



Backcountry Tours
Winter 2008--2009
Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage

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Tour Hotline Number: 566-3048

Note: This is our initial list of tours. We anticipate adding more. Check back to the newsletter and the NSAA website specifically: <http://www.anchoragenordicski.com/Programs/tours.htm> for the latest information. Up to date information regarding specific information about tours immediately before they are held can be found by calling the Tour Hotline at: 566-3048. If you don't see a tour here and would like to see one, contact us about leading the tour. We can make it as easy as possible and provide assistance to help you.

Friday November 28th, 2008 Turkey Day Shakeoff, Hatcher Pass.

Join us for this post Thanksgiving shake off ski, passing under the rugged and beautiful peaks near Hatcher Pass. We'll either ski Archangel Road or the Gold Mint Trail depending on snow conditions. Please meet at the Carrs Muldoon bakery at 9:00 am, and reconvene at the appropriate trailhead about 10:30. Expect a tour of 4 to 8 miles on beginner to intermediate terrain. Contact Bob Sutherland at anchoragenordicskitours@gmail.com or 336-1717.

December 14th, 2008 South Fork Eagle River.

Tour up the valley with views of beautiful peaks. Please meet at the Carrs Muldoon bakery at 9:00 am, and convene at the Chugach State Park trailhead at 10:00 am for this intermediate ski. Skins might be needed for a short climb from the river. Because the weather is often variable bring clothing for wind, cold and snow. Since we take plenty of breaks bring plenty of food and water to enjoy our ski. For more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com

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January 4th, 2009 Glen Alps.

We'll pick a nice tour up to Hidden Lakes, down the Middle Fork Trail or perhaps a tour around the trails out of Upper Huffman depending on snow conditions and the short day. For more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com

Jan 17th, 18th and 19st 2009 Pupsicle

Ski the great trails around Mendeltna Creek. Our lodging, the Mendeltna Creek Lodge is 153 miles from Anchorage. Cabins and a bunkhouse are available and RVs are welcome. A tremendous cuisine with plenty of food is provided. Dogs are a welcome guest while skiing and in your room. There is a nice lodge to hang out at and enjoy a relaxing afternoon or evening after skiing. This is a perfect ski trip for folks who like to ski, then relax and enjoy themselves. Its a great trip for beginner skiers. Contact Mary at 345-3934 or email her at mvavrik@gci.net. If you think you might go, we'd like a head count by mid-December to help in the planning.

February 7th, 2009 Exploratory Trip Center Creek.

Ski a couple of miles up the Johnson Pass trail to the Center Creek bridge where we will find a route up Center Creek. Check back for more details or for more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com

February 28th, 2009 Hatcher to Willow Bus.

We are resurrecting an old favorite. Meet in Anchorage for a bus transport to Hatcher Pass, ski over the pass and down the creek to Willow where we'll meet the bus for a trip back to Anchorage. Space is limited and there will be a charge for the bus. Contact Bob Sutherland at 336-1717 or AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com

March 14th and 15th, 2009 Manitoba Mountain Telemark and Tour overnight.

Another NSAA Classic tour! Overnight ski-camping on Manitoba and either telemark ski or tour. Manitoba is one of the safest places going, but for safety purposes, you'll need adequate camping gear plus beacon, probe and shovel. This can be done as a camping trip or as a day trip either Saturday or Sunday. For more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com

April 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2009 Denali View Chalet. Enjoy the weekend at an rustic Alaskan lodge on Kroto Lake south of Mt. McKinley. Ski 8 miles into the lodge with just a day pack. Great views, fantastic company, exquisite cuisine, sauna and skiing. Space is limited For more information contact Diana Johnson at 278-9607 or via email at leotia@gci.net .

April 12th, 2009 McHugh Peak.

Ski out the Rabbit Creek trail a couple miles and drop down to Rabbit Creek, then climb up McHugh Peak. This tour is on intermediate terrain, and climbing skins are a necessity. For those interested there is easy telemark terrain for driving the bus. For more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com