

**McCall Hiking Club
Winter 2019**

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE OUTINGS:

Participants will meet at 10:30 a.m. by the McCall Post Office at the south end of the Rite Aid parking lot unless the time is otherwise listed on the activity calendar. We will car-pool to our destination. Those who carpool should be prepared to give their driver \$4 to \$6 depending on distance traveled and number of people in the car-pool to offset transportation costs. Hikers can also meet at the trailhead if that is more convenient.

Dogs are allowed on our outings unless it is a developed area. They are not allowed in Ponderosa Park except for one designated trail. Please keep them under control and clean up after them if they go on the trail.

Some of our trips may be long so please be sure to have extra water, food and warm, waterproof clothing.

Some of the locations, leaders and dates for these events may change. We will try to keep you updated on any changes as far in advance as possible. Hike leaders please notify Ken or Becky Deibert (kdeibert@mindspring.com or 208-315-5138 or 208-484-0025) no later than 8:30 a.m. the morning of the hike if it is necessary to cancel. Hikers, be sure to check your e-mail if the weather looks sketchy by 9:00 on the morning of the hike.

Some of the areas we use require either a pass or have a fee. If that is the case we will try to notify you in the hike description. Most require cash. This includes Ponderosa State Park, Jug Mountain Ranch, Little Bear Basin, Tamarack Resort and Brundage Resort.

Please RSVP in a timely manner to those who request a response.

January

Wed. Jan. 2nd- Snowshoe the Strand Cascade River Trail. Meet at Rite Aid Parking Lot at 10:30 to carpool to Cascade. Hike is approximately 4 miles round trip. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader Billie Jo Premoe (208) 318-4091.

Sat. Jan. 5th – Free Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Day at Ponderosa State Park. Fees for parking and trail use will be waived. From 11:00 – 2:30 nordic instructors will be on hand to give free lessons in either classic cross country or skate skiing. Home Town Sports and Gravity Sports will provide equipment on site so if you are a snowshoer and have never tried cross country skiing this is a good opportunity or if you are a classic cross country skier and wish to try out skate skiing you can. McCall Master Naturalists will also be on hand to conduct guided snowshoe hikes on some of the Park's trails. They will be giving snowshoeing tips as well as information on the flora and fauna of the park. The hiking club will not be providing leaders or its own hikes that day so members can take advantage of the instruction available. The event is located at the Old Visitor's Center. We hope to see you there.

Wed. Jan. 9th -Snowshoe Jug Mt. Clubhouse to Upper Jughandle Reservoir. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool or at 10:45 at the Clubhouse parking lot. It is a 4 mile round trip hike with elevation gain of 793'. Bring a lunch and something to drink. There is a \$10 trail fee. Hike leader: Suzi Smith(208-484-2600).

Sat. Jan. 12th – Snowshoe North Fork of the Payette River from River's Crossing Subdivision. Meet at Rite Aid parking lot to carpool to home of Mel & Joan Edwards. Length of hike to be determined by

hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike leader: Joan Edwards (208 559-6501).

Wed. Jan. 16th - Snowshoe Green Gate Snowmobile Parking Lot off Warren Wagon Rd to Payette Lake Overlook. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to the trailhead. Distance is approximately 4.5 miles round trip with a slight elevation gain. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leaders: Ron & Rita Hills (208- 880-0323).

Sat. Jan. 19th - Snowshoe to North Beach and Twah Creek. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to the trailhead. All hikers will go to North Beach which is shorter and flatter and those who wish to continue on will take the longer trail to Twah Creek, which with elevation loss and gain, is a moderate to strenuous hike. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leaders: Tom Derieg (208 634-9781) - North Beach and Geoff Burns (208 447-7587) – Twah Creek.

Wed. Jan. 23rd – Rails to Trails - Meet at Rite Aid parking lot at 10:30 to carpool to the trailhead by the Activity Barn tubing area. The trail is the old railroad bed so is a flat, easy snowshoe. Distance to be determined by hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Leaders: Craig and Becky Vroom (719 648-8462)

February

Sat. Feb. 2nd – No activity - 2nd weekend of Winter Carnival

Wed. Feb. 6th - Snowshoe Little Payette Lake to Epley Horse Corrals and beyond. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to Little Payette Lake. Distance to be determined by the hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader: Geoff Burns (208 447-7587).

Sat. Feb. 9th - Snowshoe Brown's Pond. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to the end of the plowed section of Lick Creek Rd. The distance is approximately 3 miles round trip with an elevation gain and loss of 300 ft and is classified as a moderate to strenuous hike. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader: Billie Jo Premoe (208-315-0765).

Wed. Feb. 13th - Brundage Downhill ski, snowshoe and tailgate party. Skiers meet at the bottom of BlueBird Lift at 10:30 (You are responsible for your own equipment and lift tickets – fees listed on the Brundage website). Snowshoers meet at the back of the upper parking lot at the snowshoe trail at 10:30. There is no fee for snowshoeing. The tailgate will begin at 12:45 in the lower Brundage parking lot. The club will provide a main dish and paper goods. Please bring a side dish or dessert, your own beverage and a camping chair to sit on. Please RSVP Tailgate Hosts Linda Burns (208-407-9937) or at lindah@cablone.net or Cynthia Robey (703-717-1231) or dcrobey1@hotmail.com by Feb. 6th. Snowshoe leader: in search of a volunteer – please call Becky Deibert at 208-484-0025 if you would like to lead this hike.

Sat. Feb. 16th - Snowshoe Crown Point Trail. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to Cascade or drive on Hwy 55 to the Catholic Church just north of Cascade, turn west on Vista Point Blvd. The road takes you to the Crown Point Campground parking lot (approx. one mile). This is the trailhead. There are restrooms just to the left of the intersection where there is a parking lot. Meet there at approx. 11:00. This is a groomed trail that runs approximately 2 1/2 miles along the lake. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader; Becky Deibert (208 484-0025).

Wed. Feb. 20th -Snowshoe or Nordic Ski Little Bear Basin. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool or at 10:45 at Little Bear Basin Nordic Center parking lot off Hwy 55. Distance to be determined by the hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Little Bear Basin is a fee area. Snowshoe fee is \$5, X country skiing fee is \$10 and they charge \$2 for dogs. Snowshoe Hike leader: Bille Jo Premoe(208 318-4091). Nordic Ski Hike Leaders: Mel and Joan Edwards (208 559-6501).

Sat. Feb. 23rd - Snowshoe North Fork of the Payette River. This hike is in flat terrain, is considered moderate as the trail is not maintained. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot. We will carpool to the home of Bill and Janis Seufert in Payette Lakes Subdivision. Distance to be determined by the hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader:Suzie Smith (208 484-2600).

Wed. Feb. 27th - Nordic Ski and Snowshoe at Ponderosa State Park. Meet at the Rite Aid Parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to Old Visitor's Center in the park or meet there at 10:40. Distance to be

determined by skiers or snowshoers. For those without season passes and parking passes there is a \$5 fee for each. Many of us have parking passes so just plan to carpool with someone who has one. Activity passes can be purchased at the park entrance or new visitor center. At the end of the activity we will go to Welty's home, 939 Flynn Lane for refreshments. Please plan to bring an appetizer to share and a beverage. Please RSVP Linda Burns (208-407-9937) or at lindah@cablone.net or Cynthia Robey (703-717-1231) or dcrobey1@hotmail.com by Feb. 20th if you plan to attend the social. Hike leaders: Nordic Ski - Tom Welty (208-634-5279) Snowshoe – Ken Deibert (208- 315-5138).

March

Sat. March 2nd - Snowshoe Wieser River Trail. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool or at 11:15 at the parking area near Hwy 95 at Fruitvale Rd. about three miles south of the Evergreen Campground on the West side of the Hwy. Distance to be determined by the hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader: Ken Deibert (208 315-5138).

Wed. March 6th – Snowshoe Lower Little Bear Basin. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to the trailhead (this does not start at the Little Bear Basin Parking Lot). Distance to be determined by hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike Leader: Geoff Burns (208 407-9937)

Sat. March 9th - Snowshoe Lake Fork Creek. Meet at 10:30 at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool to the home of Vern and Char Farris 13990 Comfort Road. We will snowshoe along the creek and return to Farris's home for a social. Main Dish and dinnerware will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and a beverage. Please RSVP Linda Burns (208-407-9937) or at lindah@cablone.net or Cynthia Robey (703-717-1231) or dcrobey1@hotmail.com by March 3rd. Hosts and Hike Leaders: Vern and Char Farris 634-3837.

Wed. March 13th - Snowshoe and Soak at Gold Fork Hot Springs. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Rite Aid Parking Lot to carpool where we will divide into cars for those who wish to do the snowshoe only and those who wish to stay and soak after the hike. If you prefer, meet at the Hot Springs parking lot at 11:00. Snowshoe along Gold Fork Creek. Distance to be determined by the hikers. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Those wishing to soak at the Hot Springs afterward need to bring swimsuit, towel and \$10 for admission. Hike Leader: Billie Jo Premoe (208 318-4091).

Sat. March 16th - TBA

Wed. March 20th - Moonlight Snowshoe Hike and Social. We will meet at the Old Visitor's Center in Ponderosa Park at 6:30 to snowshoe in the park and view the full moon. Following the hike, we will drive to the home of Ken and Becky Deibert, 1130 Mo's Way, for a Social. The Deiberts will provide hot chocolate and hot spiced wine and hot soup. Please bring an appetizer, dessert or side dish to share plus a beverage if you wish something other than hot chocolate or wine. Please RSVP Becky Deibert at kdeibert@mindspring.com by March 13th if you plan to attend. Hike Leader: Ken Deibert (208-315-5138).

Sat. March 23rd - TBA

Wed. March 27th – Rapid River Trail (Riggins). Meet at the Rite Aid parking lot at 9:00!!! (Note time Change) to carpool to the trailhead. This will be a boot hike. The Rapid River is one of the most scenic canyons in Idaho. It was designated as a Wild and Scenic River in 1975. Distance to the first bridge is 2.2 miles round trip. Distance to the second bridge is 8.4 miles with an elevation gain of 800'. The hike to the first bridge is classified as easy because of the short distance. The hike to the second bridge is classified as moderate/difficult because of the distance. Bring a lunch and something to drink. Hike leaders: TBA

Sat. March 30th - End of the Season Golf Course cart path hike and no-host lunch at the Clubhouse. Meet at 10:30 at the McCall Public Golf Course Parking Lot. The cart paths are plowed and may be walked in snowboots, however they are often icy in spots so Yak Trax or other such grips are recommended. Please RSVP Roberta Thompson (208 634-7465) by March 23rd if you plan to attend

so she can let the Clubhouse know how many folks to expect.