

# Haliburton Highlands X-C Ski Trip

February 16 -18, 2018

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The last time we offered this trip it began with great promise. However the weather gods had their own agenda and washed us out of our last two days of skiing. Well, we'd like to re-visit Haliburton with the intention of skiing at least some of the trails we missed. Because Haliburton is just a few hours north east of Burlington we can maximize skiing and minimize driving time.

**Skiing Destinations:** The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association maintains a series of trail systems, providing enjoyment for skiers of all levels. We plan to revisit the trails we loved such as Glebe Park and Moosewoods. We will also take advantage of the ski and snowshoe trails right outside our door at Pinestone Lodge. The Leslie Frost Centre, about a 45 minute drive from Pinestone, offers some excellent 'classic only' skiing and snowshoeing in a more remote setting. With 42 km of ski trails and 10 km of snowshoe trails, we will easily fill a day at the Kawartha Nordic Centre north of Peterborough. Time will not allow everyone to ski everything but there are great options.

<http://www.skihaliburton.com/> <http://www.kawarthanordic.ca/>



**Itinerary:** This mid-winter getaway departs on the morning of Friday Feb.16. We will ski on Friday afternoon (at a location to be determined) and travel to the Pinestone Resort just outside of the town of Haliburton. On Saturday we will work out an action packed day, taking advantage of the fact that several trails are in close proximity to each other. It is possible that we will offer activities in more than one location on this day. For example one group might be dropped off at the Glebe trails while another travels to the Leslie frost Centre to ski and/or snowshoe. On Sunday morning we will pack up and head to the Kawartha Nordic Centre to ski for the day before driving back to Burlington. More details will follow but as we have learned, the itinerary may change due to weather and snow conditions.

**Snowshoeing:** This trip offers excellent snowshoeing but it may be limited in some places. There

are trails right on the Pinestone property and there is a short snowshoe trail located very close to the Glebe Ski Trails. There are ample snowshoe trails at the Leslie Frost Centre and Kawartha Nordic Centre.

**Accommodation:** The Pinestone Resort is located on Highway #21, just outside of the town of Haliburton. It is in a scenic rural setting that backs onto a golf course, trails, and a pond (ice rink). The groomed trails mean that there is a ski in/out option right at the resort! Pinestone has an indoor saltwater pool, a fitness centre, a spa (massages not included in the trip cost), the "Highlanders Bar", as well as a full dining room. Rooms are equipped with free wireless internet, a coffee maker and a mini fridge allowing you to purchase lunch food to take with you on daily outings.

<http://www.pinestone-resort.com/>



**Cost:** The cost of the trip is \$420 for double occupancy and \$540 for single. The trip cost includes return transportation by coach, transportation to ski areas, accommodation for two nights, two breakfasts and two dinners at the resort, ski passes for three days of skiing/snowshoeing and most taxes and gratuities. Excluded from the cost are lunches, snacks, room gratuities, and items of a personal nature.

**To book:** Please register and pay for the trip online: [www.haltonoutdoorclub.ca](http://www.haltonoutdoorclub.ca) We can take a maximum of 50 people and so do not delay registration. **Registration opens on Sept. 10, 2017.**

**Cancellation Policy:** If you cancel prior to Nov 15, you will receive a full refund, minus a \$25 per person processing fee. After that date, you will be responsible for the processing fee as well as any costs the club incurs on your behalf. This could include costs for meals, accommodation, transportation, driver tip, etc. If you cancel out of a double rooming arrangement it may result in you having to pay the difference to a single rate if no substitute can be found.

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