

SATURDAY TOUR SCHEDULE 2017 (all tours start at 10 am)
(also Thursday/Sunday tours, general instructions and tips.)

January 7, WENTWORTH NORD

Hosts: Dave and Eleanor Clark
Tel: (450) 226-3055

An intermediate level tour on the Morin Heights and Viking trails adjacent Montfort village.

Address: 105 Hunter Road, (Montfort) Wentworth Nord

Directions: Drive through Morin Heights on 364W past the Ski Morin Heights traffic light. After approx. 4-5km, turn left on Ch de Montfort. This left turn is signed to Wentworth Nord (Montfort), Lacs Notre Dame, Diez d'Aux, and St-Victor. After 2/3 km you reach the village of Montfort. Turn right at the stop sign, go over the bridge and up the very big hill. Drive about 200 meters to the stop sign, turn left onto Newaygo Road and drive about 1 KM then turn left onto Rue Hunter and go up the hill. At the top, at the 4 way intersection you turn right and go down the hill all the way to the bottom. Our house is the one with the white gallery surrounding it. The road down to the house is very steep and should only be taken if one has a 4 wheel drive. There is a parking lot for others at the intersection of Newaygo and Hunter Roads.

JANUARY 14 LAC BRULE

Hosts: Pamela and Tony Layton
Participants please phone Gordon Cohen (514) 482-1327; cottage (450) 226-3455 or, in an emergency, the Laytons (819) 326-0308

A 16-km tour around Lac Brûlé for intermediate skiers. Ease yourself into the new season on this terrific tour. To get to the Layton's follow these instructions:

Address: 6966 Chemin Lac Noir, Ste Agathe nord

Directions: Drive north on autoroute 15, and take exit 89 for St. Donat. Turn right on 329 north towards St. Donat, then proceed about 2 km on 329 to Lac Brulé. Turn right on paved road (chemin Ste Lucie), with signs to Ste. Lucie. Cross a bridge just after this right turn and proceed about 4.3km. Watch for a small street sign on the left indicating chemin Fortin and chemin Lac Noir. Make a sharp left turn (almost 180°) onto this gravel road through an old gravel pit. Many people miss this turnoff. (If you come to a street sign that reads 60ième ave, or 70ième ave, or Bienvenu à Ste Lucie, you have gone too far). Keep right on chemin Lac Noir (not chemin Fortin), for about 2,5km, passing the Pollocks old driveway #7123 which is at the 2.0km point. At the T intersection, turn left and cross a bridge. It's the 3rd plowed driveway on the right – a white house with red shutters, signed *Laytons #6966*.

Please note that the street numbers are not consecutive.

JANUARY 21 MORIN-HEIGHTS, WESTERN, PORTAGEUR etc.

Hosts: Derek and Hjordis Wills

Tel: (514) 683-0696; cottage: (450)-226-8923

An intermediate tour using the well-groomed trails around the Wills' cottage. Derek will lead the longer trip and Hjordis, a shorter one.

Address: 299 ch Bélisle, Morin Heights

Directions: From St. Sauveur follow 364W to Morin Heights. After the first traffic light take the first right onto Watchorn past Auberge Clos Joli to a T-junction. Turn right onto Belisle, Continue for 1 km to #299 on your left. Derek and Hjordis will be waiting. Bring your skis up the hill to their cottage.

JANUARY 28 VIKING CLUB DINNER

Tours on Viking trails for all abilities. **We start at 10:15am.**
All Viking members are invited to join.

FEBRUARY 4 ST FAUSTIN

Hosts: Chris and Linda Lyle,
Tel: (514) 484-8632; cottage: (819) 326-8769.

A 17-km tour for intermediate skiers on wilderness trails, including parts of the original Maple Leaf and Western trails as well as the scenic Cornu Ridge.

Address: 115 chemin du Lac à la Caille

Directions: From Montreal, take Autoroute 15 north past Ste Agathe. Then, 11.2 km after the merge with Highway 117, at a former gas station, turn left at the signs for Mountain Acres Golf Club. After 0.9 km, beyond a sharp left and under the power lines at the top of a hill, turn right through the gate sign posted Valdurn. Follow this road for 2.9 km, past a junction on the left until a junction where you turn sharp right. Follow this road for 1.8 km, past a sign for Lac Caille and drive clock-wise around this small lake to the end where you will find the Lyle cottage. In summer time, door-to-door is about 75 minutes from Montreal. A shorter tour led by Linda will be available.

FEBRUARY 11 LAC GUSTAVE and CROWN TRAILS

Hosts: Don and Anne Hetherington
Tel: (514) 489-2184; (450) 226-2894 (cottage)

An easy 10km tour from the Hetherington's cottage at the west end of the lake to the Crown south between Lac Henri and Lac aux Pins and right around the Crown South, West and South. Slower skiers who don't want to go all around can go out and back. Anne will lead snowshoers if there are any takers.

Address: 1344 ch du Lac Gustave sud, Wentworth Nord.

Directions: Take 329 south from Morin Heights. At 1.5 km past Jackson road, turn right onto ch Kirkpatrick. (Watch carefully for this small street sign.) Go 3.3 km and turn right onto Anne Road. Go 1.4 km and turn right at "Mister Jo" onto ch du Lac Gustave. Go 2.6 km keeping right at ch des Lacs in order to stay on ch des Lacs. Go a further 1.1 km uphill, and turn left at the T junction. Go 1.3 km and watch for the Hetherington sign. (If you come to the end of the road, you have gone too far). If there is space, park in the small lot about 50m before this sign. If not, park on the road leaving enough space for the snowplow to pass. Walk down to the right, to the green cottage.

FEBRUARY 18 PIEDMONT and PREVOST

Hosts: Brent McCosker and Marie-France Allard

Tel: (450) 227-2281

Address: 239 ch Terzi, Piedmont

This 15km intermediate tour starts at the Piedmont station where we can use our Cartes réseau for a short ski along the Petit Train du Nord. For those without Cartes réseau, the PTN ticket is \$12, We start skiing south on the PTN for a short distance and then turn east and enter the Reserve Alfred-Kelly. We will ski a loop on classic trails such as the Whizzard and Johannsen east. This section is backcountry skiing. Thanks to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and many volunteer hours, including Brent's, the trails are now better marked. Significant trail clearing was effected last Fall. A shorter option will be led by Marie France.

After skiing we will convoy a short distance to the Allard-McCosker house for some refreshments.

Directions to the Piedmont Station: Take Aut 15N to exit 58. Turn right on chemin Moulin to Hwy 117. Turn left and drive 1.8km down the hill to chemin de la Gare. After crossing the tracks, turn right and drive 300m to the station.

FEBRUARY 25 **NO TOUR. WE HELP PREPARE FOR THE
LOPPET ON FEB. 26**

MARCH 3,4,5, **MONT TREMBLANT WEEKEND**

organizer: Audrey Speck (514) 487-0432
a.speck@videotron.ca

We will be returning to the beautiful condos near the north side of Mont Tremblant (now called RCNT) where we have reserved space for our 2-night stay. Friday night will be a lasagna and salad dinner and Saturday night a potluck. We usually ski on the trails adjacent to the chalets on Friday afternoon, Lac Monroe trails on Saturday, (the skiing is covered by Carte réseau, the park entry is not), and Ski de Fond Mont Tremblant on Sunday (Carte réseau).

The cost for the condo and Friday night dinner has been calculated at \$145 per person or \$290 for a couple, depending on final numbers. Cheques should be made out to our faithful organizer, Audrey Speck, and sent to her at:

304 –250 Kensington Ave
Westmount, H3Z 2G8

Please do this by **January 23, 2016**, so Audrey can arrange the condos we will need to fit our numbers.

**MARCH 11 LAC PILON/ ESTEREL TRAILS,
STE MARGUERITE**

Hosts: Philip Harrison and Marie-Claire Skrutkowska
Tel: (514) 487-2743; (450) 228-3348 (chalet)

The longer tour, led by Philip will be skiing on the Lac Pilon, Lac Campbell trails which pass close to their chalet. Marie-Claire will lead a shorter trip on the well-groomed trails of the Estérel XC Centre, (alas no longer Carte réseau).

Address:(chalet) 95 Du Lac Castor, Estérel
(XC Estérel) avenue d'Anvers, Estérel,
website and trail map: www.skidefondesterel.com

Directions for their chalet: Take Aut 15, exit 69 east to rte 370 towards Ste-Marguerite for about 12km to a T intersection which is

Lac Masson. Turn right and follow des Hauteurs, keeping straight ahead to the first stop sign (at the fire station). Keep straight along ch. des Hauteurs (do not go left towards Estérel) for 1.9km. There will be a grey brick column on the left and a small sign, rue du Lac Castor. **Go slowly as it's easy to miss.** Turn left onto rue du Lac Castor and after approximately 350m make a sharp right turn. The house is at #95, at a dead end.

Directions to XC Estérel: Take Aut 15, exit 69 east to rte 370 towards Ste Marguerite for about 12km, to a T intersection which is Lac Masson. Turn right and then left at the first stop sign (at the fire station). Turn left and follow this road for approx. 2km--to a T junction and stop sign. Turn right and then almost immediately left – it's sign-posted to Ski de Fond Estérel, which is a short distance on the right.

Anyone who would prefer to sit by the fire at th chalet instead of

March 18 LAC NOTRE DAME ANNUAL HOT DOG PICNIC

Hosts: Gordon and Sorel Cohen

Tel: (514) 482-1327; cottage (450) 226-3455

A relaxed tour and wiener roast picnic; the Cohens supply the hot dogs and buns, you bring your own beverages.

Address: 1874 chemin Notre-Dame Sud

Directions: From the Viking Club house, continue on Jackson Road for 6.3 km (second stop sign). Veer slightly left and you will reach Lac Notre-Dame in 700 m. Turn right on Notre-Dame Nord for 3.1 km. The road name eventually changes to Notre-Dame Sud and the cottage is on the left at # 1874. Park on the road.

THURSDAY TOURS

Our first tour of the season is Thursday, January 5. These are planned by Derek Wills and Gordon. (coordinates below). Every week, by Wednesday evening at the latest, we send an email telling you where we'll meet, where we'll ski, and what snow and weather conditions to expect. In this same email, we bring you up to date on the Saturday tour later that week. We often post a report on the website about the tours of the previous week and usually include photos. These reports are written by various participants and are quite entertaining.

Send me an email if you'd like to be on the list.

Our Thursday skis are more informal than Saturday's. We usually stop for refreshments afterwards and discuss where we'd like to ski the following week.

We suggest the purchase of a CARTE RÉSEAU with your membership, as we hope to ski some of the centres outside of our area. If you have already completed your Viking membership

registration, and wish to have a carte réseau, you should follow the registration procedure again for the carte.

Derek Wills: Thursday coordinator tel: (514) 683-0696;
derek_wills@sympatico.ca

gdcohen@sympatico.ca tel: (514) 482-1327

SUNDAY TOURS (start at 10am)

For the past few years Richard L'Heureux has organized tours from the club house. We meet just before 10am and decide where we want to ski. This year Jean-Pierre Campeau has graciously volunteered to take over. We still need members to lead these tours. Please advise Jean-Pierre if you can help.

campeau.jp@videotron.ca

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For both Saturday, Sunday and Thursday tours.

- 1) Let the leader/ host know that you will participate.
- 2) Bring trail snacks, lunch and liquids.
- 3) Dress warmly in thin layers and bring an extra sweater.
- 4) Be prepared to have your skis waxed to start skiing at 10am.
- 5) For last minute details on any of these tours, call the tour leader or Gordon Cohen.

Watch for last minute changes announced in our weekly e-bulletin. To subscribe send me an email to the address below.

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**Any problem, any time, please call Gordon Cohen, Touring Coordinator: Res: (514) 482-1327; Cottage: (450) 226-3455
Cell (514) 979-0065 (no cell phone reception at cottage)**

