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"A haven for Nordic skiers and snowshoers."...Chris Weiss USA Today Travel



New View of Mt. Washington from the Ellis River Re-Route

New Ellis River Terrain

The Foundation has worked for eleven months to complete the reroute of the Ellis River Trail. Check the website for the complete plan and photos. The 1.8 km section of trail around the landslide damage of 2010 has been cut and contoured. The new trail will provide fun and scenic skiing to all who love this trail corridor. The new views of Mt. Washington, the gentle climbs and wide curves give added dimension to this popular trail.

The Foundation is also improving the drainage and surfaces of the northbound Ellis one-way loop north of the warming hut. This ongoing project of smoothing and draining makes it possible to ski on minimal snow depths in early season. Thank you to the many donors

who have contributed to the long term improvement of the trail and those who have helped with the unexpected recovery costs caused by the landslide. The Foundation is working towards its goal of raising funds to finance this emergency reconstruction work.

9th Annual Ski Swap and Sale Nov. 12

This handy sales event grows every year. Empty your garage, basement, bedroom (?) of your good but no longer needed ski gear, winter apparel or snowshoe equipment. This is the most efficient way to recycle your gear and generate some funds for the Foundation. Bring your items to the JSTF office from **November 7th – 12th** (day of sale) during office hours (8-4:30). Purchase and fill out the 4 part registration tags for your items (\$1 each). The staff organizes and presents items for the sale on Saturday **November 12th from 9 am-2 pm**. The Foundation retains **15%** of the price of all items sold and cuts you a check for the balance.

A few tips for a successful sale:

1. Bring in pre-printed address labels if you have a lot of items to sell.
2. Price your items at the **lowest** amount you're willing to take because our staff and volunteers can't haggle with buyers.
3. Shop early **especially** if you need **kid's** gear.
4. Collect all your items at the end of the sale on Saturday as the Foundation has no secure surplus storage space for gear.

Gorham Bike and Ski will have special sales and deals at our kick-off event.

Goodnight Irene

The trail crew is busy getting the trails recovered from the remnants of Hurricane Irene. Last season the trail system had a landslide ("slump"), and three small earthquakes. Then **T. S. Irene** hurled herself

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Eagle Fields - Feb 2011

**Season Passes On Sale
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Club Member Classic Tune-Up Clinics

Skiers of all levels of expertise can benefit from these classic refresher clinics and they're free to all current club members. Our ski school staff offers half hour sessions at 1pm daily from December 12-18. Instructors will help you find the problems in your classic technique and improve your skills. This is a great way to get ready for a perfect winter.

**Complete Calendar of Events at
www.jacksonxc.org/event-calendar**

**Sign up for Email updates and deals at
www.jacksonxc.org
You will find last minute Special Deals on our
Facebook Page: "Jackson Ski Touring Center"**

Gorham Bike & Ski Shop Services and Demo Day

Extend the fun and useful life of your favorite skis by trying out the Gorham Bike and Ski Shop waxing, hot box and stone grinding services.

Gorham Bike and Ski offers advice and expertise to skiers who are curious about new gear; "there will be high end demo skis available at all times, and in the early season we will have manufacturers' representatives on site with many models for skiers to try," said Jamie Wright. All middle and high end skis will be pre-tested by the shop's "ski flexer" machine at the headquarters store in Portland prior to delivery to Jackson. "This means that each ski will be individually evaluated and marked with its particular flex pattern, so we can tell you which ski is better for a heavier or more powerful skier, and which will perform with a more subtle touch." All new Swix waxing products and apparel will be available in the shop.

In January there will be a fun Demo Day with Fischer skis and great new boots to try out.



Ryan from Fischer Ski is ready to hand you skis!



Groomed Trail Challenge Event February 11th 2012 *We Double Dare You*

Test your endurance, trail-technique, waxing savvy – take the **Groomed Trail Challenge** this season. This is not a race but it is definitely a demanding test Event is open to all. For \$10 registration fee (plus trail fee for non-club members), competitors attempt to ski **all** the groomed trails on the day. Registration begins at 6 am. Begin skiing the trails from 6:30 am on. Skiers may complete the trails in **any order** using **any technique**. At 5:30 skiers must report how many trails they successfully completed. There will be prizes for skiing 50%, 75% and of course 100% of the groomed trails.

To complete 100% of the trails **Dave Duncanson** skied 100 km last February, we hope he'll go for it again this season. See if you can meet the challenge, but be warned that Mike and Andy, our grooming crew take this very seriously - they groom every meter they possibly can to make the trails chal-

Popular Club Potluck Dinner Series Starts November 19th

Our series of monthly potluck dinners is more popular every season. Join your fellow skiers to share dinner, dessert and ski stories. Everyone gathers at the base lodge at 6 pm. Early arrivers share apps and dinner starts at 6:30. Bring a salad or entree that would serve 6-8 hungry skiers. If you wish to bring dessert please call ahead to make sure we have enough real food.

A new twist this season-- the last potluck will be a dessert only buffet at 7 pm. Any and all sweets, fruits and cheeses are welcome. The Foundation will provide coffee and teas. Thom's end of season presentation will be fun of course.

Dates to remember for dinners Nov 19, Dec17, Jan 14, Feb 11, and the dessert only buffet on March 10. Watch for new, extremely rare, highly coveted magnets!



Volunteer Trail Day November 5

Join the staff and other ski friends to help with trail prep and brush clearing. Meet at the touring center at 8 am. We'll form up groups and work on trail improvements. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, your sturdy work shoes, gloves and energy. It's a rewarding and fun day on the best trails.

White Mountain Classic 30k January 21, 2012

The 8th White Mountain Classic will run on January 21st. This is a great early marathon to kick off your 2012 racing season. The event is open to all in timed and tour categories. All registrations must be submitted online—see our web page www.jacksonxc.org. The field is limited to 400 skiers so register early.

Proceeds from the event support the Mount Washington Valley's junior ski programs. It's a fun-filled event with great prizes and a world class skiing over some of the East's finest trails .



Enjoy the spectating at our International Race Course

UNH Carnival January 27 and 28

College ski races are great spectator events. Check them out or help as race volunteers. There will be classic sprints on Friday and free-style 15 km & 20 km events on Saturday. All races will be on the International Race Trails at Eagle Mountain.

UNH Carnival Alumnae Event

UNH Alum Fun 2.5 km race will follow Saturday's Freestyle events with a UNH Alum social at Eagle Mtn. House after the race.

Volunteers Wanted!

If you can help with trail patrol the Foundation wants you. Volunteer patrollers assist our professional staff with monitoring trail conditions, helping visitors with directions and advice and checking tickets. If this kind of skiing volunteer work is something you'd like to try just call the Foundation staff (1-800- 927-6697) or email our chief patroller Laurie Spence at info@jacksonxc.org. Laurie can set up training and explain your time commitment.

Your enthusiasm and energy are key to the high quality ski experience the Foundation continues to provide. We'd love to have your help this year.

Join Early for Discount!

Join the JSTF Club for the 2012 season and save. If you purchase your membership **before** close of business on **November 30th** , you save \$20 on an adult (21 yrs +) membership. Call 1-800-927-6697 for cc sales or use **PayPal** on our website:

jacksonxc.org. See back page of newsletter for mail-in application and junior discounts.

JSTF Thanks Landowners

The cross country ski trail system in Jackson is possible only through the generous support of many **private landowners**, the **town of Jackson** and the **White Mountain National Forest**. The Foundation maintains and grooms trails in Jackson for the winter season enjoyment of skiers and snowshoers. On behalf of all xc skiers and snowshoers the Foundation extends thanks to all landowners.

Just a reminder to winter trail users, private landowners allow the use of their land without compensation. When skiing or snowshoeing on Jackson's trails please respect landowner privacy and home space, stay on marked trails, keep clear of buildings, livestock and pets and please do not leave any trash behind. Please note the Jackson XC trails on private land are only available for use during the winter season.

Club Merchandise and New Logo Items

Look for our new logo tees, caps, drink-ware, totes and new easily framed small format posters. Your purchase of logo items helps the Foundation fund needed trail improvements and education projects for all ages.

Check out the new poster of your favorite ski scenery this season.

JSTF operates under a U.S. Forest Service Special-Use Permit and permission from 68 generous landowners



On Going Events

Friday Gliders

It's the Gliders eleventh season, (!) what are you waiting for? Come join in on this fun and instructional 2 hour classic tour with our professional staff. Explore trails and improve your skills in good company. Return to the lodge for refreshments and chat by the fire. Sessions are available to all skiers of advanced beginner and up skills for \$10 (additional fees apply if trail pass and rental needed). **Club members** may sign up for the season for \$45. 1st Session January 6th.

Tuesday Trekkers

This event is a social and instructional tour open to all. Meet at the base lodge for a 1 pm start. Come early if you need rentals. Peter Minnich our guide will show you the finer points of trekking as well as local and nature lore. Price is \$10 per session plus **additional \$10 if rental** is needed. Gather at the lodge after the tour for refreshments and chat by the fire. Current club members may purchase for the season for \$45. Trekkers start January 3rd at 1 pm.



Saturday Snowshoe Tour Series

Every Saturday our friendly and knowledgeable guide **Peter Minnich** will lead a tour of the best local trails. Learn about local lore and wildlife and search for tracks along your path. This is a solid introduction to the White Mountains and the sport of snowshoeing. Our group meets with their guide at 9:30, gets geared up and at 10am sets out for a 2 hour trek. Cost \$10 per tour, additional \$12 if you need to rent gear. First tour of the season is January 1st. Additional tours will be available on Saturday afternoons at 1 pm this season. The afternoon tour will be slightly easier/less strenuous, cost is \$10 tour (rentals additional \$12 if needed).

Thom's Amazing Wax Demos

Everyone should try at least one of these sessions. You will learn how to best care for your skis either waxable or wax-less to get the best performance and life out of your gear. Gather at the base lodge fireside on Mondays at 9:30 to learn the new technologies or basic maintenance. Free and open to all.

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through Northern New England. She was not a "hurricane" on arrival because of the lack of gale force winds but she made up in destructive rainfall for what she lacked in velocity. The torrential rainfall did serious damage. Thom Perkins, the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation's executive director summed up the current status of the reconstruction. "We have already begun the work of replacing bridges and culverts. The Ellis River Trail has 5 major bridges damaged. The Hall Trail has 7 erosion sites and 3 bridges to be repaired. Along the upper and lower Village trails and the East Pasture Loop we have 6 areas of reconstruction. Our trail crew is beginning work one month early due to the destruction wrought by T. S. Irene. Damage



U.S. Forest Service science team assessing damage

assessment is currently estimated at \$80,000."

Last season many club members and donors generously contributed to finance the reroute of the Ellis river trail around the landslide of 2010. Check the website to see the photos of the amazing progress on this popular trail. On behalf of the staff and skiers who love the Ellis River Trail, the Foundation thanks all the contributors for their great generosity.

This season T. S. Irene has created an unexpected need for the Foundation. We hope skiers who value the cross country ski trails of Jackson will find a way to help fund the necessary repairs to fully restore these incomparable recreation resources. Please visit website (jacksonxc.org) for on-line contributions or mail checks to J.S.T.F., PO Box 216, Jackson, NH 03846.

Please Wear Passes

The Jackson Ski Touring Foundation needs to convince visitors to support the trails by buying passes. Club members can help in this mission by always displaying their IDs while skiing trails. If your club ID isn't visible, visitors think you are skiing without paying. When you wear the ID--you prove your financial **support** of JSTF's mission to keep these trails funded from year to year.

If you forget to bring the ID please get a free paper ticket at the base lodge. Our patrol staff and volunteers are obliged to stop and ask you to **show your id or wear a paper ticket --even if they know you**. They are not harassing you. They need skiers to show everyone is playing by the rules. Thanks to all those who always wear the ID, it makes life easier.



November 30 last day for membership discount \$115/adult. After Nov 30 regular rate \$135/adult applies.

Annual Memberships

Table with 3 columns: Postmarked, Before 11/30, After 11/30. Rows include Adult (22+), Junior (19-21 yrs), Junior (13-18 yrs), Junior (10-12 yrs), and Child (0-9 yrs).

Annual Member Benefits

- *Unlimited use of JSTF Trails '12 season (Nov '11-April '12)
*Discount on season of Friday Gliders / Tuesday Trekkers
*Free ski clinics in December
*Potlucks/Parties
*Annual Member discount 10% (on purchases >\$50) in the Gorham Bike and Ski Shop in the baselodge.

Daily Trail Rates

Ski trail rate: \$21/adult (16-64) \$15/SR (65+) \$10/Junior(10-18) Children 0-9 yrs always free. Snowshoe rate: \$10/adult \$5/jr/day

Multi-day discounts always available.

Special Last Minute Coupons on Facebook. Keep checking in.

Club Member Early Season Bonus

From the start of season to January 1st, club members may use their 2012 JSTF season pass to ski at Bretton Woods Nordic or Great Glen Trails for only \$5.

Jackson XC Sales/Info Contact

Open M-F, 8:30-4:30 (pre-season) daily in season 8-5:00
Phone: 1-800-X-C SNOWS/1-800-927-6697 or (603) 383-9355.
Web: www.jacksonxc.org E-mail: ski@jacksonxc.org

Who We Are and What We Do

The Jackson Ski Touring Foundation is a community based non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation chartered to maintain cross country and snowshoe trails in and around Jackson village.

The Foundation's skier services, trails and development, base lodge, machinery, vehicles, fuel, and business needs are paid for by daily and seasonal memberships and tax deductible donations.

JSTF is an Equal Opportunity service provider and employer.

Remember you can just call to join or renew: 1-800-XC SNOWS / 1-800-927-6697

Jackson Ski Touring Club Application 2012

Name, Spouse, Child Name, Dues Total: ->-> \$

Your Address: City, State, Zip

Fix the Trail! Here's my additional tax-deductible donation \$

Total ->->\$

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