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LETTER FROM THE TRAILHEAD

Last year was a one-of-a-kind season at Cross Country Ski Headquarters. As droves of Americans flooded to the outdoors in search of recreation opportunities, cross country skiing saw an increase in popularity that was unprecedented. More people than ever before visited our ski shop and trail system, tried skiing for the first time, got back into the sport, or got their families involved. One of the coolest things we saw was the number of families who came skiing together, often multiple times throughout the season. With much of the world still tumultuous in various ways, XC skiing has become an activity that people can truly “escape” to. The simplicity of cross country skiing has a special allure in complicated times: the equipment is relatively simple and unfussy, the technique itself feels natural and fluid (or at least, after some practice), and the affordability of it makes it accessible for the whole family. And when you’re out there, it’s just you, the snow, and the quiet of the woods.



Cross country skiing makes for the best family memories!

To accommodate the increased enthusiasm for cross country skiing last winter, we streamlined our rental operation and expanded the cafe seating on our sun deck. Despite the occasional waitlist for rental equipment on some Saturdays last winter, we still managed to outfit nearly everyone who came with either cross country skis or snowshoes. With the addition of seven propane fire pits, the heated igloo, plus outdoor events and live music throughout the winter, the Cross Country Ski Headquarters sundeck was a scene of camaraderie, laughter, and simple good fun the entire season. (Cont on pg 34).

TEAM XC SKI HQ WINS 2021 MICHIGAN CUP!



The 2021 Michigan Cup race season was somewhat smaller than in years past; however, there was still plenty of high speed competition and loads of fun to go around!

Team XC Ski HQ was crowned champions at the conclusion of the grand finale event of the Michigan Cup Race Series, the Michigan Cup Relays at Cross Country Ski Headquarters. Cold overnight temps gave way to 22 degrees and sun at the start, and then warmed up to 34 degrees for lunch and awards ceremony in the afternoon. Skiers from all the Michigan Cup teams showed up and reveled in great spring conditions and camaraderie. Twenty-nine relay teams took on the course, which consisted of several trails and plenty (continued on pg. 30)

FINDING THE PERFECT SKIS

With a plethora of options at your feet, it can be intimidating deciding which pair of skis is right for you. At Cross Country Ski Headquarters, our overarching goal is to facilitate the lifelong enjoyment of skiing. When we fit a customer for skis, we look at several key factors particular to the individual skier, and then offer several package suggestions based on their budget.

There are several important factors that help us hone in on exactly what someone is looking for in a new pair of skis. The first factor is **How Long You've Been Skiing**. Whether you've been a skier all your life, or have never worn a ski boot before, your level of experience helps us determine the level of performance you might expect out of a ski. Some skis of the same length and stiffness might be good for a novice, but might leave something to be desired by a lifelong skier, and vice versa. (Cont on pg. 32)

RECREATIONAL CLASSIC NO-WAX SKI PACKAGES

Shop Online at [CrossCountrySki.com](https://www.CrossCountrySki.com), or call 800-832-2663 to speak to a pro!

ALPINA CONTROL 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$400.98~~ \$299.23 | 25% OFF



Best budget-friendly beginner ski package available.

Stable and easy to control in and out of groomed tracks!

– **2022 Alpina Control 60 No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes: 170cm (skier weight 90 to 120 lbs), 180cm (120 to 145 lbs), 190cm (145 to 175 lbs), 200cm (175 to 230+ lbs). A perfect ski for beginners who want a stable, versatile ski without breaking the budget. Use on/off trail: 50/50. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Rottefella Touring Auto Classic Bindings.** Adjustable, step-in automatic bindings.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$400.98 (Skis \$190, Boots \$100, Bindings \$60, Poles \$24.99, binding installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Boots for more warmth and comfort: 23.75.**

SALOMON ESCAPE 5 GRIP PACKAGE: ~~\$420.98~~ \$313.48 | 26% OFF

Best-selling boots and great gliding skis make this an ideal beginner package for mostly in-track skiing.

– **2022 Salomon Escape 5 Grip No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 51-48-46-49 mm. Sizes: 174cm (skier weight 78 to 121 lbs), 182cm (110 to 143 lbs), 190cm (133 – 165 lbs), 198cm (154 – 198 lbs), and 206cm (176 to 248+ lbs). G2 Plus no-wax base offers very good kick, and the glide is a notch above other skis in this price range. This ski is slightly downsized from a traditional length ski for easier turning and control. Use on/off trail: 70/30. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Salomon Prolink Auto Bindings.** Easy, step-in automatic bindings.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$420.98 (Skis \$188, Boots \$120, Bindings \$62, Poles \$24.99, binding installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.**



ROSSIGNOL EVO TOUR XT 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$440.98~~ \$332.44 | 25% OFF

The most versatile, best-selling, best-performing recreational ski package available.

– **2022 Rossignol Evo XT 60 Tour IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 100 to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), 195cm (180 to 230+ lbs). Our most popular touring skis, the Evo XT 60 Tours offer the best performance for in- and out-of-track skiing. Sophisticated base with Positrack grip pattern provides exceptional kick and glide, and side cut ensures stability and maneuverability on nearly every terrain. Use on/off trail: 50/50. HQ Demo Rating 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Turnamic Tour Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$440.98 Skis \$210, Boots \$120, Bindings \$65, Poles \$24.99, binding installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.**



More package details available at [CrossCountrySki.com](https://www.CrossCountrySki.com)

FISCHER ADVENTURE 62 XTRALITE PACKAGE: ~~\$439.98~~ \$337.19 | 23% OFF

This Fischer package is ready for adventure, with short-cut skis designed for maximum control and traction.

– **2022 Fischer Adventure 62 IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut: 62-52-60mm.

Sizes: 166cm (less than 131 lbs), 176cm (132 to 176 lbs), 186cm (154 to 198 lbs), and 196cm (176 to 220+ lbs). Fischer's best ever Offtrack Crown no-wax base gets incredible grip even on steep terrain. Shorter length and wider side cut make them easy to control through turns and tight spots. Use on/off trail: 50/50. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$439.98 (Skis \$220, Boots \$100, Bindings \$69, Poles \$24.99, binding installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$53**



ROSSIGNOL R-SKIN EVO XC 55 ACTION PACKAGE: ~~\$480.98~~ \$365.69 | 24% OFF

Advanced skin ski technology makes this a very fun, high performing package for mostly in-track skiing.

– **2022 Rossignol R-Skin Evo XC 55 Action IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 55-48-52 mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 90 to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), 195cm (180 to 230+ lbs). The R-Skin Evolution is a “skin ski”, which features a synthetic mohair no-wax grip zone. These skis get exceptional glide due to the skin's shorter grip zone and decrease in drag. For grip, the Teflon-infused skin material resists ice build up, and provides reliable, precise kick and climbing ability. Fantastic glide and very user-friendly! Use on/off trail: 70/30. HQ Demo Rating 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$480.98 (Skis \$241 Boots \$120, Bindings \$69, Poles \$24.99, binding installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.** **Upgrade to the lighter weight Alpina ST Plus Pole \$9.50.**

ROSSIGNOL EVO R-SKIN XC 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$495.98~~ \$375.19 | 24% OFF

Stable performance and great glide make this skin ski incredibly user-friendly.

– **2022 Rossignol Evo R-Skin XC 60 No-Wax Skis.** Ski weight 1340 grams for size 175cm. Side cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 90 lbs to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), and 195cm (180 to 230+ lbs). The Rossignol Evo R-Skin XC 60 skis are light, get great glide, and offer extremely stable performance in and out of groomed tracks. These skis are similar to the Rossignol Evo XT 60 Positracks, except that they have a mohair R-Skin grip zone instead of a traditional “fish-scale” grip zone which gives them better glide. Use on and off trail 60/40. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$495.98 (Skis \$325, Boots \$120, Bindings \$69, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.**





SALOMON ESCAPE OUTPATH 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$535.99~~ \$413.22 | 23% OFF

A metal-edged recreational ski offering exceptional versatility and control.

– **2022 Salomon Escape Outpath 60 No-Wax Skis** Side Cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes: 170 cm (skier weight 100 to 132 lbs), 180 cm (132 to 155 lbs), 190cm (154 to 187 lbs), 200cm (176 to 209 lbs), & 210cm (198 lbs to 250+ lbs). The Salomon Escape Outpath 60 ski comes with a full steel edge, making it one of the most versatile touring skis available in a recreational cross country ski package. Now you can fearlessly enjoy the groomed track AND the back country on the same skis! Use on and off trail 50/50. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape(mens) or Vitane (womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Salomon Prolink Automatic Bindings.** Adjustable, step-in automatic bindings.

– **2022 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.

Package List Price: \$535.99. (Skis \$288, boots \$120, bindings \$62, poles \$40, installation & base prep \$20 and Ski Bones \$5.99) **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots \$33.25. Upgrade to the Alpina ASC XT Poles for a wide, padded strap and rubber/cork comfort grip: \$9.50**



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FISCHER SPIDER 62 XTRALITE TOURING PACKAGE: ~~\$524.99~~ \$413.18 | 21% OFF

For maximum control on groomed and ungroomed trails.

– **2022 Fischer Spider 62 Xtralite No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 62-52-60mm. Mid length Sizes: 166cm (less than 131 lbs), 176cm (132 to 176 lbs), 186cm (154 to 198 lbs), and 196cm (176 to 220+ lbs). Full length metal edge, plus shorter-than-most sizing give these skis excellent control and stability for on- and off-track adventures. Narrower and lighter than most metal edge skis, the Spider 62 fits in a groomed track, and has unbelievably good glide for a metal edge ski! Plus, you'll climb with ease on Fischer's best-ever Offtrack Crown base. Use on/off trail 40/60. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2022 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, tapered aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.

Package list price: \$524.99 (Skis \$270, Boots \$120, Bindings \$69, Poles \$40, Installation & Prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99).

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.

FISCHER SUPERLITE CROWN PACKAGE: ~~\$558.99~~ \$455.88 | 18% OFF

Narrower and lighter construction make this a step up in glide performance from the other skis in this category.

– **2022 Fischer Superlite Crown IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 48-44-46 mm. Sizes 179cm (skier weight less than 130 lbs), 184cm (121-152 lbs), 189cm (132-163 lbs), 194cm (154-185 lbs), 199cm (163 -198 lbs), 204cm (187-220 lbs), 204cm extra stiff (+220 lbs). A top choice for in-track performance. Fischer's Vario Crown "Grip Meets Glide" pattern, plus slightly narrower side cut than other recreational skis, give it an exceptional amount of glide while maintaining stability. Efficient Forward (EF) construction adds elasticity to the body of the ski for great grip. Use on/off trail 80/20. HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2022 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber/cork grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Package list price: \$558.99 (Skis \$299, boots \$120, bindings \$69, poles \$45, installation & prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99).

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25. Upgrade to the Swix Quantum 7 Poles for a carbon composite shaft with adjustable wrap-around strap and cork grip: \$14.25.

SKIN SKI / PERFORMANCE CLASSIC PACKAGES

ATOMIC SAVOR 48 SKINTEC PACKAGE: ~~\$505.98~~ \$369.54 | 27% OFF

Staff favorite! Easy to control and fabulous glide.

– **2022 Atomic Savor 48 Skintec Skis.** Side cut 51-46-48 mm. Sizes 174cm (skier weight 110 to 143 lbs), 184cm (121 to 154 lbs), 194cm (154 to 187 lbs), 194cm X-Stiff (176 to 209 lbs), 204cm (176 to 209 lbs), & 204cm X-Stiff (198 to 254 lbs). Thanks to Teflon-infused mohair skin and High Densolite core, the Savor Skintec is light, fast, and gets great grip. Side cut and mid-length construction make it easy to maneuver on the downhill. A staff favorite! Use on/off trail 70/30. HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.

– **2022 Salomon Prolink Shift Pro Classic Bindings.** Sleek, adjustable, lightweight bindings with manual entry.

– **2022 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$505.98 (Skis \$335, Boots \$120, Bindings \$95, Poles \$24.99, installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.**



More package details available at CrossCountrySki.com

ATOMIC PRO C2 SKINTEC PACKAGE: ~~\$540.99~~ \$384.73 | 29% OFF

Hands-down, the best value for a high performance, in-track skin ski package.

- **2022 Atomic Pro C2 Skintec Skis.** Side cut 45-45-45 mm. 181cm Ladies (skier weight 110 to 132 lbs), 181cm (121-143 lbs), 188cm (121 to 154 lbs), 195cm (132 to 165 lbs), 202cm (154 to 187 lbs), 209cm (176 to 209 lbs), & 209cm X-Stiff (198 to 242 lbs). BL 4000 base and Race Grind provide excellent glide, and a High Densolite core make these skis light, stable, durable and dynamic. A great value for in-track fitness skiing or racing, they deliver a fast and fun ride without the hassle of waxing. Use on/off trail 90/10. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.
- **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.
- **2022 Salomon Prolink Shift Pro Classic Bindings.** Sleek, adjustable, lightweight bindings with manual entry.
- **2022 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber/cork grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Package list price: \$540.99 (skis \$255, boots \$120, bindings \$95, poles \$45, binding installation and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25. Upgrade to the Swix Quantum 7 Poles for a carbon composite shaft with adjustable wrap-around strap and cork grip: 14.25.

FISCHER TWIN SKIN SUPERLITE PACKAGE: ~~\$584.99~~ \$474.88 | 19% OFF

A demo center favorite for fitness and sport skiers!

- **2022 Fischer Twin Skin Superlite IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1260 grams for size 194cm. Side cut 48-44-46 mm. Sizes 179cm, 184cm, 189cm, 194cm, 199cm, 204cm. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. These lightweight skis combine the easy power transfer of Efficient Forward construction with the secure grip of the Twin Skin. WC Pro base and smaller skin grip zone than on a crown base give them excellent glide in all snow conditions. Use on/off trail 80/20. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 16.
- **2022 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.
- **2022 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber/cork grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Package list price: \$584.99 (skis \$325, boots \$120, bindings \$69, poles \$45, binding installation & prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25. Upgrade to the Swix Quantum 7 Poles for a carbon composite shaft with adjustable wrap-around strap and cork grip: 14.25.

FISCHER TWIN SKIN CARBON PRO PACKAGE: ~~\$953.98~~ \$801.73 | 16% OFF

The highest performance classic ski most skiers would ever need.

- **2022 Fischer Twin Skin Carbon Pro Skis.** Ski weight = 1080 grams for size 197cm. Side cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 187cm, 192cm, 197cm, 202cm, and 207cm, in Soft, Medium and Stiff flexes. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. This Fischer ski combines revolutionary Twin Skin technology with top-end features that Fischer is known for, such as carbon fiber tip and Aircore Carbon core for incredibly lightweight, responsive, and consistent ski feel. WC Plus base. Use on/off trail 95/05. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- **2022 Salomon RC8 Nocturne Prolink Boots.** Great fitting and lightweight race boots. Read more on page 17.
- **2022 Turnamic Race Classic Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.
- **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$953.98 (skis \$599, boots \$190, bindings \$79, poles \$59.99, binding installation & prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Fischer Carbonlite Boot for feather light race quality: \$132.96. Upgrade to Swix Quantum 4 Pole for very light, stiff shaft plus more supportive ProFit 3D strap: \$47.50.



WAXABLE CLASSIC SKI PACKAGES

ROSSIGNOL DELTA SPORT CLASSIC WAX PACKAGE: ~~\$544.98~~ \$398.89 | 28% OFF

A fast, fun and affordable classic race package!

- **2022 Rossignol Delta Sport Classic Wax IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1260g for size 196cm. Side Cut: 44-44-44-40mm. Sizes 176cm, 186cm, 196cm, 201cm, and 206cm. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. A perfect classic waxable ski for high school and citizen racers, fitness skiers, and skiers who enjoy high performance recreation. Racing profile and K7000 base provide great glide, while softer tip and tail, plus a thinner core profile offer easy and precise kick. Use on/off trail 95/05. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

- **2022 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling boots! Read more on page 16.

- **2022 Turnamic Race Classic Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

- **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$544.98 (Skis \$260, Boots \$115, Bindings \$79, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Rossignol X-6 SC Combi boot more ankle support, a race fit, and speed-lacing. Also works for skate skiing: \$90.21

FISCHER SPEEDMAX 3D CLASSIC PACKAGE: ~~\$1,358.99~~ \$1,151.10 | 15% OFF

The proven winner in the classic racing category.

- **2022 Fischer Speedmax Classic 3D Plus IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1030 grams for 197cm. World Cup side cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 192cm, 197cm, 202cm, and 207cm, Plus Stiffs and Plus Medium flexes available. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. The Speedmax is Fischer's fastest classic race ski, now even faster with 3D gliding sidewall. Revolutionary Cold Base Bonding technology gives the Fischer Speedmax Classic unprecedented gliding properties, wax absorption, grindability, and overall speed. Use on/off trail 95/05. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

- **2022 Fischer Carbonlite Classic Boots.** Feather-light race boots featuring World Cup technologies and a comfortable fit! Read more on page 17.

- **2022 Turnamic Race Classic Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

- **2022 Swix Quantum 4 Poles.** Very light, stiff, durable, carbon composite shaft, cork-filled thermoplastic grip, ProFit 3D strap, 97 TBS baskets.

Package list price: \$1,358.99 (Skis \$800, Boots \$329, Bindings \$79, Poles \$124.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Turnamic Race Pro Classic Binding for a lighter weight, more secure binding: \$22.85. Upgrade to the Fischer One Way Storm 2 Mag Pole for a top-of-the-line lighter weight, stiffer shaft plus more supportive Speed Strap: \$94.06

BACK COUNTRY SKI PACKAGES

ALPINA DISCOVERY 68 PACKAGE: ~~\$625.99~~ \$446.47 | 29% OFF

Adventure skiing at its finest! This package is designed for superior control and stability while blazing trail.

- **2022 Alpina Discovery 68 No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 68/60/65mm. Sizes 160cm (Less than 120 lbs), 170 cm (120 to 145 lbs), 180cm (145 to 175 lbs), and 190cm (175 lbs and above). This metal edge ski is wide enough for great stability when breaking trail, and is a perfect ski for anyone who wants a lot of control no matter where they are skiing. The Posigrip base climbs exceedingly well, and generous side cut plus mid-length sizing makes them very easy to control. For skied-in tracks and off trail. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

- **2022 Alpina Snowfield BC Boots.** Warm and supportive back country boots. Read more on page 17.

- **2022 Rottefella BC Auto Bindings.** Step-in, automatic back country bindings.
- **2022 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, aluminum shaft,

and adjustable strap.

Package list price: \$625.99 (Skis \$295, Boots \$150, Bindings \$115, Poles \$40, binding install + base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Alpina Outlander/Outlander Eve Boots for more warmth, comfort, and support: \$38 Upgrade to the Alpina ASC XT Pole for a wide padded strap and comfortable rubber/cork grip: \$9.50

ROSSIGNOL BC 65 PACKAGE: ~~\$585.99~~ \$446.43 | 24% OFF

A favorite for great glide and turnability off-track!

– **2022 Rossignol BC 65 Positrack Back Country Skis.** Side cut 65/53/60mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 80 lbs to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), 195cm (180 to +230 lbs). The Rossignol BC 65 is one of our favorite back country skis of all time. The Wood Air core makes them springy and responsive, and the best ever Positrack base climbs like a mountain goat. Shapely side cut offers excellent control and stability, and makes them especially easy to turn going down hills. Ideal for primarily off track skiing, but narrow enough for “skied-in” tracks. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina Snowfield BC Boots.** Warm and supportive back country boots. Read more on page 17.

– **2022 Rottefella BC Auto Bindings.** Step-in, automatic back country bindings.

– **2022 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, tapered aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.

Package list price: \$585.99 (Skis \$255, Boots \$150, Bindings \$115, Poles \$40, binding install + base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Rossignol BC X6/X6FW Boots for more warmth, comfort, and support: \$47.46.

Upgrade to the Alpina ASC XT Pole for wide padded strap and rubber/cork grip: \$9.50

FISCHER SPIDER 62 BACK COUNTRY PACKAGE: ~~\$599.99~~ \$465.42 | 22% OFF

One of the best gliding, most versatile metal edge ski packages available.

– **2022 Fischer Spider 62 Xtralite No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 62-52-60mm. Mid length Sizes: 166cm (less than 131 lbs), 176cm (132 to 176 lbs), 186cm (154 to 198 lbs), and 199cm (176 to 220+ lbs). Full length metal edge, plus shorter-than-most sizing give these skis excellent control and stability for on- and off-track adventures. Narrower than most metal edge skis, the Spider 62 fits in a groomed track, and has unbelievably good glide for a metal edge ski! Plus, you'll climb with ease on Fischer's best-ever Offtrack Crown base. Use on/off trail 40/60. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina Snowfield BC Boots.** Warm and supportive back country boots. Read more on page 17.

– **2022 Rottefella BC Auto Bindings.** Step-in, automatic back country bindings.

– **2022 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.

Package list price: \$599.99 (Skis \$269, Boots \$150, Bindings \$115, Poles \$40, binding install + base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99).

Upgrade to the Rossignol BC X6/X6FW Boots for more warmth, comfort, and support: \$47.46. Upgrade to the Alpina ASC XT Pole for a wide padded strap and comfortable rubber/cork grip: \$9.50

ROSSIGNOL BC 80 PACKAGE: ~~\$750.99~~ \$560.38 | 27% OFF

The go-to package for deep snow, off-track skiing.

– **2022 Rossignol BC 80 Positrack Back Country Skis.** Side cut 80/60/70mm. Sizes 166cm (skier weight 80 lbs to 120 lbs), 176cm (120 to 150 lbs), 186cm (150 to 180 lbs), 196cm (180 to +230 lbs). The Rossignol BC 80 is made for those who like to get off the beaten track. Designed with wider dimensions and more pronounced sidecut, these skis are an especially great performer on downhills. Rocker tip and single camber profile keep the tips floating in deep snow. This ski construction, along with ample side cut and full steel edges, make the BC 80's easy to turn despite their width. Positrack base climbs even steep terrain extremely well. A winner for powder skiing! HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Rossignol BC X6 Back Country Boots.** Warm and supportive boots with zipper lace cover and added ankle support. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Rottefella BC Magnum Bindings.** Heavy duty, manual BC bindings.

– **2022 Alpina XT Poles.** Durable poles with a lightweight aluminum tapered

shaft, round powder basket, rubber/cork grip for warmth, and wide, padded, adjustable straps.

Package list price: \$750.99 (Skis \$330, boots \$220, bindings \$125, poles \$50, installation & prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99)



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ATOMIC PRO S2 SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$567.98~~ \$408.42 | 28% OFF

Great performance for the budget-conscious beginner!

– **2022 Atomic Pro S2 Skate Skis.** Sidecut 44/44/43 mm. Sizes: 167cm (skier weight 77lbs to 110 lbs) 173cm (skier weight 88 to 121 lbs), 180cm (110 to 143 lbs), 186cm (132 to 176 lbs) & 192cm (165 to 220+ lbs). Easy to learn on, these skis have a double groove base and wider ski tip for optimal stability. These are easy to maneuver up and down hills; an ideal skate ski for beginners at a great value. HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Atomic Prolink Access Skate Binding.** Adjustable, lightweight, manual bindings.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$567.98 (Skis \$200, Boots \$200, Bindings \$80, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance \$47.46.

FISCHER AEROLITE 60 SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$584.98~~ \$441.64 | 25% OFF

Fischer's entry level skate package offers exceptional performance for beginner skate skiers.

– **2022 Fischer Aerolite Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1300 grams for size 186cm. Sidecut = 41/44/44mm. Sizes 171cm (skier weight 99 to 132 lbs), 181cm (121 to 165 lbs), 186cm (154 to 198 lbs), 191cm (165 to 220+ lbs). This ski replaced Fischer's SC skate. Featuring improved ski weight (60g lighter) and Speed Grinding 2.0, the Aerolite 60's are lighter and faster, while still being easy to learn on. These skis glide better than most entry-level skate skis, and the Fischer name means skiers can trust in their top quality and durability. HQ Demo Rating: 4¼ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$584.98 (Skis \$220, Boots \$200, Bindings \$79, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance \$47.46.

ROSSIGNOL DELTA SPORT SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$625.98~~ \$446.43 | 29% OFF

A top seller for an affordable introductory race package.

– **2022 Rossignol Delta Sport Skate IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1260 grams for size 180cm. Sidecut 40/44/43/43 mm. Sizes: 163cm (skier weight 85- 110 lbs), 173cm (skier weight 100-132 lbs), 180cm (121-155 lbs), 186cm (143-175 lbs & 192cm (165 to +225 lbs). These skis are designed for the recreational and fitness skate skier, and very popular for High School racers. Easy to learn on, these skis track well and are super stable due to their dual base grooves and famous “Cobra Sidecut”. A winner in our rental program. HQ Demo Rating: 4¼ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$625.98 (Skis \$261, Boots \$200, Bindings \$79, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance \$47.46.



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SALOMON RS8 SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$685.98~~ \$474.93 | 31% OFF



A great package for recreation, fitness and light racing.

– **2022 Salomon RS8 Skate Skis.** Side cut 42/44/43/45mm. Ski weight 1270 grams for size 191cm. Sizes 174cm (skier weight 78-121 lbs), 179cm (110-143 lbs), 186cm (132-165 lbs), 191cm (154-198+ lbs), The RS8 Skate skis are light, fast, and ideal for recreational and fitness skiers as well as citizen racers. They feature a Javlin Sidecut for speed, plus a little extra tail width for easy steering and stability. G4 Zeolit base and Race Universal Grind ensure great glide. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Salomon Prolink Pro Skate Bindings.** Adjustable, lightweight, manual bindings.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$685.98 (Skis \$308, Boots \$200, Bindings \$92, Poles \$59.99, binding installation & base prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon RS8/RS8 Vitane (Womens) Skate Boots for lighter weight, more comfortable, more supportive boots that perfectly match the skis: \$76.**

FISCHER SCS SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$689.98~~ \$536.63 | 22% OFF

One of the best performing packages for fitness skiing and citizen racing.

– **2022 Fischer SCS Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1270 grams for 186cm. World Cup Side Cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 171cm (skier weight 99–141 lbs), 176cm (121–152 lbs), 181cm (143–174 lbs), 186cm (165 – 196 lbs), and 191cm (176 lbs and above). We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The SCS is a top choice for skiers who want a high-quality, good-performing, mid-range skate ski. A substantial step up in performance from our more entry-level packages, the SCS is ideal for advanced recreation and fitness. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$689.98 (Skis \$325, boots \$200, bindings \$79, poles \$59.99, binding installation & base prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance: \$47.46.**



ROSSIGNOL DELTA COMP SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$740.98~~ \$536.73 | 28% OFF



A Demo Center favorite for fitness skiing and racing.

– **2022 Rossignol Delta Comp Skate IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1280 grams for size 186cm. Sidecut 40/44/43/43mm. Sizes 173cm (skier weight 90 to 125 lbs), 180cm (120 to 150 lbs), 186cm (145 to 175 lbs), and 192cm (170 lbs and above). We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The Rossignol Delta Comp features “Cobra Sidecut”, Dual base grooves and Nomex Honeycomb construction, making them very stable and very light. A winner in our demo center because of their stability and quick acceleration! HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 18.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$740.98 (Skis \$376, Boots \$200, Bindings \$79, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (womens)**

Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance: \$47.46

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FISCHER RCR SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$783.98~~ \$660.09 | 16% OFF



A high-end skate package without a high-end price tag.

– **2022 Fischer RCR Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1190 grams for size 186cm. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The RCR's are for skiers who want excellent race performance without breaking the bank. Light, responsive, and maneuverable, these skis come with Air Core construction, Race finish, and Speed Tip and Tail. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS Boots.** Performance skating boot, also available in womens specific fit. Read more on page 19.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$783.98 (Skis \$400, boots \$219, bindings \$79, poles \$59.99, binding installation & base prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Fischer RC5 Boot for a lighter boot with a more refined fit: \$38. Upgrade to the Swix Quantum 4 Pole for a lighter, stiffer shaft and better ProFit 3D strap: \$47.50**

SALOMON S/MAX CARBON SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$975.98~~ \$712.43 | 27% OFF

Elite skate race performance at a great value!

– **2022 Salomon S/Max Carbon Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1040 grams for size 192cm. Side cut 44-43-44 mm. Sizes 177cm (110 to 132 lbs), 182cm (121 to 154 lbs), 187cm (143 to 176 lbs), 192cm (154 to 198 lbs), & 192cm Extra Stiff (187 lbs and above). We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The very lightweight Salomon S/Max Skate ski is built for speed, and features many components found on Salomon's World Cup level skis, including Thin Ply carbon construction for amazing torsional rigidity. Lightning fast World Cup G5 Universal Base with World Cup universal grind makes the S/Max highly versatile and is very fast in all conditions. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon RS8/RS8 Vitane (Womens) Skate Boots.** Performance skate boot with famous Salomon fit. Read more on page 19.

– **2022 Salomon Shift-In Bindings.** Lightweight, tool-free adjusting, manual bindings.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$975.98 (Skis \$540, Boots \$270, Bindings \$80, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Salomon RS/RS Vitane Skate boots for lighter, stiffer, more streamlined boots: \$66.50. Upgrade to the Salomon R60 Click poles for lighter-weight, stiffer poles with cork handle and quick-release strap: \$47.50**



FISCHER RCS SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$963.98~~ \$816.89 | 15% OFF



A feature-rich, top-performing skate package.

– **2022 Fischer RCS Skate Plus IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1090 grams for size 186cm. World Cup Skate Side Cut 41-44-44mm. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. This already incredible ski just got an upgrade, with Cold Base Bonding added this season! Add the signature Hole Ski Tip, and you've now got a package that is quite comparable to the Speedmax, but without the price tag. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Fischer RC5 Skate Boots.** Performance skating boot. Read more on page 19.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, step-in, automatic bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 7 Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, Force 7 cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Package list price: \$963.98 (Skis \$550, Boots \$249, Bindings \$79, Poles \$59.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). **Upgrade to the Fischer RCS Boot for a lighter boot with a more refined fit: \$57. Upgrade to the Turnamic Race PRO bindings for a lighter weight and more secure connection: \$22.85 Upgrade to the Swix Quantum 4 Pole for a lighter-weight, stiffer shaft plus more supportive ProFit 3D strap: \$47.50.**

More package details are available at CrossCountrySki.com

ROSSIGNOL XIUM PREMIUM SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1,298.98~~ \$986.04 | 24% OFF

An elite, World Cup level skate package at a great value.

– **2022 Rossignol Xium Premium S2 IFP Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1080 grams per pair for 186cm. Side Cut 40-44-43-43. Lengths: 183cm, 188cm, 193cm. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. This Demo Center favorite features hard-to-believe light weight, stability, glide, and overall power. Feature-loaded and perfect for skiers who want effortless glide, maximal stability, and tremendous performance in all snow conditions. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Fischer RC5 Skate Boots.** Lightweight, comfy. Read more on page 19.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Pro Bindings.** Top-performing, lightweight, manual binding with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 4 Poles.** Very light, stiff, durable, carbon composite shaft, cork-filled thermoplastic grip, ProFit 3D strap, 97 TBS baskets.

Package list price: \$1,298.98 (Skis \$800, Boots \$249, Bindings \$99, Poles \$124.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Fischer RCS boots for a streamlined, stiff race boot with an even more comfortable fit. \$57. Or, upgrade to the Fischer Carbonlite Skate boot for a more light-weight, race oriented boot. \$171.05

SALOMON S/LAB CARBON SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1,409.99~~ \$1,043.08 | 26% OFF

Disruptive skate technology and groundbreaking performance.

– **2022 Salomon S/Lab Carbon Skate Skis.** Universal base. Ski weight 946 grams for size 192cm. Side cut 44-43-44 mm. Sizes 177cm, 182cm, 187cm, 192cm & 192 Extra Stiff. This is the history-making, Olympic Gold Medal winning ski that deserves every bit of fame it has received. The only ski with full carbon construction, the Salomon S/Lab Carbon provides unparalleled torsional rigidity, power transmission, and responsiveness. Unbelievably light and fast. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon RS10 Skate Prolink Boots.** A sleek, stiff, and comfortable race boot. Read more on page 19.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Pro Skate Bindings.** Top-performing, lightweight, manual binding with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Salomon R60 Click Poles.** Lightweight, 60% carbon shaft, cork grips, and adjustable straps that conveniently release from grip with one click.

Package list price: \$1,409.99 (Skis \$820, Boots \$350, Bindings \$99, Poles \$115, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Salomon S/Race Carbon boots: \$85.46. Upgrade to S/Lab Carbon boots: \$322.96. More boot details on page 20. Upgrade to the Swix Triac 4.0 Pole for a carbon composite pole with best-in-class weight, stiffness, and overall performance: \$237.50.

FISCHER SPEEDMAX 3D IFP SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1,378.98~~ \$1,173.14 | 15% OFF

The go-to for top performance in all snow conditions.

– **2022 Fischer Speedmax 3D IFP Skate Skis.** Plus base. Weight: 1030 grams for 186cm. World Cup side cut 41-44-44. Sizes 176cm, 181cm, 186cm, and 191cm in Medium and Stiff flexes. The Fischer Speedmax 3D Skate Ski is Fischer's fastest ski, with Diamond Tuned Grinding and a Gliding Sidewall. The side-wall material is designed to reduce friction resistance adding more speed, but has also resulted in a slightly more stable edge than previous generations. Cold base bonding and other top Fischer features make the Speedmax our best-selling elite race ski. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

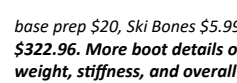
– **2022 Fischer RCS Skate Boots.** A streamlined, stiff race boot with comfortable fit. Read more on page 20.

– **2022 Turnamic Race Pro Skate Bindings.** Top-performing, lightweight, manual binding with tool-less adjustment.

– **2022 Swix Quantum 4 Poles.** Very light, stiff, durable, carbon composite shaft, cork-filled thermoplastic grip, ProFit 3D strap, 97 TBS baskets.

Package list price: \$1,378.98 (Skis \$800, Boots \$329, Bindings \$99, Poles \$124.99, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Fischer Carbonlite Skate boots: \$114.05, OR Fischer Speedmax Skate boots (more details on page 20) \$415. Upgrade to the Fischer One Way Storm 2 Mag Pole for lighter, stronger poling performance. \$94.06

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JUNIOR SKI PACKAGES

SALOMON AERO JUNIOR GRIP NO-WAX SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$343.99~~ \$249.84 | 27% OFF

A great investment in healthy, outdoor winter fun!

– **2022 Salomon Aero Junior Grip No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 51/47/50mm. Ski lengths: 91cm to 161cm (10cm increments). Sized to height of skier for easy learning and maneuverability. The Salomon Aero Junior Grip skis are the best in the industry, because they are durable, easy to maneuver, and wide enough to offer great stability. With the Salomon G2 Plus Nowax base, kids can get very easy kick and fast, controllable glide. This ski package includes membership in our Kids Trade-In Program (see details below). Use in and out of trail 50-50. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon RC Prolink JR Boots.** US sizes: Youth 7K to 5.5. Faux fur lining and wool forefoot ensure warmth, and over the ankle upper for support. Easy entry and exit.

– **2022 Prolink Access Junior Bindings.** Durable, manual binding.

– **2022 Salomon Escape Junior Poles.** Aluminum shaft, adjustable strap.

Package list price: \$343.99 (Skis \$130, Boots \$105, Bindings \$50, Poles \$33, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99).

JUNIOR TRADE-IN PROGRAM: Included with purchase of a Junior CLASSIC ski package. When child grows out of the boots, trade them in for larger boots from our trade-in program for the cost of approximately \$20-30. To trade in for larger skis (but still junior length), the cost is approximately \$20-40. When the child grows into adult sized skis and boots, the cost to trade up from junior sizes is approximately \$65 each.



SALOMON RS JUNIOR SKATE PACKAGE: ~~\$478.99~~ \$349.58 | 27% OFF

A great entry-level skate ski for kids who want to fly!

– **2022 Salomon RS Junior Skate Skis.** Sidecut 44/42/44mm. Junior ski sizing is recommended for approximately height of skier for more user-friendly control and maneuverability. Ski lengths: 126cm to 158cm. Light and consistent core made with unidirectional fiberglass wrap and preshaped Densolite foam. With the Salomon G2 Plus Nowax base, kids can get a fast, controllable glide. Get your kids involved in one of the healthiest, life-long, outdoor activities there is! HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Salomon R/Combi Junior Boots.** Faux fur lining and wool forefoot ensure warmth, and over the ankle support.

– **2022 Race Skate Junior Bindings.** A durable, easy-to-use junior binding with manual opening.

– **2022 Salomon Escape Junior Poles.** Tapered aluminum shaft, wide loop strap, comfy foam grip.

Package list price: \$478.99 (skis \$178, boots \$150, bindings \$92, poles \$33, binding installation & prep \$20, and Ski Bones \$5.99).



FISCHER RCS SKATE JUNIOR SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$515.99~~ \$394.10 | 24% OFF

A great and affordable junior skate ski package. Watch out, your kids will be hooked on skating!

– **2022 Fischer RCS Jr Skate Skis.** Side cut 51/47/50mm. Ski lengths: 152cm, 159cm, 166cm, 173cm. Side cut 41/44/44mm. Sized to height, weight and ability of skier for easy learning and maneuverability. The Fischer RCS Skate Junior skis are ideal for a kids skate ski package, because they are easy to use, durable, and get great glide. HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

– **2022 Fischer Jr Combi Boots.** US Sizes: Youth 1 (Euro 32) to Mens 8.5 / Womens 9.5 (Euro 42). This comfortable and warm junior boot works great for skating and classic skiing.

– **2022 Fischer Turnamic Race Skate Jr Bindings.** Easy, adjustable, step-in entry.

– **2022 Salomon Escape Jr Poles.** Aluminum shaft, adjustable strap.

Package list price: \$515.99 (Skis \$239, Boots \$149, Bindings \$69, Poles \$33, binding install and base prep \$20, Ski Bones \$5.99). Upgrade to the Swix Quantum 7 Poles for a carbon composite shaft with adjustable wrap-around strap and cork grip for more efficient poling: \$23.74



CLASSIC BOOTS

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Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) Boots

Euro size 36 (4.5 US Womens) to Euro 50 (15 US Mens). This Sport Touring boot looks great and has features found on boots costing much more, including a reinforced heel counter, Thinsulate insulation, and a soft collar. The soft boot flex makes for ideal classic skiing performance, and the lace hooks on the upper offer great ankle support. Use on and off trail 60/40. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$100 **OUR PRICE: \$79.99**



Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots

Sizes: US Womens 5.5 to Mens 13.5. This warm, comfortable boot is our best seller for recreational classic skiing. Famously comfortable, they feature the Salomon Touring fit, which fits the vast majority of skiers exceedingly well. Lace cover with central zip keeps feet dry, and insulation throughout the entire boot keeps them warm. Mono-material outsole has long lasting durability. Other features include over the ankle upper and internal heel reinforcement. The women's Vitane adds women's fit and fleece lining. Recommended use on and off trail 60/40. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$120 **OUR PRICE: \$104.99**



Fischer OTX Trail Boots

Sizes 37 to 49. A great "hybrid" boot for cruising both on the groomed trail and in the back country, the Fischer OTX Trail boot offers reliable protection against the elements without the bulk of a pure back country boot. Plastic ankle cuff adds plenty of stability, wool blend liner ensures warmth, and integrated gaiter with sealed zipper zips over the laces to keep feet dry. This boot has the Turnamic sole which is compatible with all NNN, Prolink and Turnamic bindings. New for this season is wider heel and rubber sole to minimize chances of slipping in the parking lot or during apres ski. Use on and off trail 50/50. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List price: \$149. **OUR PRICE \$139.95.**



Salomon Escape Plus (Mens) and Vitane Plus (Womens) Boots

Sizes: US Womens 5.5 to Mens 15.5. Get the best fit possible with the Salomon Escape Plus Prolink boot. It's a confidence-building touring boot with an ergonomic and supportive touring cuff with velcro closure, quick lacing, and extra-thick Thinsulate. (the warmest touring boot we've found!), and central zip lace cover. The Prolink sole is compatible with all current NNN, Prolink & Turnamic bindings. Use on and off trail 50/50. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$160 **OUR PRICE: \$139.99**



Salomon RC8 Nocturne Classic Prolink Boots

Sizes Women's 7 to Men's 13.5. The Salomon RC8 Nocturne Classic Prolink boot seamlessly combines stability with a fit that feels as if it was made just for you. The SensiFit construction and fixed heel strap perfectly envelop your foot while the natural flex offers easy access to kick. Reflective elements make you more visible when it's dark, so you can get out and train whenever you like. Thermo-formed reinforcement for more stability and comfort. Salomon's well-known one-pull lacing system for precise and snug fit; kevlar laces that go through polygliding hooks. Medium volume for maximum foothold, high comfort and precise fit. Racing outsole designed to maximize power transfer, with a low profile for exceptional snow feeling and optimum flex for classic. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$190. **OUR PRICE: \$159.99**



Fischer Carbonlite Classic Boot

Sizes US Women's 7 to US Men's 14. This feather-light race boot has all the World Cup technologies WITH comfort! Equipped with the Turnamic Race Classic sole with soft, classic flex and stable, wide underfoot, Internal Molded Heel Cap, plus Triple-F Membrane outer allowing for a breathable and comfortable in-boot climate, Speed Lock lacing, and sealed zipper over easy entry loops. Turnamic sole is compatible with all NNN, Turnamic, and Prolink bindings. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$329. **OUR PRICE: \$299.95**



BACK COUNTRY BOOTS

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Alpina Snowfield Back Country Boots

Euro size 36 (4.5 US Womens) to Euro 49 (15 US Mens). This back country boot from Alpina is well equipped to provide warmth, support, and comfort for your back country skiing adventure. The supportive high collar provides stability and control, especially on downhills and turns, and Thinsulate insulation plus toe box protection makes sure feet stay toasty and dry. Anatomic foot bed and soft collar ensure comfort, and speed lacing and entry loop makes these very easy to get on and off. NNN-BC sole fits all Rottefella NNN-BC bindings. HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$150. **OUR PRICE: \$119.99**



Alpina Outlander (Mens) and Outlander Eve (Womens) Boot

This highly comfortable and supportive boot is one of our favorites. Features neoprene zip-up lace cover for added insulation, Thinsulate insulation, anatomic footbed, articulating ankle cuff for added support. Womens boot features womens-specific fit. Fits all NNN-BC bindings. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price \$200. **OUR PRICE \$159.99**



Shop and learn more at CrossCountrySki.com, or call 1-800-832-2663 to speak to a pro!

Rossignol BC X6 (Mens) and BC X6 FW (Womens) Boots

Euro Size 36 (Wns 5.5) to Euro 48 (US Mens 13.5). Fully waterproof and insulated, the BC X6 has a zippered lace cover to keep feet dry and warm all day long. A sturdy, 3D bi-injection, hinged ankle cuff with Velcro strap secures the ankle in place, allowing for safe and efficient power transfer to the ski. Stiff boot flex provides support for turning, and allows ample range of motion for striding on the flats and uphill. This boot is comfortable, supportive and durable. NNN-BC Sole fits NNN-BC bindings only. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List price: \$220. **OUR PRICE: \$169.95**



COMBI BOOTS

Rossignol X-6 SC Combi Boots

European Sizes 37 to 49. This is a comfortable, great performing boot that can be used for skating and classic skiing. It comes with a supportive, articulated cuff with Velcro strap for skating stability and support, but with a sole soft enough for efficient classic technique. A lace cincher makes them fast and easy to lace, and zippered lace cover keeps feet warm and dry. This boot fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. List Price: \$250. **OUR PRICE: \$199.95**



Salomon Pro Combi Prolink Boots

European Sizes 37 to 49. A comfortable, great performing boot that can be used for skate and classic. It comes with a supportive, articulated cuff with Velcro strap for skating stability and support, but with a sole soft enough for efficient classic technique. A lace cincher makes them fast and easy to lace, and zippered lace cover keeps feet warm and dry. Adjustable heel strap eliminates heel slip. This boot fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. List Price: \$270. **OUR PRICE: \$229.99**



SKATE BOOTS

BIGGEST SAVINGS: Buy your boots in a Ski Package for even deeper Package Discounts than you see here!

Alpina T40 Skate Boots

European sizes 36 (US Womens 4.5) to 49 (US Mens 14.5). This Alpina boot is a favorite in the recreational skating boot category. The T40 comes with Thinsulate insulation to keep feet warm, extra padding, and anatomic footbed for a comfortable fit. Stiff boot flex, plastic heel counter, elastic calf adjustment, and ankle cuff with Velcro power strap ensure optimum stability and support for skating. The NNN sole is compatible with all current NNN-compatible bindings. The Alpina T40 is a highly durable skate boot, perfect for recreational skate skiing. HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$200. **OUR PRICE: \$149.99**



Looking for SNS boots? We have them! Call 800-832-2663 to speak to a boot sales specialist.

Fischer RC3 Skate / RC Skate WS Boots

2021/22 model. RC3 Skate available in Men's US boot sizes: 7.5 to 13.5. RC Skate WS Boots available in Women's US boot sizes: 5.5 to 10. This pure skate boot from Fischer features Thinsulate insulation for excellent warmth, thermo fit foot molding, and articulating hinged polymer cuff for stability. The RC Skate WS is engineered with the Ladies Fit Concept for an ideal fit. A great choice for recreational and fitness skiers, as well as casual racers. HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars. List: \$219. **OUR PRICE: \$199.95**



Salomon RS8 / RS8 Vitane Skate Prolink Boots

2021/22 model. RS8 available in Men's US boot sizes: 8 to 13.5. RS8 Vitane available in Women's US boot sizes: 6 to 9.5. A great choice for recreational and sport skiers who want proven performance and value. Salomon's robust Energyzyer ankle cuff provides lateral support and stability. A great feature that sets this boot apart is the adjustable heel strap, which allows skiers to create a custom fit and eliminate heel slip. Other features: Advanced 3D chassis, Sensifit envelopment, plus Quicklace for a secure fit. Prolink sole is compatible with all NNN-compatible bindings. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$270. **OUR PRICE: \$229.99**



Fischer RC5 Skate Boots

2021/22 model. Available in unisex European sizes: 37 to 48. The RC5 has all the features of the RC3 but with weight-reducing construction, added ankle cuff padding/comfort, and a more refined fit. Other features include Thinsulate insulation for excellent warmth, Triple-F Membrane for a breathable in-boot climate, thermo fit foot molding and articulating hinged polymer cuff for stability. A great choice for race and sport skiers. Fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$249. **OUR PRICE: \$239.95**



Salomon RS10 / RS10 Vitane Nocturne Skate Prolink Boots

2021/22 model. 1200g per pair (size men's 9). This ultra comfortable, high performance skate boot comes equipped with a carbon skating plate, Sensifit envelopment for maximum comfort, Dissociated Quicklace, Performance Energyzyer Cuff and Advanced 3D Chassis for faster ski return, Custom Fit liner with thermo-molding sole, and a lace cover with diagonal zippers that stay zipped. An excellent boot for fitness skiers, racers, and those who want great performance and lasting comfort without paying top dollar. The RS Vitane has a womens last. Fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$350. **OUR PRICE: \$299.99**



Fischer RCS Skate Boots

Sizes Womens 7 (Euro 38) to Men's 13.5 (Euro 48). The Fischer RCS Skate Boots are lightweight, comfortable, and are ideal for aggressive skate skiers. Stiff boot flex provides exceptional torsional rigidity for efficient power transfer, and hinged polymer ankle cuff with velcro strap offers ample lateral stability and generous forward-back range of motion. Other features include Fischer's Speedlock Lacing system, Triple-F climate controlling membrane, Comfort Guard insulation, and Fischer Fresh odor eliminating enzyme. These boots have a race fit, yet are extremely comfortable and provide top-level skating performance. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$329. **Our Price: 299.95**



Salomon S/Race Carbon Skate Prolink Boots

A new, sleek, high performance race skate boot. Salomon's newly developed and exclusive Carbon Loaded™ shell and cuff provide a super anatomic, close fit that maximizes precision. It also offers up to 20% more flexion and torsion stiffness for maximum power transmission at every stride. The innovative SensiFit™ Race system is strategically positioned on the shell to perfectly hold the liner and offer perfect foot wrapping and precision. Salomon's well-known one-pull lacing system for precise and snug fit; kevlar laces that go through polygliding hooks. Custom Fit Lab ensures 100% fit with fully thermo-formable liner adapting to the heel, ankle and toe areas. 3D Construction (vs. traditional 2D pattern) solves instant pressure points around ankle and heel to offer unmatched foothold, and ClimaSalomon™ WP Membrane makes this boot waterproof. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$530 **Call for special sale price.**



Fischer RCS Carbonlite / Carbonlite WS Boots

This new generation of the Carbonlite takes cues from the next level Speedmax boot, offering lighter-weight performance in a less bulky design. Fischer has removed the over-arch strap from this boot, and doubled down on making the sole and heel more stable and secure. Triple-F membrane technology is Fischer's innovation that keeps feet warm, protects them from water, and allows them to breathe. Also new with these boots is CleanSport NXT anti-odor technology, whose naturally occurring microbes eat boot bacteria caused by sweat, eliminating odor production before it starts. Other features: World Cup Carbon Cuff and Cross Link, Frame technology for support, stiff Turnamic sole, plus Fischer's Race Fit. Fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. Womens boot comes with womens-specific fit. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price \$489. **Call for special sale price.**



Fischer Speedmax Skate Boots

These boots define a new level of performance for skate skiing. Seamless carbon fiber molding and minimalist approach give you unparalleled light weight and skating performance, allowing you to go farther and faster than you thought possible. Staff favorite. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List price: \$799. **Call for special sale price.**



Salomon S/Lab Carbon Skate Prolink Boots

For skiers chasing the fastest glide, this boot has been developed in collaboration with World Cup athletes. The anatomic, Carbon Loaded™ cuff and bootie liner provide the closest fit needed for outstanding performance, while the carbon shell delivers unmatched precision and energy transmission. Prolink Lab Skate Outsole is designed to be as light as possible and offer optimized feeling and transmission. Salomon's well-known one-pull lacing system provides precise and snug fit. Custom Fit Lab ensures 100% fit with fully thermo-formable liner adapting to the heel, ankle and toe areas. 3D Construction (vs. traditional 2D pattern) solves instant pressure points around ankle and heel to offer unmatched foothold, and ClimaSalomon™ WP Membrane makes this boot waterproof. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$870 **Call for special sale price.**



A Lesson In SKATE SKIING

At first blush, skate skiing can seem a little intimidating. Exceptional skate skiers seem to embody the perfect balance of grace and power. They effortlessly 'float' up hills and rush down them like the wind, flying through the woodlands as if engaged in a ballet of movement and fluid motion. It is quite nearly art, and it takes a long time to get there. For most of us, skate skiing is tough! The learning curve is steeper, it's exhausting, and requires a boat load of coordination. But! For those brave and bold souls willing to take the first strides at learning to skate ski, the rewards are life-long, and never ending. Two XC SKI HQ crew members took it to the next level last year by booking a private skate skiing lesson. Here is the full report:

POLE, STEP, POLE, STEP

This is the mantra that repeats in our minds when skate skiing. We wanted to challenge ourselves, so we took it upon ourselves to learn how to skate ski. One of the hardest things to get down as a beginner skate skier is coordinating your strides with your poling. We often would find ourselves moving too quickly, poling too much, or not getting the optimal glide that we should. Once you get the hang of poling and gliding on one ski for as long as possible, you'll be flying on the snow!

When we first began skate skiing, we started by going out after work onto our practice/demo area with Erin, a ski instructor at XC SKI HQ. She gave us the basics and things to work on, but everything was without poles (weird, but so helpful!). The first time we went skate skiing on the actual trail system, Erin challenged us to do the Trappers Cabin loop without poles-- talk about winded! This practice, though, helped us really focus on getting the most out of our strides and shift our focus away from the poling aspect of skate skiing.

Balance is a crucial stepping-stone to skate skiing. If we master our balance, it will help us glide skillfully while transferring our weight from one ski to the other. Something that we keep in mind while getting our weight transfer down is a little saying that Stu has passed along to us, "nose, belly button, toes". Essentially, to successfully get your weight transferred to the other ski, you want your nose, belly button, and toes to all be completely over and aligned on the ski which you are gliding on.

This year, we wanted to challenge ourselves even further and took a lesson with the World-Famous ski instructor, Jim Bradley. Not only is he hilarious, but he was also the most helpful instructor and gave us so many pointers to get us going in the right direction. He taught us how to use our poles efficiently, as well as the different poling techniques and when to use those

techniques. If you are able, we highly recommend that you take a lesson with a ski instructor. Not only will the instructor help you improve your technique, but they will help build your confidence as a skate skier. *Call the shop to book a lesson!

Amongst all the other great perks we have working at XC SKI HQ, the one that tops the list is that we are surrounded by people who love skiing and getting out on the trails as much as possible. We have gained a ton of knowledge by simply getting out with our coworkers and skiing in front of them. It may be a little intimidating at first (especially when you're out there with Mariah—the speed queen), but we have learned so much from the pointers that they give us and watching their techniques.

Skiing gives us a chance to be outdoors with Mother Nature and enjoy the winter workout. We highly recommend trying skate skiing regardless of your age or skill level. We've only been skiing for four years, but this awesome adventure has taught us that skiing isn't just a challenge but it's fun and rewarding in the end. Ski ya out there!

-Missy Jackson & Gillian Carroll



CROSS COUNTRY SKI PANTS

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Swix Motion Windblock Tights

An ideal tight for cross country skiing, and other aerobic winter activities! Gore Windstopper stretch panels in the front block the wind and keep the chill away. They also have a brushed fleece backing for comfort and warmth. Sides, shins, and back panels of these tights are composed of Swix's best stretch fleece, which is extra soft, stretchy and comfortable. The Motion Windblock tights are the new version of Swix's beloved Warm Tight from previous seasons, which was one of the best-selling cross country ski tights ever. The Motion Windblock is sure to gain just as big of a following, as it is a great fitting, great performing tight at an unbeatable price. Key Features: Back Zipper Pocket, Ankle Zips with Reflective Piping, Wide Comfort Waist Band. Available in Mens S-XXL and Womens XS-XL. List Price: \$100. **OUR PRICE: \$85**



Bjorn Daehlie Ridge Full Zip Pants



Perfect for recreational touring and fitness skiing, and also a great warm-up pant for racing. Great on their own, or with a base layer underneath for extra cold days, the Effect pants are a sensible choice for just about any skier. Softshell front panels block the snow and wind, and articulated knees prevent tugging and provide optimal range of motion for Nordic skiing. The back of these pants are stretchy and very breathable, and full side zippers make them a breeze to get on and off. Other features include elastic waist with drawstring, two zippered hand pockets, reflectivity, and silicon band inside ankle cuff to prevent slipping off the outside of your boots. A nearly perfect XC ski pant at a great price! Men's S-XXL. Women's XS-XL. Black. List Price: \$100 **OUR PRICE: \$85**

Swix Cross Pants

The Swix Cross Pant is a classic softshell hybrid pant for nearly every skiing condition. Softshell panels on the front of the legs and back of the calves provide light thermal insulation and wind protection, plus higher elasticity and comfort compared to traditional woven shell fabrics. The back of the knees and thighs is composed of a stretchy, breathable, wicking polyester/spandex blend, which allows for freedom of movement and high breathability. Wide waistband provides extra comfort. Other features include two zipper hand pockets, drawcord waist, calf-length ankle zips, and regular semi-fitted fit. One of our best selling pants for good reason! Men's Phantom S-XXL. Women's Phantom and Navy S-XL. List Price: \$110 **OUR PRICE: \$93.50**



Mountain Hardware Stretch Ozonic Pant

The Mountain Hardware Stretch Ozonic pant is the ultimate shell pant for cross country skiing. Made with Dry.Q™ Active technology, the Stretch Ozonic™ Pant is a lightweight, high-performance 2.5-layer shell that sheds water and has a ton of functionality. Breathable, stretchy, and waterproof, this pant is perfect for cross country skiing in wet conditions. 2.5L waterproof technology banishes moisture, Ultra soft 4-way all over stretch fabrication for maximum movement, Abrasion resistant 40D face fabric, Elastic at back waist for a comfortable fit, Full length side zips for easy on/off, Side zippers have two security closures, a Velcro tab at waist and a snap tab at ankle, Integrated, easily adjustable webbed belt for a comfortable fit, Enhanced knee articulation for increased range of motion. Black. List Price: \$150 **Our Price: \$127.50**



Swix Corvara Pants

Warm, comfortable, and great looking, the Swix Corvara pants are loved by many skiers for their warm, comfortable fit. These pants are made of slightly thicker softshell panels on the front than our other hybrids, so they protect from the elements exceedingly well. The stretchy, breathable panels on the backs of the legs are brushed with cozy fleece on the inside, so they feel like a warm hug all the way around your legs. The seat has a double layer of fabric for extra warmth, too. Other features include snap and zipper fly, two zipper hand pockets, and ankle zips. These pants are warm enough to be a stand-alone pant, and they also make a great snowshoe pant! Available in Black. Men's S-XXL. Women's XS-XL. List price: \$120. **OUR PRICE: \$102.**



Sporthill 3SP Pants

Our best selling line of XC ski pants. Based in Eugene Oregon, Sporthill changed the game in XC ski clothing by creating their signature fabric called 3SP. This densely woven, polypropylene / spandex knit is windproof up to 35 mph. Brushed on the inside for softness, it dries fast, sheds rain and snow, and keeps its wearers warm and protected from wind.



Tested and proven worldwide since 1991, these pants have been worn by thousands of cross country skiers who swear by this unique fabric, ideal for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Try it in these styles:

<< **Sporthill Winter Fit Pant** Featuring slim, straight legs, mid-rise, elastic drawcord waist, reflective piping along sides, chafe-free flatlocked inseams, ankle zips with gripper elastic inside the cuffs, and zippered hand pockets. Flattering "skinny jean" fit looks great on both women and men! Black. Men's: S-XXL Short: M,L. Long: M,L. Women's XS-XL. Petite: S,M,L. Long: S,M,L. List Price: \$150 **OUR PRICE: \$119.99**

Sporthill XC Pant >> Relaxed classic fit, tapered ankles with 12" offset leg zips, flat fit waist band with drawstring, zippered hand pockets, classic stitched front leg crease, and chafe-free flatlock stitching along the inseams. One of our best selling pants of all time! Black. Men's S-XXL Short length in M & L. Long in M,L,XL. Women's: XS-XL Petite in S,M,L. Long in S,M,L. List Price: \$150 **OUR PRICE: \$119.99**



<< **Sporthill Terrain II Pant and Traverse II Pant** The men's Terrain II Pant features a clean, straight roomy fit with slightly tapered leg. The women's Traverse II pant (the most popular womens 3SP style) has a wide leg, cut straight from the hip, and a flat front waistband with great fitting elastic back waist. Both pants come with drawcord waist, chafe-free flatlocked inseams, 2 zippered hand pockets, and no ankle zips. Black. Mens S-XXL Short: M,L Long: M,L,XL. Women's XS-XL Petite: S,M,L. Long: S,M,L. List Price: \$150 **OUR PRICE: \$119.99**

Mountain Hardware Yumalino / Yumalina Pant

A favorite for cold weather XC skiing, snowshoeing, and everyday life, this pant has a cult-like following for good reason. Stretchy softshell fabric on the outside offers serious protection from snow, wind and cold, while lightweight fleece keeps you warm and cozy on the inside. Tough enough for back country adventures, classic styling keeps them looking great when you come back indoors. The Yumalino (men's) has hand pockets, back pockets and a zipper side pocket, and is available in Black and Dark Storm. Waist sizes 28-42 (evens only plus 31 & 33), and in lengths: Short (30"), Reg (32"), Long (34"). The Yumalina (women's) has a back pocket, and is available in Black. Sizes 2-16 and lengths: Petite (30"), Reg (32"), Tall (34"). List Price: \$85 **OUR PRICE: \$72.25**



CROSS COUNTRY SKI JACKETS

Swix Nybo Full Zip Jacket

The Swix Nybo full zip jacket is a softshell hybrid jacket made for aerobic activity in cold and windy conditions. A full-featured cross country ski jacket, the Swix Nybo jacket is the perfect combination of protection from the elements, flexibility, and breathability. Made with lightweight softshell fabric on the front, sleeves, and lower back, skiers can rest assured that



chilly wind won't reach their skin! The Swix Nybo jacket also eliminates excess heat and moisture through lightweight stretch panels under the arms and across the upper back. Lots of reflective detail, two zippered hand pockets, back zipper stash pocket, and body mapped design make the Swix Nybo jacket a winner for active winter activities like nordic skiing, fat tire and mountain biking, hiking and snowshoeing. This jacket is "designed for the sporty ones

who appreciate great functionality and comfort", says Swix. We agree! Mens Colors: Black, Blue Sea, Olive. Womens Colors: Black, Blue Sea, Snow White. List Price: \$160.00. **OUR PRICE: \$136**

North Face Treadway Hybrid FUTUREFLEECE Jacket

The North Face Treadway Hybrid with FUTUREFLEECE Full Zip Jacket is a light-weight, fleece hybrid jacket for cross country skiing, cold weather hiking, running and exploring. Chest and arms are protected by WindWall against the wind, and DWR finish keeps you dry when it starts to snow. The back panel is brought to you by FUTUREFLEECE, which warms just enough, but wicks away sweat and breathes amazingly well. A winner for Nordic skiing adventures! Mens Colors: Burnt Ochre, Monterey Blue. Womens Colors: Silver Blue, TNF Black, Twilight Mauve. List Price: \$129



OUR PRICE: \$109.75

Swix Tokke Jacket

The new, stylish Swix Tokke softshell jacket offers the perfect amount of protection and breathability for your cross country ski adventures. Softshell panels on the front and arms offer protection without restricting your movements, and great mobility while skiing, hiking, or running. The Swix Tokke jacket is a great choice when you need a good



balance of weather protection, breathability, and lightweight design. Soft finish and stretch panels on the back and under the sleeves give you exceptional ease of movement and temperature regulation. A great looking, highly functional jacket that is ideal for cross country skiing! Mens Colors: Black, Blue Sea. Womens Colors: Black, Blue Sea, Snow White.



List Price: \$180 **Our Price: \$153**

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Rab Kinetic Plus Waterproof Jacket

We have never found a waterproof jacket that breathed well enough for cross country skiing... until now. The Rab Kinetic Plus Jacket is a super lightweight, waterproof, stretchy softshell with high levels of breathability, and the ideal outer layer for cross country skiing in wet, windy conditions. Featuring best-in-class innovation in weather protection and breathability, Rab's own Proflex™ fabric offers an unbelievable amount of built-in stretch. The outer and inner layers of Proflex™ are engineered, high gauge knits – the outer treated for water repellency, the inner wicking to move moisture rapidly through the system. Ideal as a go-to cross country ski jacket, the Kinetic Plus particularly shines in



challenging weather conditions, and can be used all year long. Mens colors: Beluga, Dark Horizon, Ink, and Steel. Womens colors: Amazon, Nightfall, and Ruby. List price: \$230 **OUR PRICE: \$195.50**

Kari Traa Tirill Jacket

The Kari Traa Tirill Jacket is a water-repellent, light-insulation women's jacket with engineered warmth and flattering lines. Built using a comfortable stitchless ultrasonic quilt technique, it's all about strategic body-mapping: Rudolf Bionic Finish® ECO – a sustainable, durable, fluorine-free water-repellent treatment – is used on the hood and shoulders to keep you dry, and lightweight front and back insulation keeps you warm. Stretch panels under arms permit plenty of movement and vent excess heat. It also has a cozy lined hood and integrated wrist gaiters to hold out brutal cold. Fit:



Fitted silhouette, raglan sleeves, high collar. An awesome jacket for active women! Available in Womens only: Clay, Hazel, Sail, Slate.

Sizes SM - XL. List Price: \$140 **OUR PRICE: \$124**

Swix Navado Jacket

Skiers who want a little extra warmth for their winter adventures need look no further than the Swix Navado Jacket. With wind- and snow-resistant, insulated panels on the front and shoulders, the Navado jacket ensures warmth in the chilliest conditions. Softshell panels at the waist offer stretch and freedom of movement, as well as protection from the elements. Stretchy panels on the back provide ample range of motion and breathability, so you don't get too hot. This feature-rich jacket is an ideal cross country ski jacket, and includes two zippered hand pockets, zippered back stash pocket, aux cord compatibility, zipper garage, and reflective taping. Mens Colors: Black, Olive, Swix Red. Womens Colors: Sangria, Black, Snow White



List Price: \$190.00 **Our Price \$161.50**

GLOVES & MITTENS

Lighterweight
Warmer

System 1: Toko Classic Glove

Our favorite lightweight glove is just warm enough for skiers whose hands are always hot, or for warmer weather skiing or racing. The polyester/Lycra outer shell protects from wind and cold while still allowing for lots of breathability, and the Chamude palm with silicon offers comfort and grip. Reinforced thumb patch adds durability, and tapered, stretchy cuff means no chilly air creeping in around the wrists. They're also washable! List Price: \$47 **SALE PRICE: \$42.30**



System 2: Auclair Skater Glove

Auclair is one of our favorite manufacturers of gloves and mittens. With lightly brushed fleece lining, 5mm of thermal foam insulation, plus wind-blocking barrier on the back of the hand, the Skater gloves keep hands warm and cozy. The 4-way stretch mesh outer fabric makes for a great fit, as does the adjustable velcro wrist strap. Their best feature is the goatskin palm. Highly durable and very comfortable, goatskin keeps hands warm while gripping cold pole handles! The Skaters are sleek and easily fit into pole straps. List Price: \$50 **SALE PRICE: \$39.95**



System 3: Auclair Lillhammer Glove/Gigatex Mitten

This glove and mitten is exactly like the Skater (it even looks the same!), except warmer. They have 150 grams of 3M Thinsulate Platinum insulation in them, so you can ski when it's too cold for most. Glove list price: \$65 **SALE PRICE: \$49.99** Mitten list price: \$60 **SALE PRICE: \$48**



System 4: Toko Arctic Glove/Mitten/Split

Toko's warmest nordic glove and mitten use Thinsulate insulation and Windblocker Outershell, and are made specifically for cross country skiing. These gloves/mittens move and flex with your hand, while maintaining optimal warmth and protection. Other features include Chamude palm, Terry thumb patch, Knit cuff, Sizes 5-12. Glove List Price: \$54 **SALE PRICE: \$48.60** Mitten List Price: \$50 **SALE PRICE: \$45** Split Mitt List Price: \$50 **SALE PRICE: \$45**



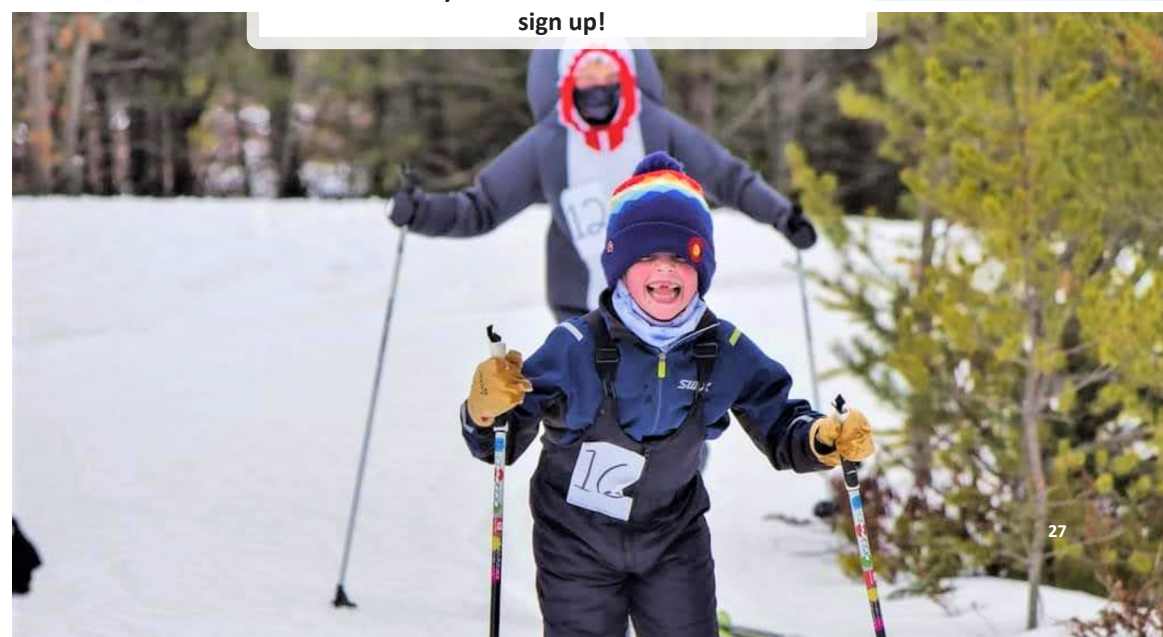
WHAT'S COOKING AT THE STONE TURTLE CAFE



The Stone Turtle Day Lodge & Cafe, onsite at Cross Country Ski Headquarters, is the perfect place to relax before or after your ski outing. Enjoy a delicious, consciously-crafted meal, and sip a craft beer, glass of wine, or hot toddy. Kick back by the huge, field stone fireplace and watch the snow fall. In a hurry? Grab a delicious sandwich or burrito to-go, or dine outside by one of our 6 fire pits on the sun deck! You are also welcome to bring your own picnic. Don't forget to join us for live music and food events throughout the winter - see event calendar on page 35.



The Muffin Race celebrates the fun of youth skiing with a Junior Girls and Boys 5km Team Sprint Relay Race. Inspired by the Gold Medal victory by Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall in the 2018 Olympics, this freestyle relay race will feature two skiers per relay team and, of course, muffins! Skiers under 12 can race in the Mini-muffin races at shorter distances based on age group, free of charge. The 29th annual Muffin Race is one of our favorite events here at the HQ, and there is no shortage of enthusiasm! Costumes are strongly encouraged, and not only are there prizes for those who place in races, there's a costume contest as well! All racers are treated to a hot meal on the sundeck after the race. Take part in the fun this year, and make memories for years to come. Call 800-832-2663 to sign up!



RENT SKIS!

All Rentals include skis, boots, bindings and poles, plus a XC Ski Headquarters Facilities Pass (\$9 value per adult per day). School and group rates available - just call!

FREE Mini Ski Lessons available by request!

	Adult Classic	Junior Classic	Skate, Performance Classic, BC	Pulk	Snowshoes
2 Hour Rental	\$16	\$13	\$19	\$15	\$14
4 Hour Rental	\$20	\$17	\$24	\$19	\$18
24 Hour Rental	\$25	\$20	\$30	\$23	\$22
3 Day Rental*	\$60	\$50	\$70	\$54	\$50

*3-Day rates are not available during Christmas - New Years Holiday, MLK & Presidents Weekends

TAKE A SKI LESSON!

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced racer, our friendly, experienced instructors will help take your skiing to the next level. Available every day - call 800-832-2663 to schedule.

Private Lesson Rates (1 hour): \$50: 1 Person, +\$15 each additional person

Plus, join us for a FREE Beginner Ski Lesson, every Saturday during the ski season at 10:30am.

HEART OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN CROSS COUNTRY SKIING GUIDE

1. Cross Country Ski Headquarters is a nationally ranked Nordic ski destination, with 19 kilometers of trails, groomed daily, snowshoe trails, plus award winning retail, rentals, lessons, cafe, day lodge, and bathrooms.

2. North Higgins Lake State Park Trails. Featuring a 6-mile loop, 4-mile loop, and shorter loops, these trails are beautiful and are occasionally groomed.

3. The Marl Lake Trails start from the parking lot at Marl Lake, across from the South Higgins Lake State Park. The longest of the 3 loops is 5.5 miles. Ungroomed, "skied-in" tracks can usually be found.

4. Tisdale Triangle trails in the village of Roscommon has 4 loops ranging from 3 to 6 miles near the AuSable River. They are occasionally groomed for classic skiing.

5. The Mason Tract is a gorgeous single-track pathway, most of which is along the AuSable River. It is a point-to-point trail, roughly 9 miles one-way, and groomed weekly for classic skiing.

6. Hanson Hills has a heated lodge with bathrooms and a small snack bar, a designated classic ski trail, a designated snowshoe trail, plus over 20 miles of combined classic and skating trails. Groomed daily.

7. Hartwick Pines offers over 18 miles of trails, and is a favorite for many who wish to escape into the quiet of the woods. Occasionally groomed for classic and skating.

8. Forbush Corner features one of the best groomed trail experiences in the state. With a cozy lodge with a potbelly stove, kitchen, and bathrooms, Forbush offers a unique XC ski experience.

9. Ogemaw Hills Pathway consists of numerous loops that wind through 15 miles of the AuSable State Forest, usually with groomed classic tracks.

10. The West Higgins Lake Cross Country Ski Trail in Lyon Township is a 5 km loop, not usually groomed, but there are often skied-in classic tracks.

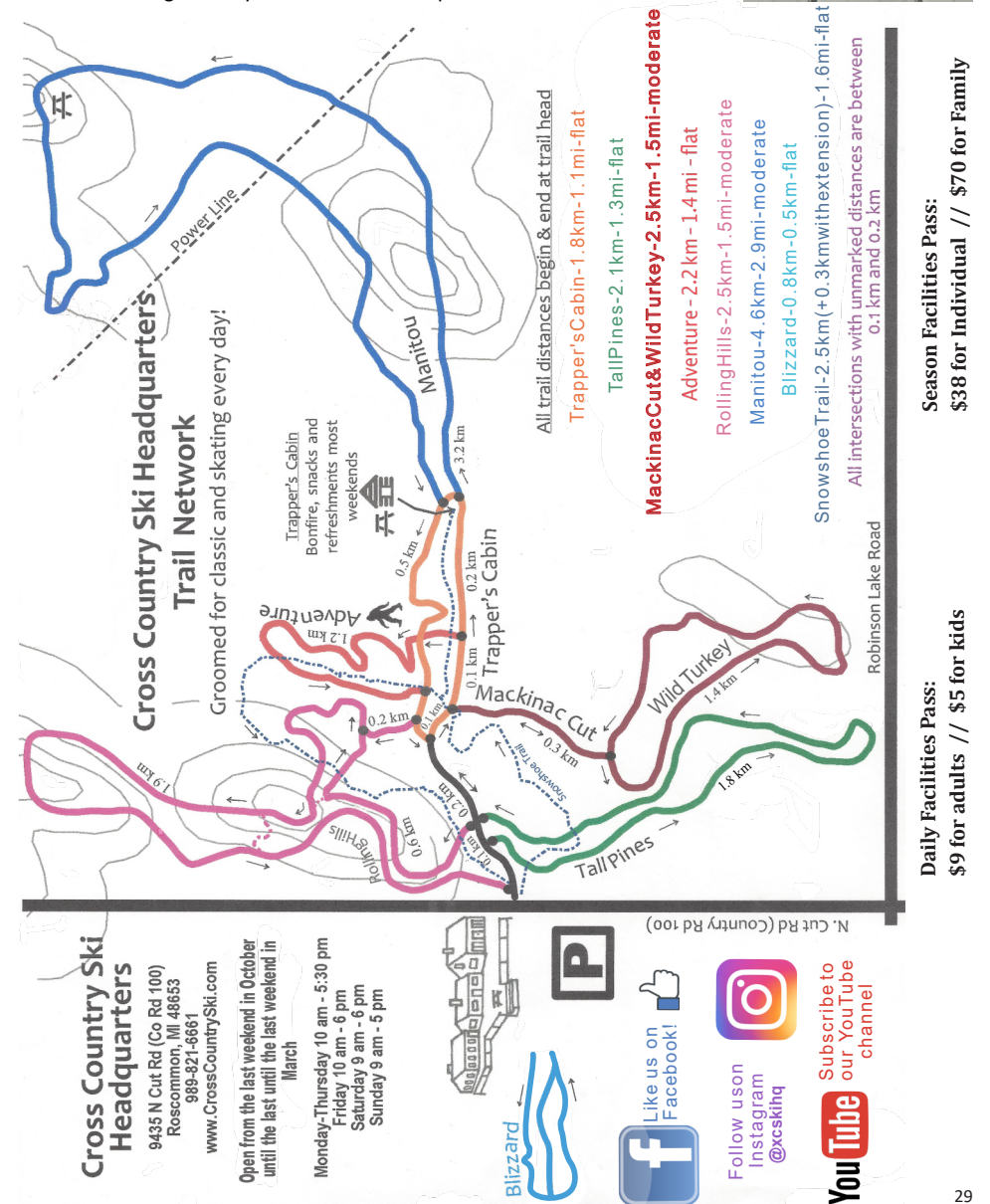


Where is Cross Country Ski Headquarters?

1½ hours from The Tri-Cities, 2-2 ½ hours from Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Greater Detroit! From NB I-75: Exit 239, turn left and continue over overpass. Then turn right (west) on Robinson Lake Road. Go 3 miles to blinking light, then turn right (north) on N Cut Rd (also CR 100) and head north ½ mile. From NB US-127: Exit 201, turn right and head east 9 miles.

GREEN INITIATIVES AT XC SKI HQ

At Cross Country Ski Headquarters, we are always striving to lessen our negative impact on the environment. In part of our continuing efforts toward that goal, we are now offsetting 100% of the carbon footprint of our business operations. Through **Cool Effect**, we calculate our carbon footprint and then buy the carbon offsets to fund carefully selected carbon reduction projects around the world. Additionally, people have been using the two **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** onsite at XC Ski HQ. We have installed **solar-powered LED lights** on the Trapper's Cabin trail, meaning skiers can enjoy lit trails every night of the week. We are very excited to continue to carry **eco-friendly ski wax** this winter called MountainFLOW eco wax, which is plant-based, petroleum- and fluoro-free, and made in the USA. Our cafe **recycles**, uses **compostable** single-use products, and offers more **plant-based** and Michigan-sourced menu options than ever before. And finally, with your help, we proudly donated just over \$2,000 to **Farmers Footprint** last year, as part of our Giving Tuesday campaign. Farmer's Footprint is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting farmers, rebuilding our nation's topsoil to absorb greenhouse gases, preserving our nation's food independence, and reversing climate change. Thank you to all who contributed - we are looking forward to another great Giving Tuesday campaign this year (see page 35 for details), and will continue seeking out ways to reduce our footprint.



Season Facilities Pass:
\$38 for Individual // \$70 for Family

Daily Facilities Pass:
\$9 for adults // \$5 for kids

Cross Country Ski Headquarters

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Open from the last weekend in October until the last weekend in March

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 5:30 pm
Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday 9 am - 5 pm



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2022 MICHIGAN CUP RACE SCHEDULE

M =Men W= Women J= Juniors C = Classic F = Freestyle **Team points *Participation points

Date	Race	Distance/Designation	Location
DEC			
18	Winterstart	10K F	Mancelona
19	Forbush Time Trial	7K F	Frederic
JAN			
1	Team Ski Day	6K F - Laps for 4 Hours	Grayling
8	Frosty Freestyle	7.5-15K F	Brighton
9	Krazy Klassic	10K C	Brighton
15	Cote Dame Marie	6K(J), 13K(W), 26K(M)	Grayling
15	Northbound Outfitters Kids Ski Fest		Grayling
22	Noquemenon	25 & 50K, C or F	Ishpeming
29	Black Mountain Classic	12K C	Cheboygan
30	Black Mountain Freestyle	15K F	Cheboygan
FEB			
5	White Pine Stampede	10(J), 20(WM), 50(WM), C & F	Mancelona
6	Michael Seaman Memorial	10K C	Frederic
11-12	MHS Championships		Marquette
12	North American Vasa Freestyle	12K, 25K, F	Traverse City
13	North American Vasa Classic	6K, 16K, C	Traverse City
19	Forbush Corner Freestyle	17K F	Frederic
20	Hanson Hills Classic	12K C	Grayling
26	Boyne Mountain Vistas	10K F	Boyne Mountain
27	Muffin Race (Juniors Only)	2x5K Relay, F	Higgins Lake
MAR			
6	Michigan Cup Relays - XC Ski HQ**	3x5K, 1 leg C, 2 legs F	Higgins Lake

Schedule subject to change. Check NordicSkiRacer.com for up-to-date Michigan Cup race schedule and results!

XC SKI HQ WINS MICHIGAN CUP!

(cont. from pg. 3) of sections that had been bolstered by artificial snow. The tremendous snow-moving and grooming effort by the HQ grooming team of Mike, Butch and Tony resulted in a gorgeous 6km course of flat and hilly terrain. Each relay team had one classic leg and two freestyle legs, and each skier completed one lap. The Co-ed 164 and Under division was the most competitive, with 9 relay teams. Taking the cake was XC Ski HQ's team "Jimmy Stardust" with Josh Fairbanks, Mariah Frye Colie, and Jason Zimmerman with a time of 54:02. GRNST's "Days of Future Past" with Greg Warsnop, Arianne Olson, and Don Camp came in second with a time of 55:05. In third was XC Ski HQ's team

"Fairbanks, not Alaska" with Stu Colie, Troy Fairbanks, and Josie Fairbanks with a time of 63:29. Overall, it was a super fun ski season sendoff, with a great course, sunny skies, cold beer, and an enthusiastic group of skiers!

2021 MICHIGAN CUP FINAL STANDINGS

Rank/Team	MI Cup	Brumbaugh Cup
1. Cross Country Ski HQ	18,004	665
2. Team Nordic Ski Racer	14,082	628
3. Grand Rapids Nordic Ski Team	13,323	598
4. Vasa Ski Club	11,706	632
5. Hanson Hills/CCSS	11,669	468
6. University of Michigan Nordic	375	1,108



26km Men's Freestyle
13km Women's Freestyle
6km Juniors Freestyle



White Pine Stampede
10k (J), 20k (W/M) 50k
(W/M) Classic/Freestyle
February 5th, 2022
Mancelona

North American VASA
Freestyle Skiing & Fat Bike Races
(27k & 15k) (35k & 17k)
Saturday, 2.12.22

VASA
Classic
(15k & 6k)
Sunday,
2.13.22

Snowshoe
6K Race!
2.13.22

AREA LODGING

Ranked by proximity to XC Ski HQ. Ask your lodging host about our "Ski and Stay" Specials!

Odder's Den Cross Country Skiers' Rental Home – Located on XC Ski HQ trail system. Perfect for your cross country ski holiday. Reserve early. Call (989)-745-4741 or email mcclure333@gmail.com.

North Winds Lodge - Next door to XC Ski HQ. Newly remodeled, clean and affordable. (989)-965-1398.

Shields' Houses – 5 min away. 2 lakefront vacation rentals on Higgins Lake. www.shieldshouses.com

Higgins Lake Sunset Cottages - 5 min away. Two cottages for rent on Higgins Lake. Call (248)-396-1101 or email djandjenhill@gmail.com (also listed on VRBO).

Foughts Resort - 10 min away. Rustic cabins on North Shore of Houghton Lake. (989)-366-8253 www.foughtsresort.com

Grayling Super 8 Motel – 10 min away. A clean, affordable motel between Higgins Lake and Grayling. Convenient I-75 exit 251 access. (989)-348-8888. www.super8.com/grayling

Springbrook Inn – 15 min away. Luxury lodging with onsite tiki bar and restaurant. Located in Prudenville. Two night stay for \$239 (Sunday through Thursday, excluding Christmas holiday). Includes hot breakfast served to your room. Rooms with hot tubs available. No Kids. www.springbrookinn.com (989)-366-6347.

Days Inn of Grayling - 15 min away. 2556 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (989)-344-0204

Ramada Grayling Hotel - 15 min away. 2650 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (989)-348-7611

Lakeside Resort – 15 min away. Clean and modern hotel on Houghton Lake. On-site indoor water park with slide, lazy river and hot tub & restaurant. (989)-422-4000 www.lakesideresortmi.com

Borcher's AuSable River B&B – 15 min away. On the AuSable River in Grayling. (800)-762-8756

Woodland Motor Lodge 15 min away. Cabins and motel rooms located off the road, facing a wooded central courtyard. Grayling location with access to many restaurants and ski trails. (989)-348-9094

The Birdhouse Vacation Rental 20 min away. Newly remodeled, 3 bedroom house in the heart of Houghton Lake. Close to restaurants, bars and shopping. www.airbnb/h/houghton-lake

Gates Au Sable Lodge - 20 min away. Riverside rooms on the AuSable. Onsite fly fishing shop, guides, and restaurant east of Grayling. (989)-348-8462 gateslodge.com. Open most winter weekends.

Beachfront Hotel – 20 min away. Clean, indoor heated pool and spa, complimentary continental breakfast, fitness room. Located on Houghton Lake. (989)-202-4700 www.beachfronthl.com

Fay's Motel – 20 min away. Pet Friendly. Located in Grayling. (800)-257-3010. www.faysmotel.com

Houghton's North Sky Resort - Offering lakefront cabins, 10% off for skiers! (989)-302-8006

Houghton Lake Super 8 Motel – 20 min away. Clean and affordable. Indoor pool. (989)-422-3119. www.super8.com/HoughtonLake

AuSable Riverview Resort – 30 min away. A modern, 7 bedroom lodge, plus 6 cabins with full kitchens on the AuSable River. Located east of Grayling. (810)-845-8128 www.ausablecabins.com

Copper Fox Lodge and Gold Fox Lodge 40 min away. Furnished, 3 bedroom log cabins, originally constructed in 1930s, on the banks of the Au Sable. (703)-964-7533. www.copperfoxlodge.com

AREA RESTAURANTS

Stone Turtle Day Lodge & Cafe - Onsite at XC Ski HQ, famous homemade chilis, panini sandwiches, fresh baked cookies, weekend specials, vegetarian options. Huge fireplace and outdoor igloo. (989)-821-6661

The Bird & The Bear - Cafe ¼ mile from HQ. Great breakfast, lunch and coffee. (989)-273-1300

Mel's Pine Pantry - Breakfast, lunch, and Friday Night Fish Fry. ¼ mile from HQ.

The Cut River Grille - Handcrafted cocktails, craft beer, lunch and dinner, 2 miles away (989) 821-1300

Beechwood Cafe - Charming breakfast and lunch joint right in Roscommon, brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. (989) 281-1484 beechwoodcafe.org

Fred's - Reliably good food with bowling and bar. In Roscommon. (989)-275-6565 fredsofroscommon.com

The Silver Dollar Bar - Great pizza, burgers and nightlife on the west side of Higgins Lake. (989) 821-9475

Paddle Hard Brewing - Craft beer, fun ambiance, stone fired pizzas and tacos. 15% off your food bill with XC Ski HQ Facilities Pass. Downtown Grayling. (989)-745-6388. paddlehardbrewing.com

Spike's Keg O Nails, Great burgers and drink. Downtown Grayling. (989)-348-7113. spikes-grayling.com

Ray's Barbeque, Brews and Blues – Great food and cocktails, modern joint with a rustic feel and nice ambiance. On the AuSable River in downtown Grayling. (989)-348-1515

The Spikehorn - "Up North" restaurant with friendly staff. Northeast side of Houghton Lake. (989)-366-9698.

Matt's Lake Street Grill & Pizzeria - Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Downtown Roscommon. (989)-281-1136

East Bay Grille and Frog Tiki Bar Casual Fine Dining and fun at the Springbrook Inn. 21+ Only Thurs - Sat only. 565 W West Branch Rd, Prudenville. (989)-366-6347 springbrookinn.com

BC Pizza- They deliver to Higgins Lake area. Downtown Roscommon. (989)-275-1500

Lakeside Bar & Grill - Great fish tacos, pasta, and more. Located on Houghton Lake. (989)-422-4000.

Dead Bear Brewing Co. - Craft beer and good food. 2552 S I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (989)-745-6289

Buccilli's Pizza - Great pizza! 2949 W Houghton Lake Dr (M-55), Prudenville. (989)-366-5374.buccillispizza.net

Willow Tree - Casual fine dining for traveling along I-75. .SKIER SPECIAL: Show your XC Ski HQ pass or store receipt and get 2 appetizers, 2 entrees, 1 bottle of wine to share, and 2 desserts for \$56. 633 Court St (M-33), West Branch. (989)-345-0660. willowtreedining.com. Also valid for Traverse City and Saginaw locations.

No matter the conditions, no matter the terrain, no matter your experience level, we have a ski package that is perfect for you! Call 800-832-2663 to speak to a ski specialist who knows what they're talking about, and who will help you pick the right gear at the right price.



FINDING THE PERFECT SKIS (Cont)

For instance, if you're just beginning, a very stable ski like the Control 60 (pg. 4) or Spider 62 (pg. 7) could be a great option, whereas an experienced skier may want a skin ski with enhanced glide properties.

The second factor is **Where You Will Be Skiing**. Whether you will be skiing on groomed trails, packed snow, corduroy, or 'over the river and through the woods' is of great importance. Some skis are designed specifically for groomed trail skiing, others are strictly for blazing your own trail through the wilderness, and some are great at both. If you have an idea about the terrain on which you generally plan to ski, we can recommend the best equipment accordingly.

Say you were planning strictly on blazing your own trail, the Rossignol BC 65 or 80 (pg. 10) would suit your needs, while if you were planning to be mostly off trail but still wanted to fit in a machine groomed track, the Spider 62's (pg. 10) or the Salomon Outpath 60's (pg. 6) would be ideal.

The third factor is **Why You Will Be Skiing**. Depending on whether you're skiing for fun and recreation, fitness, competition, or just to impress your friends (haha), we will recommend appropriate skis accordingly. Knowing your goals in this category will guide us along the trail to finding your perfect ski.



A lot of people are looking into getting Skin Skis for the first time, due to their enhanced glide-ability. If you were looking for a recreational skin ski that still has great stability and is user friendly, the Rossignol Evo R-Skin 60's (pg.5) would be the best option. However, if you really have a need for speed and want a skin ski that will give you a higher level of performance, nothing beats the Fischer Twin Skin Superlites (pg.8) or the Atomic Pro C2 Skintecs (pg. 8).

Now that we've zeroed in on a handful of great ski package options, it's time to size your skis. Your height and weight are the two most important factors for fitting a ski properly for flex (stiffness) and length. Don't be shy here folks! Your weight determines whether you will get an ideal amount of both grip and glide. The flex of a ski is directly related to the skiers' weight, and the more specific you can be about your weight range, the more specific we can be in matching it to the proper stiffness.



Height is a factor as well. We don't want a ski that is too short for a taller person, or a ski that's too long for a shorter person. It's all about proper proportioning.

We want people to be excited about their equipment, and confident that it fits their desires and expectations. There's nothing better than having skis that are matched perfectly to you, and at XC SKI HQ, we love being matchmakers!

XC SKIING AT THE WILDWOOD HILLS PATHWAY

For many years as XC ski specialists at the Cross Country Ski Headquarters, Bob and Lynne were often intrigued by their customers' amazing XC skiing adventures. There are so many places to go XC skiing not only in the USA and Canada but all over northern Europe!

In the early days of the XC Ski HQ business, Lynne and Bob had time to take XC Ski holidays in late March. Destinations included Ashcroft Colorado and the Fred Baum Hut system, XC Trails near Mammoth Mountain CA, Lake Tahoe and the Donnor Pass expedition trail, Sun Valley XC Trails in Idaho and Black Hills back country skiing in South Dakota. With a lighter workload at the Headquarters, Bob and Lynne now have more "ski days" than they have had in many, many years! Although no international destinations were visited last season, there were some very rewarding XC ski adventures taken within Michigan including a stay at Stafford's Crooked River Lodge in Alanson to ski Wildwood Hills Pathway (south of Indian River) and the XC Trails at Nub's Nob Ski Resort.



The Crooked River Lodge is a beautiful log lodge, nestled in the woods along the Crooked River. The rooms are large and comfortable and the rates are reasonable. Breakfast was served and you could eat anywhere, including the upstairs loft/game area overlooking the massive lobby and fireplace. Outside was a fire pit with chairs to enjoy the solitude of the nearby river and forest. There was also a snowshoe trail lit up by Christmas trees going through the woods, which was fun to hike especially at night! The location is perfect for XC skiing in northwestern lower Michigan; just 20 minutes from Nub's Nob (Harbor Springs) and 20 minutes from Wildwood Hills Pathway (6 miles south of Indian River.) For reservations call (231)548-5000 www.crookedriverlodge.com



Formerly the site of Wildwood, a good sized logging town dating back to the 1880's, Wildwood Hills has been a favorite of Lynne and Bob's for years as a day trip. The trail difficulty is rated as easy to moderate and the trail is double tracked for classic skiing only and groomed regularly thanks to the Friends of Wildwood Hills group and the Top of Michigan Trails Council. Donations are welcomed and appreciated. There are 3 loops, the longest of which is close to 10 miles, the shortest being about 4.5 miles. There are 2 parking lot locations and Bob and Lynne have parked and started at both and like the trail access either way. The terrain is gently rolling and well laid out, with long stretches of up and down through forested ridges of hardwoods and pines. Besides the grooming, the beautiful Beeches and gorgeous Hemlocks are reason enough to ski this trail!! Location: 9744 Wildwood Road, Alanson MI.

If you enjoy the luxuries of a downhill ski area and a big lodge and roaring fire within, or you just like really nice wide, impeccably groomed XC ski trails, then you'll love the trails at Nub's Nob! There are 12 miles of trails; 18 feet wide, power tilled and groomed for skating and classic skiing. There are lower trails and upper trails, both of which Bob and Lynne enjoy. Park in the lot at the base of the hill, head over to the ticket counter for your trail (not lift) pass. The lower trails are easy and go along the base of the slopes, past numerous condos and continue into the woods



before circling back. To get to the upper trails, the tour starts at the base of the Purple Chairlift. Ski up, up and away, along the edge of “Big Time” until heading into the woods on “Skiers’ Right of Fun Bowl”; you’ll be returning the same way. The ski up is gradual, enjoyable, and a great warm up. However, watch out for snowboarders and skiers coming down the hill. There are signs pointing to the trail along the way up and eventually you’ll end up on top! The trails are moderate to advanced up here and good downhill technique is advised. The Red Trail is moderate and the Upper Blue Trail is more difficult.

If conditions include fresh snow, either trail is quite enjoyable! The upper Blue trail has one of the longest downhill sections in the lower peninsula! If icy, use caution. Those downhill on the Blue Trail could get pretty fast! The views from the top are spectacular! www.nubsnob.com (231) 526-2131

LETTER FROM THE TRAILHEAD (Cont)

Our free ski lesson on Saturdays saw the largest amount of participants in history! We look forward to seeing skiers young and old continue to participate in that event every Saturday at 10:30am.

Demand for cross country ski equipment also surged beyond expectations last year. We were able to stay stocked well into the winter, but global inventory eventually did dry up. Fortunately, we have an even stronger inventory heading into this season; however, demand looks to be just as strong as ever for 2021-22, so people interested in purchasing equipment will do well to purchase early while we still have a robust selection.

Two major highlights at the shop last year included winning the Michigan Cup, and a hugely successful Junior Muffin Race! Over 70 junior skiers, most of whom were under the age of 12 skied various distances depending on age, most of the racing in elaborate costumes! (see page 27). The youngest skier was Mariah and Stu’s two year old daughter, Sayla, who competed dressed as a cheetah! It gives us great joy to see these young skiers play on the snow with such great enthusiasm.



The momentum that cross country skiing is seeing across the country is very exciting. More and more, trail systems are opening up for grooming, adding kilometers, expanding facilities, and drawing in more skiers to the magic of winter.



We are looking forward to a really fun season, and despite so much change and uncertainty in the world, Cross Country Ski Headquarters will continue to serve as a haven for authentic fun, good times, in-person human connection, and connection with nature. We look forward to hosting a number of events this winter, including The Bavarian Ski Festival on Jan 22nd, a number of ski clinics, Paella and other food specials, including Winter Feast - a gourmet, five course dinner at the Stone Turtle Cafe on January 29th. And of course, we are excited to see what Jessie Diggins and the USA Olympic team can do at the winter games this year.

We would also like to thank our incredibly hard-working staff for showing up and putting their best foot forward every day. Our crew is made up of people who care (a lot), and who are passionate about cross country skiing and getting people out on the snow. Cross Country Ski Headquarters is a special place because of them, and because of you, our customers and friends.

EVENT CALENDAR WINTER 2021-22

Saturday, Oct 30th: Pre-Season Sale Begins!

Starting this weekend, we are open 7 days a week for the season! Shop the largest selection of 2021-22 ski equipment and winter clothing all year at the Pre-Season Sale. Save big on skis, boots, bindings, and poles from Fischer, Salomon, Rossignol, Alpina, Atomic and Swix. Ski packages on sale from 15-40% off, starting at just \$275. SHOP CLEARANCE CLOTHING: last year’s skis and clothing is on clearance for 30 to 50% off. Plus, shop huge discounts on this year’s clothing from The North Face, Columbia, Kuhl, Patagonia, Swix, Smartwool, Louis Garneau, Mountain Hardwear, Salomon, Sporthill, Kari Traa, Skhoop, Bjorn Daehlie, marked 10-25% OFF.

Friday, Nov 26th - Monday, Nov 29th: Thanksgiving Weekend Sale

Kick off Thanksgiving weekend by shopping our famous Black Friday Sale, starting at 9am! Skip the craziness of big box shopping, and peruse our award-winning retail selection for a new XC ski outfit, winter jacket, or holiday gifts. All weekend long, spend over \$100 and get FREE swag from our ski dealers. On Saturday, join us for our annual Smartwool Small Business Saturday Sale, with Buy-2-Get-1-Free Smartwool Socks (limit 2 free socks per customer). If we have snow on Wednesday, December 1st, we will begin grooming the trails, so make sure to get your ski and clothing outfits fully dialed in over Thanksgiving Weekend!

Tuesday, Nov 30th - Friday, Dec 3rd: Giving Week Fundraiser for Farmer’s Footprint

Support regenerative farming and fight climate change! Donate to Farmer’s Footprint between Giving Tuesday, Dec 1st, and Friday, Dec 4th, and XC Ski HQ will match up to \$2,500 in donations. Farmer’s Footprint is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting farmers, rebuilding our nation’s topsoil to absorb greenhouse gases, preserving our nation’s food independence, advancing human health, and reversing climate change. We have donated over \$5,000 in the last two years with your help! To learn more and donate, head to CrossCountrySki.com and click on the “Giving Week” tab.

Saturday, Dec 4th - 2:00pm: XC Ski HQ Team Potluck and Wax Clinic

The XC Ski HQ Ski Team will kick off the race season this weekend, with a potluck lunch and wax clinic. We will celebrate the team’s tremendous Michigan Cup win last season, have a meet-and-greet with new and existing members, and discuss the coming season. Chili will be provided to all existing and new/prospective team members, bring a dish to pass or a beverage to share if you wish! The HQ team is known for its great camaraderie amongst members, and is very welcoming to new members, so if you’re considering racing this season and joining our team, please join us for the potluck! Plus, at 4:00pm, join us for a wax clinic with a highly skilled nordic wax pro! Topics will include hot waxing technique, skin ski care, and there will also be time for Q&A.

What is the XC Ski HQ Ski Racing Team, anyway?

It’s a fun-loving group of skiers that spans all ages and abilities, who love to get together and cross country ski race. Sound interesting? Join our team! Even if you are new to racing, or can only make it to one ski race this season, or think you’re slow, we STILL want you on our team! If you would like the opportunity to get to know a super fun and welcoming group of skiers from around the state, and attend even just one of the many awesome races in the Michigan Cup Series, join our team and see how fun ski racing can be. Call the shop for more info at 800-832-2663 - it’s easy to join, very low-pressure, and a TON of fun!

Saturday, Dec 11th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. You will even learn how to get up when you fall down! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.



Saturday, Dec 11th - Sunday, Dec 12th: Skate and Classic Ski Clinics with Jordyn Ross

Northern Michigan University Nordic Team Alum and top Michigan Cup racer, Jordyn Ross, is back for another outstanding clinic series. Divided into two days, this updated clinic series will be geared towards beginner, proficient beginner, and intermediate skiers on Saturday, and advanced-intermediate and expert level skiers on Sunday. Cost for a clinic is \$20, or two clinics for \$35. Please sign up in advance on our website (space is limited), or call 800-832-2663.

JORDYN ROSS CLINIC SCHEDULE:

Saturday 10:30-11:30am: FREE Beginner Classic Ski Lesson*

Saturday 11:45am-1:15pm: Beginner Skate Clinic

Saturday 2:00-3:30pm: Proficient Beginner and Intermediate Classic Clinic

Saturday 4:00-5:30pm: Proficient Beginner and Intermediate Skate Clinic

Sunday 1:00-2:30pm: Advanced Intermediate and Expert Classic Clinic

Sunday 3:00-4:30pm: Advanced Intermediate and Expert Skate Clinic

**Free Beginner Classic Lesson will be taught by HQ Staff.*

Saturday, Dec 18th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Dec 18th - 1:00 - 4:00pm: Visit with Santa & Live Music!

Kids from one to 92 are invited to visit with Santa around the fire, and enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and cookies & enjoy live music, which will include Christmas carol singalongs! Bring the whole family for this joyful celebration of the season. *This event may be held outdoors.

December 24th: Open until 3pm

December 25th: Closed for Christmas, parking lot and trails open, on the house. Merry Christmas!

Sunday, Dec 26th: Joe Frye Live on the Sun Deck

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm, get down to some live, musical entertainment by Joe Frye! Kick back by the fire, indulge in some food and a beverage from the Stone Turtle Cafe, and enjoy a mix of covers and originals on piano and acoustic guitar. *This event may be held outdoors.



Saturday, Jan 1st – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 1st - Sunday, Jan 2nd, Noon to 3pm: Get your Fill at the Grill

An HQ favorite foodie event! Get your fill of a Black Bean Veggie Burger, Beef Burger, or Beyond Meat Plant-Based Burger, grilled to perfection over open flame and served with your choice of toppings. If you dare, ask that your entree be cooked “Fire on the Mountain Style” – grilled with sizzling hot sauce and topped with Jalapenos, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and creamy Buffalo Blue Cheese dressing!

Sunday, Jan 2nd: George Frye Live on the Sun Deck

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm, enjoy live guitar music by George Frye! Bring your friends and relax with a snack and a hot toddy from the Stone Turtle Cafe. *This event may be held outdoors.

January 3rd - 31st: Discover Michigan Cross Country Skiing Program

Cross Country Ski Headquarters has teamed up with Michigan Ski Industries Association to offer a very affordable introduction to the sport of cross country skiing! Discover Michigan is designed to introduce this healthy, fun, outdoor activity to anyone with an interest in outdoor winter recreation. The program includes a beginner group ski lesson, full day ski equipment rental, and XC SKI HQ facilities pass for the day. The price is \$40 for adults and children 6 years and older. At the end of the program, participants can submit their program completion form online at GoSkiMichigan.com for a \$20-off coupon, valid at participating Michigan Ski Industries Association ski shops! Call 800-832-2663 to schedule your Discover Michigan Lesson!

Saturday, Jan 8th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 8th - Sunday, Jan 9th - Noon to 3:00pm: Stone Turtle Taco Extravaganza!

Join us for the most perfect hand food for post-

skiing: Tacos! Slow roasted meats, delicious beans, along with an assortment of flavorful toppings will ignite your taste buds and leave you a taco addict!

Saturday, Jan 8th: “Pure Michigan” Winter Trails Day with the Great Lakes Winter Trails Council

Entering its 25th year, Winter Trails Day invites adults and children for a free Facilities Pass and cross country ski or snowshoe lesson, plus a complimentary hot cocoa and hot dog cookout on the ski trails. Bring your friends and family for a fantastic day on the snow, and discover how fun winter in Northern Michigan can be!

Check-in is at 10:00am. Please make sure you are pre-registered.

Check-in is followed by outfitting in rental snowshoes or XC skis for a reduced rate of \$9 per adult and \$6 per child.

10:30am: X-C Ski & Snowshoe group lesson. Learn the basics of cross country skiing and snowshoeing, including going up and down hills, and how to fall down and get back up!

11:30am: Ski out to Trappers Cabin for Hot Dogs, a bonfire and Hot Cocoa, all on the house. After lunch at the Cabin, skiers and snowshoers will have the choice of exploring more trails, or heading back to XC Ski HQ.

5:30pm (or earlier): Skiers return from their tours and return snowshoes, boots, skis & poles. They are invited to relax in front of the fireplace in the Stone Turtle Day Lodge anytime throughout the day. *Space is limited for this event, and pre-registration is required. Please email your name, phone number, and choice of cross country skiing or snowshoeing to info@crosscountryski.com, or call 800-832-2663.



Sunday, Jan 9th - 2:00-4:00pm: Eric McDonald Live

Enjoy some great tunes by local guitar player, singer and songwriter, Eric McDonald! Bring your friends and delight in some food and drink from the Stone Turtle Cafe. *This event may be held outdoors.



Monday, Jan 10th - Friday, Jan 14th: Silver Streak Week

If you are age 60 or older, you are entitled to a complimentary XC SKI HQ Facilities Pass, plus a coffee or hot cocoa on the house, all week long! Enjoy our meticulously groomed trails, relax in our cozy Day Lodge, peruse the menu at the Stone Turtle Café, and try out a pair of new skis for FREE at our demo center!

Saturday, Jan 15th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 15th - Monday, Jan 17th - Noon to 3:00pm: Gourmet Mac ‘n Cheese Bar

Prepare to indulge in this decadent classic comfort food, complete with a toppings bar that includes onions, tomatoes, spinach, jalapenos, feta cheese, hot dogs, and bacon. So delicious, this mac-sterpiece lunch is the perfect complement to a day on the ski trails!

Saturday, Jan 22nd – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 22nd: Bavarian Ski Festival

Dust off your Lederhosen and join us for a taste of the Alps! Enjoy a gorgeous day of XC skiing on the HQ trail system, then test your strength at Masskrugstemmen, with stein-holding contests for men and women starting at 2:00pm. Make a team of three, and ski in

unison atop our giant pair of “Team Skis” in the Team Ski Time Trials, beginning at 3:00pm. Of course, we encourage all guests to dress in their best German attire for a costume contest at 4:00pm. Special guest German Dave will be serving delicious Bavarian fare, including soft pretzels, sausages, sauerkraut, and of course, German beer. Don’t miss this celebration of heritage and winter fun!



Saturday, Jan 29th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis. The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 29th - 6:00pm: Winter Feast

Indulge in a gourmet feast in the rustic Stone Turtle Day lodge at Cross Country Ski Headquarters. This five-course meal will feature classic and exquisite dishes to satiate your soul on a cold winter’s night! Bring a date or some friends and enjoy this delicious meal in a beautiful setting, complete with a crackling fire. Fine wine, craft cocktails and beer are available. Reservations required: 800-832-2663.

Sunday, Jan 30th - 11:00am: Learn to Skate Ski Clinic

Have you been thinking about trying skate skiing, but aren’t sure how to get into it? Join us for our Learn How to Skate Ski Clinic, which includes a 2 hour skate ski rental, Facilities Pass, and 90 minute group skate ski lesson. Cost for the clinic is \$20. Ski rentals are available at our normal rates. The lesson starts at 11:00am, and skiers are welcome to pick up rental equipment as early as 10:30am. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required – visit www.crosscountryski.com or call 800-832-2663 to book. Warning, you may become addicted!

Saturday, Feb 5th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. You will even learn how to get up when you fall down! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Feb 5th: Get your Fill at the Grill

An HQ favorite foodie event! Get your fill of a Black Bean Veggie Burger, Lean Beef Burger, or Beyond Meat Plant-Based Burger, grilled to perfection over open flame and served with your choice of toppings. If you dare, ask that your entree be cooked “Fire on the Mountain Style” – grilled with sizzling hot sauce and topped with Jalapenos, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and creamy Buffalo Blue Cheese dressing!

Sunday, Feb 6th: Paella on the Sun Deck & Forest Parker Live

A favorite XC Ski HQ tradition, Paella on the Sun Deck celebrates a world-renowned, Spanish rice dish, and offers skiers a hearty, flavorful (and entertaining!) feast. Prepared in a massive cast iron pan over an outdoor fire pit, this lunch comes from an authentic Spanish recipe from Paella master Ayo from Nerja, Spain, and is served piping hot with Saffron-spiced chicken, shrimp, mussels and vegetables, this dish will be presented in two seatings: 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Plus, kick back to an Americana extravaganza with live music from Forest Parker from 2:00-4:00pm. *This event may be held outdoors.

Saturday, Feb 12th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Sunday, Feb 13th - 11:00am: Learn to Skate Ski Clinic

Have you been thinking about trying skate skiing, but aren’t sure how to get into it? Join us for our Learn How to Skate Ski Clinic, which includes a 2 hour skate ski rental, Facilities Pass, and 90 minute group skate ski lesson. Cost for the clinic is \$20. Ski rentals are available at our normal rates. The lesson starts at 11:00am, and skiers are welcome to pick up rental equipment as early as 10:30am. Space is limited, so pre-registration is

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required – visit www.crosscountryski.com or call 800-832-2663 to book. Warning, you may become addicted!

Friday, Feb 18th - 10:00am to 5:30pm: Winter Fest Welcome Party

For only \$5, visitors to the Higgins Lake/Roscommon area can purchase a Winter Fest badge and enjoy a day of cross country skiing or snowshoeing at XC Ski HQ. The badge gets you an XC Ski HQ facilities pass for the day, plus complimentary hot cocoa and bonfire at Trapper’s Cabin. It also gets you access to lots of other fun local events throughout the weekend. Equipment rentals are available on Friday for badge holders for the special rate of \$5. Check the Roscommon-Higgins Lake Chamber of Commerce website for more information on all there is to see and do on Winter Fest weekend!

Saturday, Feb 19th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Feb 19th to Monday, Feb 21st - Noon to 4:00pm: Gourmet Mac ‘n Cheese Bar

Prepare to indulge in this decadent classic comfort food, complete with a toppings bar that includes onions, tomatoes, spinach, jalapenos, feta cheese, peas, hotdogs, and bacon. So rich and delicious, this mac-sterpiece lunch is the perfect complement to a day on the ski trails!

Saturday, Feb 26th - 1:00pm: Ribs & Blues

A favorite XC Ski HQ tradition, Ribs & Blues features an afternoon of fantastic live music from Rhett’s Eastside Blues Duo, as well as German Dave’s famous BBQ ribs. It’s a perfect day to hit the trails, then kick back by the outdoor fire pit and enjoy great music and outstanding ribs, scalloped potatoes, and coleslaw for \$12 (\$6 for kids 8 and younger).

Saturday, Feb 26th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Sunday, Feb 27th: 29th Annual Junior Muffin Race

Join us for the longest standing juniors race in Michigan! The Muffin Race celebrates the fun of youth skiing with a Junior Girls and Boys 5km Team Sprint Relay Race. This 13+ freestyle relay race will feature two skiers per relay team. Each skier will ski a total of 3 laps around a 1.5km

course, handing off to their teammate between each lap, totaling 6 laps per team. Registration begins at 9:30am on Sunday, with a 10:30am start. This is a Michigan Cup Junior Race, and registration fee is \$10. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the Girls, Boys, and Co-Ed divisions. Awards will also be given for best costumes! After the Muffin Team Sprint Relay Race, we will hold three Mini Muffin freestyle races: Ages 6 years old and under, 7 to 9, and 10 to 12. All racers 12 and under will be awarded a medal. There is no entry fee for the Mini Muffin racers. All racers receive a post-race lunch, which costs \$5 for anyone else who might be hungry too. All racers and family members who partake in the lunch receive a complimentary Facilities Pass.

Saturday, March 5th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Sunday, March 6th - 9:30am: Michigan Cup Relays at XC Ski HQ

Join us for one of the most exciting ski races in Michigan! This grand finale race for the Michigan Cup Race Series features a relay race with 3 skiers per team: 2 legs freestyle, and 1 classic leg. Each skier skis approximately 4-6km per leg. You do not have to be a Michigan Cup racer to participate! If you do not have a team but would still like to ski, we will try to find a team for you. Registration starts at 9:30am, and the race starts at 11:00am. The entry Fee is \$20 per racer. All race entrees score Team Points. After the Relays, stick around for the Michigan Cup awards ceremony, and enjoy a hearty post-race meal, and live music included with your registration fee. Each racer receives a commemorative pint glass!

Saturday, March 12th - Trail Sponsor Appreciation Day

Season Trail Sponsors are invited to enjoy a bowl of chili on the house. Thank you for your support for the XC Ski HQ trail system!

Saturday, March 12th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. You will even learn how to get up when you fall down! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour. *Snow permitting.

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