.net
Snowshoe Jaunt Under the Moon, Ski Ben Eoin	January 16 7 pm	Cost is \$10 per person (chair lift included). Bring your own snowshoes or rentals are available for \$8. Find Ski Ben Eoin on Hwy in East Bay. Find detailed directions at www.skibeneoin.com . One group will use the chairlift; the other will walk up the hill and around.	Ski Ben Eoin Rob Carmichael snowschool@skibeneoin.com www.skibeneoin.com
Valleyview Moonlit Snowshoe, Valleyview Provincial Park, Bridgetown	January 17 6:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at borde@annapoliscounty.ca , 532-3144 or 825-2005. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. The hike will be at least 5 km and approximately 2 to 2.5 hours in length. It includes a good deal of significant hill or stair climbing. A significant part of the walk takes place on well-groomed trails with very little more difficult terrain. Find Valleyview Provincial Park at 960 Hampton Mountain Road in Bridgetown. For more detailed information and trek ratings please visit www.annapoliscounty.ca .	County of Annapolis Recreation Services Brian Orde borde@annapoliscounty.ca www.annapoliscounty.ca
Round Hill Trek, Annapolis County	January 19 1:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at borde@annapoliscounty.ca , 532-3144 or 825-2005. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. The hike includes some moderate hill or stair climbing. A significant part of the walk takes place on well-groomed trails with very little more difficult terrain. Join us for a nice journey through the back country in Round Hill to Ikes Meadow. For more detailed information and trek ratings please visit www.annapoliscounty.ca .	County of Annapolis Recreation Services Brian Orde borde@annapoliscounty.ca www.annapoliscounty.ca

Smileys Provincial Park, Brooklyn, Hants County	January 19 2 pm	There will be 24 pairs of snowshoes available on a first come basis. Smileys Provincial Park is located 6.5 km east of Brooklyn, Hants County just off Route 14 (109 Clayton McKay Rd). The hike will be approximately 1 hour and beginners are welcome.	West Hants Recreation Kathy Aldous kaldous@westhants.ca www.westhants.ca/administration/recreation
Quarry Brook Snowshoe Hike, Durham	January 25 1 pm	Pre-registration is required at 924-2910 or info@capetocapetrail.ca . Detailed directions will be sent to those who request them. Meet at the Durham Community Centre for a 5 km snowshoe/hike out to Quarry Brook and back, taking approximately 2 hours.	Cape to Cape Committee of Pictou County Trails Association Fran Wyman fran.wyman@gmail.com www.capetocapetrail.ca
Juniper Head Trail Snowshoe event, Dalhousie Mountain, Pictou County	January 25 Registration at 10:30 am, event at 11 am	The Juniper Head Trail is located off Glen Road in Dalhousie Mountain in Pictou County. Find detailed directions are found at www.cobequidecotrails.ca/trails/trail_details.asp?trailID=10 .	Cobequid Eco-Trails Society Sheila Wilson sgwilson53@hotmail.com www.cobequidecotrails.ca
Eagle Walk, New Minas	January 25 10 am	Cost is \$2.00 per member; no cost to non-members. Registration is required on site at the start of the walk. This is a walking event only. Meet at the Louis Millet Community Complex, 9489 Commercial Street, New Minas. Walk distance: 5 and 10 kilometers.	Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club Philip Longmire philip.longmire@bellaliant.net
East River Exploration, East River	January 25 1 pm	Pre-registration is required at 275-3490. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. Park at the Chester Connector Trail parking lot at 7846 Hwy 329 (just on the left once you turn onto #329 towards Blandford). Join us for a leisurely amble (perhaps with snowshoes) through the Municipal property along the west side of East River starting at Highway 3 and exploring north to the Chester Connector Trail. Be prepared for uneven footing. Bring a snack, sturdy and warm footwear, extra layers, nature guide-books and water (and a camera if you like).	Chester Recreation and Parks Jody Conrad jconrad@chester.ca www.chester.ca
Clyburn Loop Snowshoe Hike, Ingonish Beach	January 25 10 am	You must bring your own snowshoes. Meet at the Clyburn Trail parking lot in Ingonish Beach. The hike will follow the Clyburn River most of the way. For detailed directions, go to www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ns/cbreton/activ/randonnee-hiking/clyburn.aspx .	Hike the Highlands Festival Society Tom Wilson hikethehighlands@gmail.com www.hikethehighlands.com
Smileys Provincial Park, Brooklyn, Hants County	February 2 2 pm	There will be 24 pairs of snowshoes available on a first come basis. Smileys Provincial Park is located 6.5 km east of Brooklyn, Hants County just off Route 14 (109 Clayton McKay Rd). The hike will be approximately 1 hour and beginners are welcome.	West Hants Recreation Kathy Aldous kaldous@westhants.ca www.westhants.ca/administration/recreation
Cape to Cape: Millville to Scotsburn, Millville	February 2 1 pm	Pre-registration is required at 924-2910 or info@capetocapetrail.ca . Detailed directions will be sent to those who request them. Request snowshoes upon registering if you need them. This is a snowshoe/hike on the Cape to Cape Trail section from Millville to Scotsburn. The hike is approximately 8 km and will take three hours.	Cape to Cape Committee of Pictou County Trails Association in partnership with Scotsburn Recreation Fran Wyman fran.wyman@gmail.com www.capetocapetrail.ca

Keppoch Summit Loop, Keppoch Mountain, Antigonish County	February 2 11 am	Pre-registration is required at John.chiasson@eastlink.ca . A limited number of pairs of snowshoes are available for those without their own. The event is free but a donation to the Keppoch project is welcome. Directions: Take Exit 30 off Highway 104 near Antigonish and follow the signs to Keppoch Mountain (193 Keppoch Rd.). This is a 5.5 km loop with 500 feet elevation and 5% grade. There is an option to do multiple branch trails.	Positive Action for Keppoch John Chiasson John.chiasson@eastlink.ca www.thekeppoch.ca
Margaretsville Trek, Margaretsville	February 2 1:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at borde@annapoliscounty.ca , 532-3144 or 825-2005. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. Meet in the parking lot of the Evergreen Theatre in Margaretsville. The hike is approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. This is a nice snowshoe trek on the North Mountain in Annapolis County's backcountry. For more detailed information and trek ratings please visit www.annapoliscounty.ca .	County of Annapolis Recreation Services Brian Orde borde@annapoliscounty.ca www.annapoliscounty.ca
Ross Farm Trail, New Ross	February 8 10 am	Pre-registration is required at nrfrc@ns.sympatico.ca or 689-2414. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration through the Chester Recreation Department. Find the Ross Farm Trail by entering at Lion's Park across from New Ross Consolidated School (4689 Hwy 12, New Ross). Ross Farm Museum will provide hot chocolate during the walk. This is a 45 minute walk.	New Ross Family Resource Centre Diane Webber nrfrc@ns.sympatico.ca www.nrfrc.ca
Kingston Year Round Walk, Kingston	February 8 10 am	Cost is \$2.00 per member; no cost to non-members. Registration is required on site at the start of the walk. This is a walking event only. Meet at the Aurora Inn, 831 Main Street, Kingston. Walk distance: 5 and 10 kilometers.	Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club Philip Longmire philip.longmire@bellaliant.net
Big Tancook Island Coastal Hike / Ski / Snowshoe, Big Tancook Island	February 9 1 to 4 pm	Skis and snowshoes are available for loan. The ferry leaves Chester at 10 am, returns at 6 pm. Ferry tickets cost \$5.50 return. Meet at the Big Tancook Island Recreation Centre. The Hike goes across the Island, along the coast and then returns via wooded trail. The hike is part of a Winter Activity Day and activities for children may include indoor and/or outdoor games. Refreshments provided later in the afternoon.	District of Lunenburg Recreation Janice Rand jrand@modl.ca www.modl.ca
Nictaux Trek, Annapolis County	February 9 1:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at borde@annapoliscounty.ca , 532-3144 or 825-2005. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. This multi-use trail is located south of Middleton with plenty of parking spaces at the Middleton Lions Club Hall located on Highway #10. This is a great active adventure for a winter's afternoon. Stroll on the former rail line and see the beauty in nature. The hike is approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. For more detailed information and trek ratings please visit www.annapoliscounty.ca .	County of Annapolis Recreation Services Brian Orde borde@annapoliscounty.ca www.annapoliscounty.ca

Moonlight Walk at Miller Point Peace Park, Dayspring	February 14 6 pm	A few snowshoes will be on hand for loan. Find Miller Point Peace Park in Dayspring (13941 Hwy 3). Bring a flashlight. Weather permitting. Hot chocolate at the end.	District of Lunenburg Recreation Janice Rand jrand@modl.ca www.modl.ca
Sweetheart's Moonlit Trek, Annapolis Royal	February 14 6:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at borde@annapoliscounty.ca , 532-3144 or 825-2005. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. Meet at the Old Railway Station at 151 Victoria St. in Annapolis Royal. Come experience something new for Valentine's Cay with your sweetheart. This is an approximately 1.5-hour snowshoe trek surrounded by romantic moonlight. Cozy up with your loved one with some hot chocolate upon return. More details to come as the event draws closer. For more detailed information and trek ratings please visit www.annapoliscounty.ca .	County of Annapolis Recreation Services Brian Orde borde@annapoliscounty.ca www.annapoliscounty.ca
Snowshoe Jaunt Under the Moon, Ski Ben Eoin	February 15 7 pm	Cost is \$10 per person (chair lift included). Bring your own snowshoes or rentals are available for \$8. Find Ski Ben Eoin on Hwy in East Bay. Find detailed directions at www.skibeneoin.com . One group will use the chairlift; the other will walk up the hill and around.	Ski Ben Eoin Rob Carmichael school@skibeneoin.com www.skibeneoin.com
Sweetheart Walk, Greenwood	February 15 10 am	Cost is \$2.00 per member; no cost to non-members. Registration is required on site at the start of the walk. This is a walking event only. Meet at the Greenwood Aviation Museum parking lot, 14 Wing Greenwood. Walk distance: 10 kilometers.	Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club Philip Longmire philip.longmire@bellaliant.net
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Eagles Nest Snowshoe Hike, Black Brook	February 23 10 am	You must bring your own snowshoes. Meet in Black Brook in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park.	Hike the Highlands Festival Society Tom Wilson hikethehighlands@gmail.com www.hikethehighlands.com
Smileys Provincial Park, Brooklyn, Hants County	March 2 2 pm	There will be 24 pairs of snowshoes available on a first come basis. Smileys Provincial Park is located 6.5 km east of Brooklyn, Hants County just off Route 14 (109 Clayton McKay Rd). The hike will be approximately 1 hour and beginners are welcome.	West Hants Recreation Kathy Aldous kaldous@westhants.ca www.westhants.ca/administration/recreation
Beaver Mountain Picnic Park Snowshoe Hike, James River	March 2 1 pm	Pre-registration is required at 924-2910 or at fran.wyman@gmail.com . Snowshoes may be available for loan. This is a 6-km snowshoe/hike on the trail at Beaver Mountain Picnic Park. In deep snow, the trip will take longer than two hours. Directions: Take Highway 104, Exit 30, take first right and go 3 km West (GPS N45 34.048 W62 09.229). Park at the gate.	Hike Nova Scotia Fran Wyman fran.wyman@gmail.com www.hikenovascotia.ca

Cornwallis Trek, Cornwallis Park, Annapolis County	March 2 1:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at borde@annapoliscounty.ca , 532-3144 or 825-2005. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. Finish off our snow trek outings with a challenging yet fun event in Cornwallis. Come see a new area that will be our first group led snowshoe trek! Guaranteed to be lots of fun. For more detailed information and trek ratings please visit www.annapoliscounty.ca .	County of Annapolis Recreation Services Brian Orde borde@annapoliscounty.ca www.annapoliscounty.ca
Ross Farm Trail, New Ross	March 8 10 am	Pre-registration is required at nrfr@ns.sympatico.ca or 689-2414. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration through the Chester Recreation Department. Find the Ross Farm Trail by entering at Lion's Park across from New Ross Consolidated School (4689 Hwy 12, New Ross). Ross Farm Museum will provide hot chocolate during the walk. This is a 45 minute walk.	New Ross Family Resource Centre Diane Webber nrfr@ns.sympatico.ca www.nrfr.ca
Wolfville Year Round Walk, Wolfville	March 8 10 am	Cost is \$2.00 per member; no cost to non-members. Registration is required on site at the start of the walk. This is a walking event only. Meet at Muddy's Convenience Store, 446 Main Street, Wolfville. Walk distance: 5 and 10 kilometers.	Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club Philip Longmire philip.longmire@bellaliant.net
Wilkie's Gulch, Bay Road Valley	March 8 10 am	You must bring your own snowshoes. Park near the Bell Aliant building at Bay Road Valley.	Hike the Highlands Festival Society Tom Wilson hikethehighlands@gmail.com www.hikethehighlands.com
Card Lake Owl Prowl, Card Lake Provincial Park, Chester	March 13 7:30 pm	Pre-registration is required at 275-3490. Snowshoes will be provided if requested upon registration or bring your own. Card Lake Provincial Park is on the Windsor Road (Hwy 14), approximately 15 minutes inland from Hwy 103 at Exit 8. Every time we walk at Card Lake we talk about the Barred Owl...tonight we try to find them! Join us for a discussion focused on these dark-eyed spirits as we take a night walk around the trail. We will stop to call, listen, and enjoy the night in the forest.	Chester Recreation and Parks Jody Conrad jconrad@chester.ca www.chester.ca
Windsor Walkabout, Windsor	March 15 10 am	Cost is \$2.00 per member; no cost to non-members. Registration is required on site at the start of the walk. This is a walking event only. Meet at the Central Building Supplies parking lot, Fort Edward Mall, Windsor. Walk distance: 10 kilometers.	Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club Philip Longmire philip.longmire@bellaliant.net
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