

NSAA Ski Bus – Hatcher Pass to Willow

Saturday, February 28th, 2009

(Now Meeting at Carrs-Muldoon at Northern Lights and Muldoon)

In the Days Prior to Departure

- If you find that you are going to be unable to go on the bus, please call the NSAA office (276-7609). There is a waiting list for the Ski Bus, and there may be someone who wants to buy your ticket.
 - Prepare your gear:
 - ☐ Bundle your skis and poles and label them with your last name.
 - ☐ Label your day pack and pack it with food and water, a top layer for your torso for the weather elements and a warm jacket for breaks.
 - Check the weather and adjust your gear accordingly. Temperature and wind readings at the *Hatcher trail head* can be found at this website: http://ambc.org/cgi-bin/siteCurrent.cgi?site=INDEPENDENCE_M. Weather near the *Willow airport* can be seen on the web at: <http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/obs.php?stnid=PAUO&phours=24>
 - Print and complete the **Ski Bus Release Form** available on the NSAA website. You'll save valuable time and hassle by completing and signing this release form prior to the day of departure.
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What to Include in Your Daypack

- Bring extra layers so that you can be prepared for the changes in the elements along the way.
 - Bring adequate warm clothes along in your day pack so you can stay warm when you stop for breaks. You don't want to miss the brats break provided by APU ski team!
 - Bring food and water to replenish yourself en route.
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Before You Leave Your House

- **Don't forget your ticket.** Only passengers with tickets will be allowed to board the bus.
- Don't forget your release form.

- Leave your dog at home.
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Where to Board the Ski Bus in Anchorage

- The Ski Bus will depart and return to the **Carrs Muldoon Parking Lot at Northern Lights and Muldoon** in East Anchorage.
 - The busses arrive at 7:00 a.m. Please arrive early and plan on boarding as soon as the busses arrive so that we **can depart promptly at 7:30 am.**
 - If you miss the bus at Carrs Muldoon Parking Lot, you can drive to Carr's-Safeway in Eagle River and meet us there about 7:45 am.
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Palmer Boarding / Wasilla Return

- If you plan boarding the bus in Palmer at the Carr's-Safeway parking lot, please be there, ready to board, at 8:30 am.
 - **A return stop in the Valley will be at the Wasilla Fred Meyers** about 6pm. Be prepared for transportation back to your vehicle in Palmer.
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While at Hatcher Pass

- We will unload the skis and the packs. Please lend a hand so we that everyone can get skiing sooner. Be careful, you'll want to take care that your skis are unloaded and your daypack. We don't want any of your valuable gear left on the bus.
 - Pack out what you pack in! We don't want any trash to spoil the beauty of the trail.
 - Please help keep track of the folks around you. If you notice somebody having problems, or you are having problems yourself, notify your trip leader or a Nordic Ski Patrol member so we can provide assistance.
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Avalanche Danger

- There could be avalanche danger, primarily in Hatcher Pass. We'll assess the danger, and if conditions are too extreme, we will NOT ski to Willow but remain in Hatcher Pass for a day tour. This decision will be made for your safety.

The Return Trip

- We expect to leave the Willow trail head about 5 pm. This means we'll plan on boarding the buses beginning at 4:30 pm.
 - We anticipate arriving in Wasilla at the Fred Meyers about 6pm for a break. Anchorage arrival is expected to be at about 7 pm at Carrs Muldoon Parking Lot.
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Still have questions?

- Contact us at the tour hotline at 566-3048 or call your trip leader 336-1717 or email him at AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com
- Questions asked which we are happy to answer can make your trip more enjoyable.



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