



Winter Guided Snowshoe Hikes 2018 - Cape Breton

Participants may win a "trail" prize. Thanks to our local partners for organizing the hikes on the ground and to Goose Lane Editions and the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for their support. Hikes are free or low-cost and **pre-registration is required** unless otherwise indicated. See the details below for each hike. When winter hiking or snowshoeing, always be prepared for the conditions. [Learn how to prepare here](#). Looking for snowshoes? [Check out our Where to Borrow, Rent or Buy Snowshoes guide here](#).

Trail/Hike name	Date & Time	Do I need to Pre-Register?	Do I need to bring snowshoes?	Cost / Person	Km Return	Trail difficulty	Directions Hike Details	Organization / Contact
Greenlink Trail, <i>Sydney</i>	January 13 10:00 AM	Must pre-register at 902-563-5510	No, they will be provided (must register/request snowshoes)	Free	3	Easy	Meet up location: Mt. Kemmel St./ Alexander St. parking area. This hike is part of both the CBRM Trails Series and the Taste of Winter Events within CBRM.	CBRM Recreation Charlotte MacDonald cmmacdonald@cbrm.ns.ca www.cbrm.ns.ca
2nd Annual Franey Trail Snowshoe Guided Hike <i>Ingonish, Cape Breton Highlands National Park</i>	January 20 11:00 AM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	10	Moderate	Watch for the Franey Trail Road sign on the Cabot Trail in Ingonish. Please note: Pending conditions, parking at the trailhead may not be accessible and a snowshoe to the trailhead from the secondary road may apply. This hike includes a climb of 366 metres in 3 – 4 hours. The hike is part of the 2nd Annual Hello Winter Baddeck 2018, 7th Annual Hike Victoria Snowshoe Fest and 7th Annual Victoria County Winter ActiveFest. If equipment is required, go to: http://tiny.cc/kq7opy (please note: Library closed Sundays & Mondays).	Naturally Active for Life Victoria County Vince Forrestall naturallyactiveforlife@countyvictoria.ns.ca @ naturallyactivevictoriacounty.com
Moonlight Snowshoe Jaunt <i>Ski Ben Eoin</i>	January 26 6:00 PM	Must pre-register at snowschool@skibeneoin.com	Yes, bring your own or request a pair when you register	\$5 (or \$15 with Lift Pass; \$23 with Lift Pass & Rentals)	3, 6 or 8 options	Moderate	Groups meet at the bottom of the mountain and embark together. There are three trail lengths with different abilities. The 8km leaves at 6pm, the 6km leaves at 6:30pm and the 3 km leaves at 7pm from the ticket building.	Ski Ben Eoin Megan MacLeod snowschool@skibeneoin.com www.skibeneoin.com
Paquette's Lake <i>near Cape North</i>	January 27 10:00 AM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	4	Moderate	Look for the Mica Hill Trail sign before the community of Cape North. The hike begins at the new parking lot below at the entrance and continues to Paquette's Lake. Return the same way.	Hike the Highlands Festival Society Tom Wilson hiketehighlands@gmail.com www.hiketehighlands.com
4th Annual Smokey Mountain Towers Winter Guided Hike <i>Smokey Mountain, Victoria County, Cape Breton</i>	January 28 10:00 AM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	4	Moderate	On the Cabot Trail, drive to parking area just before the park entrance on top of Smokey Mountain. Park in the parking area just before the park. The group will walk from there and cross the road to begin the hike. Take your camera. Windbreaker and head cover advised. Water bottle is a good idea also. The hike is part of the 2nd Annual Hello Winter Baddeck 2018, 7th Annual Hike Victoria Snowshoe Fest and 7th Annual Victoria County Winter ActiveFest. If equipment is required, go to: http://tiny.cc/kq7opy (please note: Library closed Sundays & Mondays).	Naturally Active for Life Victoria County Vince Forrestall naturallyactiveforlife@countyvictoria.ns.ca @ naturallyactivevictoriacounty.com



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Warren's Lake Road Moon Snowshoe <i>Ingonish</i>	January 29 7:00 PM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	4	Easy	Meet at the Warren's Lake turnoff, approximately 1 km after re-entering the park after you leave Ingonish, driving northward. The turnoff is on the left, shortly after driving past the Broad Cove Campground. This hike follows the road to Warren's Lake - a beautiful, moonlit experience. We will snowshoe by the moonlight but people can bring their own flashlights if they would feel more comfortable.	Ingonish Development Society Marie Hawley and Lee Williams barron_marie@hotmail.com www.experienceingonish.com
West Mabou Trail-Moonlit Hike <i>West Mabou, Inverness County</i>	February 2 6:30 PM	Must pre-register at annalee.maceachern@invernesscounty.ca or 902-787-3508	Yes, bring your own or request a pair when you register	Free	5 to 8	Moderate	Meet at the West Mabou Hall, 2399 Little Mabou Rd. in West Mabou, Inverness County. Hike led by Nadine Hunt.	Municipality of the County of Inverness Anna Lee MacEachern annalee.maceachern@invernesscounty.ca www.invernesscounty.ca www.canadasmusicalcoast.com
Moonlight Snowshoe Jaunt <i>Ski Ben Eoin</i>	February 2 6:00 PM	Must pre-register at snowschool@skibeneoin.com	Yes, bring your own or request a pair when you register	\$5 (or \$15 with Lift Pass; \$23 with Lift Pass & Rentals)	3, 6 or 8 options	Moderate	Groups meet at the bottom of the mountain and embark together. There are three trail lengths with different abilities. The 8km leaves at 6pm, the 6km leaves at 6:30pm and the 3 km leaves at 7pm from the ticket building.	Ski Ben Eoin Megan MacLeod snowschool@skibeneoin.com www.skibeneoin.com
La Magie de l'hiver à la Rigouèche <i>Cape Breton Highlands National Park, Chéticamp</i>	February 3 7:00 PM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	1 or 12 options	Easy	Meet at the kitchen shelter by the park's Chéticamp Visitor Centre. From there you can snowshoe around the campground, or join the Salmon Pool hike (longer). The hike is followed by live music and snacks in the shelter. In case of a snow storm, the event will be postponed to the following Saturday (February 10).	Cape Breton Highlands National Park & La Société Saint-Pierre Mariève Therriault marieeve.therriault@pc.gc.ca www.parksCanada.gc.ca/capebreton
Petersfield Provincial Park <i>Sydney</i>	February 3 10:00 AM	Must pre-register at 902-563-5510	No, they will be provided (must register/request snowshoes)	Free	3.5	Easy	The park is located on Westmount Rd. and we will meet in the parking lot. This hike is part of both the CBRM Trails Series and the Taste of Winter Events within CBRM.	CBRM Recreation Charlotte MacDonald cmmacdonald@cbrm.ns.ca www.cbrm.ns.ca
2nd Annual Uisge Ban Falls Winter Guided Hike, <i>Baddeck Forks</i>	February 10 1:00 PM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	2.6	Moderate	This is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Nova Scotia (pronounced 'ush-ka ban'). On Hwy 105, take Exit 9 and watch for signs. It is 14.5 km north of Baddeck at 715 North Branch Road, Baddeck Forks. The hike is part of the 2nd Annual Hello Winter Baddeck 2018, 7th Annual Hike Victoria Snowshoe Fest 2018 and the 7th Annual Victoria County Winter ActiveFest 2018. If equipment is required, go to: http://tiny.cc/kq70py (please note: Library closed Sundays & Mondays).	Naturally Active for Life Victoria County Vince Forrestall naturallyactiveforlife@countyvictoria.ns.ca @ naturallyactivevictoriacounty.com
Moonlight Snowshoe Jaunt <i>Ski Ben Eoin</i>	February 16 6:00 PM	Must pre-register at snowschool@skibeneoin.com	Yes, bring your own or request a pair when you register	\$5 (or \$15 with Lift Pass; \$23 with Lift	3, 6 or 8 options	Moderate	Groups meet at the bottom of the mountain and embark together. There are three trail lengths with different abilities. The 8km leaves at 6pm, the 6km leaves at 6:30pm and the 3 km leaves at 7pm from the ticket building.	Ski Ben Eoin Megan MacLeod snowschool@skibeneoin.com www.skibeneoin.com



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Boiler Trail Historic Guided Snowshoe Hike 2018 <i>Big Baddeck</i>	February 17 10:30 AM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	7.5	Moderate	Go to Westside Big Baddeck Rd., 3 kms past Rockinghorse Ranch on the left. Park on the right side of the road facing back towards Rockinghorse Ranch. From here the group will walk to the trailhead and the hike concludes with a visit to the 1930's Boiler Steamer. The hike is part of the 2nd Annual Hello Winter Baddeck 2018, 7th Annual Hike Victoria Snowshoe Fest 2018 and 7th Annual Victoria County Winter ActiveFest 2018. If equipment is required, go to: http://tiny.cc/kq70py (please note: Library closed Sundays & Mondays).	Naturally Active for Life Victoria County Vince Forrestall naturallyactiveforlife@countyvictoria.ns.ca & naturallyactivevictoriacounty.com
Central Cape Breton Gets Active 2018 <i>Iona</i>	February 18 11:00 AM	Must pre-register at ccbvci@gmail.com	Yes, bring your own or request a pair when you register	Free	1	Moderate	Meet at the Rankin School of the Narrows on Route 223 in Iona. Snowshoe, snowman, skating, hot chocolate and snack. Hosted by CCBCVI, Wellness Committee, Naturally Active Victoria County and Rankin School of the Narrows.	Central Cape Breton Community Ventures Inc. Wellness Committee Ann MacNeil ann.macneil@ns.sympatico.ca www.arosnamara.com
White Point <i>White Point</i>	February 24 10:00 AM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	4	Moderate	Head to the wharf at White Point.	Hike the Highlands Festival Society Tom Wilson hikethehighlands@gmail.com www.hikethehighlands.com
Moonlight Snowshoe Jaunt <i>Ski Ben Eoin</i>	March 2 6:00 PM	Must pre-register at snowschool@skibeneoin.com	Yes, bring your own or request a pair when you register	\$5 (or \$15 with Lift Pass; \$23 with Lift Pass & Rentals)	3, 6 or 8 options	Moderate	Groups meet at the bottom of the mountain and embark together. There are three trail lengths with different abilities. The 8km leaves at 6pm, the 6km leaves at 6:30pm and the 3 km leaves at 7pm from the ticket building.	Ski Ben Eoin Megan MacLeod snowschool@skibeneoin.com www.skibeneoin.com
Baille Ard Trail <i>Sydney</i>	March 3 10:00 AM	Must pre-register at 902-563-5510	No, they will be provided (must register/request snowshoes)	Free	5	Easy	The trail is located at the end of Terrance St. The entrance to the trail is beside the soccer field. We will meet in the parking lot. This hike is part of both the CBRM Trails Series and the Taste of Winter Events within CBRM.	CBRM Recreation Charlotte MacDonald cmmacdonald@cbm.ns.ca www.cbm.ns.ca
7th Annual Baddeck Middle River Old Time Commute Trek 2018, <i>Baddeck & Middle River</i>	March 4 1:00 PM	Must pre-register at naturallyactiveforlife@countyvictoria.ns.ca or 902-295-3661	Yes, bring your own	Free	8.9	Challenging	Take the Cabot Trail from the Red Barn. Look for road signage to the right: entry to MacMillan Mountain Rd. is on the right. Park at the end of the road. The trail includes MacMillan Mountain Road to Gillis's Point Look-off to the Highland Road to the two Churches in Middle River and concludes with a lunch with Local Chef George Smith immediately following. Part of the 7th Annual Victoria County Winter ActiveFest 2018! If equipment is required, go to: http://tiny.cc/kq70py (please note: Library closed Sundays & Mondays).	Naturally Active for Life Victoria County Vince Forrestall naturallyactiveforlife@countyvictoria.ns.ca & naturallyactivevictoriacounty.com/
Watershed Snowshoe Trek <i>Pottle Lake, North Sydney</i>	March 4 11:00 AM	Must pre-register at jcooper@acapcb.ns.ca or 902-567-1628	No, they will be provided (must register / request snowshoes)	Free	3	Easy	Park/meet at 87 Johnson Rd. in North Sydney. Explore the beautiful watershed that supplies clean safe drinking water for North Sydney.	ACAP Cape Breton Jen Cooper jcooper@acapcb.ns.ca www.acapcb.ns.ca



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Warren Lake <i>near North Ingonish</i>	March 17 10:00 AM	No	Yes, bring your own	Free	4	Moderate	Turn left when you see Warren Lake Trail sign. Park at the entrance to the road.	Hike the Highlands Festival Society Tom Wilson hikethehighlands@gmail.com www.hikethehighlands.com