

CHINOOK OUTDOOR CLUB: SAMPLE WINTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY – FEBRUARY

Sunday, January xx

Destination: **Akamina or Crandell (Waterton)**

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: 900 ft. maximum

Dist.: c. 10 km

Dept.: 8:00 a.m.

If snow conditions are good, we will **ski** to the BC park cabins via Wolverine Pass and then descend the Akamina trail past the Wall Lake turn off as far as conditions permit. Return via the main Akamina trail. If snow conditions are not so good, we will **snowshoe** from the Crandell Lake trailhead on the Cameron Lake road down to Crandell Lake and on to the campground. Return the same way. If conditions are truly putrid, we will **hike!**

Sunday, January xx

Destination: **Forum Lake (Waterton)**

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: c. 1000 ft.

Dist.: c. 10 km., ski tour

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

“Lift your heels and your spirits!” Join a ski tour starting at Little Prairie. The group will ski up the Akamina trail and then off trail up to Forum Lake. Return the same way. If snow conditions are good, participants should be able to make some gentle turns through the trees on the descent from Forum Lake to the Akamina.

Saturday, January xx

Destination: **Horseshoe Basin/ Lakeview Ridge (Waterton) SNOWSHOE**

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: c. 500 ft.

Dist.: c. 10 – 12 km., snowshoe

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Get away from the usual snowshoe venues! The route begins near the buffalo paddocks and follows the hiking trail up into Horseshoe Basin. From there the coordinator will choose the best route depending on snow, weather and avalanche conditions.

Sunday, January xx

Destination: **Double Sundae Summit (Waterton)**

Two ski trips to the Summit Lake area on the same day!

Summit Tele Turns

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: 1200 ft. plus

Dist.: c. 10 km., tele turning

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

This trip is for those who like to do turns on tele or alpine gear. Elevation gain could approach 3000 ft. overall.

Summit Tour

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: c.1200 ft.

Dist. c.10 km., ski tour

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

This group will follow the tele group up the switchbacks on the Summit Lake trail and tour to the lake. If conditions permit, the group may climb up the slope to the west of the lake. Good downhill control for the return trip on the switchbacks is a must!

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Sunday, February xx

Destination: **Syncline Ski Trails & Beyond (West of Beaver Mines)**

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: Moderate

Dist.: Moderate, ski tour

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

If snow conditions are good, the coordinator would like to ski the trail system at Syncline and from there ski tour along the river to the Castle Mountain ski hill. If snow conditions are poor, the coordinator will choose another venue.

Sunday, February xx

Destination: **Forum Ridge (Waterton) SNOWSHOE**

Coordinator:

Elev. Gain: c. 1200 ft.

Dist.: c. 12 km., snowshoe

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Snowshoe up the Akamina trail and then off trail via Wolverine Pass to the top of the ridge overlooking Cameron Lake. A steep climb, but if the weather cooperates the views are magnificent! Return the same way.

Tuesday, February xx: **COC meeting** at Helen Schuler Nature Centre, 7 p.m. – speaker t.b.a.

Sunday, February xx **Family Day Long Weekend**
Ski or snowshoe with family or friends!

Sunday, February xx
Destination: **As far as we can go down the Akamina (Waterton)**
Coordinators:
Elev. Gain: c. 1100 ft.
Dist.: Long day, possibly 20 km., ski tour
Depart: 7:30 a.m.

Once again, we plan to ski down the Akamina into B.C. as far as snow conditions permit in the hopes of reaching the elusive turnoff to Grizzly Gulch. The trail climbs 400 feet to Akamina Pass, and then gradually descends 700 vertical feet over 9 kilometres. Return the same way.