

December 2024 Newsletter

We are excited to welcome you to a beautiful season of cross-country skiing. As a volunteer-run organization, the DRXC has been hard at work behind the scenes, maintaining the Silver Spoon Trails, Petawawa Research Forest, and Bass Lake Trail systems, ensuring they are ready for your next winter adventure.



B-Loop, Silver Spoon Trails: Some of the hard working folks and corduroy work completed.



M-Loop, Ormrod Bridge, Silver Spoon Trails - Corduroy work completed.



Bass Lake Trail - Sign hanging and clearing crew.

Thank you to those who have already registered for your DRXC membership. Your continued support helps us maintain our low membership rates and keep the trails in great condition. This is all possible thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

To register for membership and lessons, click [here](#).

Balmer Bay Chalet

We are also making the Balmer's Bay Chalet a cozy place to relax before or after your adventures. Look out for a new table and benches, built by our volunteers, Ruth Elliffe and Steve Eyvindson (Steve is one of the original builders of the chalet), using local pine donated by Rolf Wichman.

DRXC Website

We are also working hard revamping the DRXC website! Stay tuned for our updated site at the same address, drxc.ca, featuring a fresh look, improved navigation, and better access to the information you need.

Ski Rentals

If you are interested in ski rentals, please contact Phil at phil.davis603@gmail.com as soon as possible. Your window for accessing the rental program is closing fast.

Parking

Please park on the south side of the Balmer's Bay Road (Chalet side) to ensure the safety of pedestrians, including our Jackrabbits.

Upcoming Events (subject to weather conditions)

Jackrabbits

For skiers aged 13 and under. Saturday, January 4, 2025 - Saturday, March 15, 2025

Open House and Waxing Clinic

Meet local cross-country ski enthusiasts, learn about the club, and enjoy hot chocolate and treats.

- **Date:** January 5
- **Time:** 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- **Waxing Clinic:** 3:30 pm (after the open house)

Adult Lessons (subject to weather conditions)

If you are new to cross-country skiing or want to advance your skills, consider registering for lessons. [Register](#) as a DRXC member or contact info@drxc.ca.

- **Beginner Lessons:**
 - Sunday, January 12, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
 - Sunday, January 19, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- **Intermediate Lessons:**
 - Sunday, January 26, 2025, 1:00 am to 2:30 pm
- **Skate Ski Lessons:** Offered depending on interest. Indicate when you register or contact info@drxc.ca.

Moonlight Skiing

Experience the magic of night skiing under a full moon. No registration required. Just show up at the Balmer Bay Cabin before 7:00 pm.

- **Dates:**
 - Saturday, January 11, 2025, 7:00 pm
 - Sunday, February 9, 2025, 7:00 pm
 - March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm

Events outside of Deep River

For those that like a little fun competition, there are a number of races available in the area. Here are just a few of them.

- [Opeongo Loppet](#): February 1, 2025
- [Arrowhead Loppet](#): January 26, 2025
- [Ontario Masters Championships](#): February 7-9, 2025

Emergency preparedness

The DRXC wishes you safe skiing. In case of an accident, emergency procedures are posted on our [website](#). Blue emergency barrels with procedures and items are located at:

- Silver Spoon Trail
 - In the Balmer's bay chalet
 - At the bottom of the M hill
 - Top of S hill under the bench (not as complete)
- Bass Lake Trails
 - At Sidetrack junction of Cabin trail , Railway Ridge and Sidetrack Link trail

Ski with a buddy, take your cell phone (keep it warm), and carry a map (available [here](#)).

Other Items

Please take a moment to write to the Deep River Town Council about the Lot 42, Range B rezoning proposal to voice your support for preserving our community's cherished trails and natural spaces.

Lastly, trail conditions are posted on our [website](#). Our groomers work magic to make even the most challenging snow conditions skiable.