

# 2009 Winter Trail Events

## in Ontario's Near North

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## FEBRUARY

### All Month

#### Guided Snowshoe Tours

The Sturgeon River House Museum offers guided snowshoe tours on their Theodore Fouriezos Wetland Trails throughout the month of February. For more information, please call the Museum at (705) 753-4716.

### **Sundays in February - 1:30 pm**

#### Try it Free! Cross-Country Skiing

The Jack Rabbit Ski League is a Canada-wide program that teaches children how to cross-country ski. This program is for kids age 5 and up available through the North Bay Nordic Ski Club. You can pick up a registration form at City Hall in North Bay, on the 2nd Floor, at the Parks, Recreation, and Leisure department. For information, call (705) 474-0626 ext 2335 or ext 2329.

### **February 14, 2009 - 7:00 pm**

#### Valentine's Day Candlelight Walk

The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority is hosting their annual Valentine's Day Candlelight Walk along the Laurentian Escarpment trails in North Bay. Singles, friends, and loved ones are invited to this guided candle-lit guided snowshoe walk, with delicious chocolate fondue available afterwards to help warm up. Cost to participate in this event is \$12.50 per person, with the funds going towards the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority's education program. For more information, or to register, call (705) 474-5420 or visit the Conservation Authority's website at [www.nbmca.on.ca](http://www.nbmca.on.ca).

### **February 16, 2009 - 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

#### Otter Lake Family Adventure Day

Join the Otter Lake Friends and the North Bay Anglers and Hunters at Otter Lake in North Bay for a hike on the trails, winter games, and hot chocolate by the beach. For more information, please visit the Otter Lake Friends website at [www.venturenorth.com/otterlake](http://www.venturenorth.com/otterlake).

### **February 16, 2009**

#### Winterfest Weekend and Poker Run

The Argyle Riders in Port Loring are putting on their annual Winterfest Weekend and Poker Run. Please visit their website at [www.argyleriders.com](http://www.argyleriders.com) for more information about this event, and how to register.

### **February 21, 2009 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

#### Annual Rider Appreciation Day

The South Shore/Restoule Snowmobile Club is hosting their annual Rider Appreciation Day. This event takes place at "Charlie's Corner" - the corner of SSR704 and D102C. Complementary hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate will be available. For further information, please visit their website at [www.snowmobileheaven.ca](http://www.snowmobileheaven.ca).

### **February 22, 2009**

#### Snowshoe Mashkinonje

The Friends of Mashkinonje are hosting a snowshoe walk at the Mashkinonje Provincial Park. Participants can choose whether they would like to participate in a 3 km walk, or a 10 km walk. For more information, please visit the Friends of Mashkinonje website at [www.mashkinonje.com](http://www.mashkinonje.com).

### **February 24, 26, 28 and March 1, 2009**

#### Canadian Masters Nordic Ski Championships

This year, the Canadian Masters Nordic Ski Championships are being hosted by the North Bay Nordic Ski Club. The races will be combined with the annual Blue Sky Loppet, including distances for everyone. For more information, please call the North Bay Nordic Ski Club at (705) 495-0332.

## MARCH

### All Month

#### Guided Snowshoe Tours

The Sturgeon River House Museum offers guided snowshoe tours on their Theodore Fouriezos Wetland Trails throughout the month of March. For more information, please call the Museum at (705) 753-4716.

### **Sundays in March (until March 8, 2009) - 1:30 pm**

#### Try it Free! Cross-Country Skiing

The Jack Rabbit Ski League is a Canada-wide program that teaches children how to cross-country ski. This program is for kids age 5 and up at the North Bay Nordic Ski Club. You can pick up a registration form at City Hall in North Bay, on the 2nd Floor, at the Parks, Recreation, and Leisure department. For information, call (705) 474-0626 ext 2335 or ext 2329.

### **March 8, 2009**

#### Nordic Easter Egg Hunt

The North Bay Nordic Ski Club is hosting this fun family activity where young and old are invited to the trails looking for the flag that will earn them a rich and hand-decorated Easter Egg. For more information, please call the Club at (705) 495-0332 or visit their website at [www.northbaynordic.ca](http://www.northbaynordic.ca).

### **March 21, 2009 – 10:00 am**

#### Wagging Tails Snowshoe Walk

The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority teams up with the North Bay & District Humane Society each year to help raise funds for the Humane Society. Participants are welcome to bring their own dog out for a walk, or they can volunteer to walk one of the dogs from the Humane Society. The walk is led by the Conservation Authority's Naturalist on the Laurentian Escarpment trails. There is no cost to take part, but the Conservation Authority asks that participants make a monetary donation or donate cat and dog supplies such as leashes, collars, food and blankets for the orphaned animals. For more information, please call the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority at (705) 474-5420.

## APRIL

### **April 17, 2009**

#### Friends of La Vase Presents Kevin Callan

Canadian canoeing author Kevin Callan will be sharing his stories at the Nipissing University theatre. There is no cost to attend this event, though donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, please visit the Friends of La Vase at [www.lavaseportages.com](http://www.lavaseportages.com).

### **April 26, 2009**

#### Dave Kaufman Run

The Rotary Club of Nipissing is hosting their annual Dave Kaufman Run on April 26. For more information, please call the Club at (705) 472-0000.