

## Winter Guided Hikes & Walks 2024











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| Musquodoboit Trailway<br>Musquodoboit Harbour                        | February 2<br>10:00 AM<br>Walk event                                       | recreation.halifax.ca/ente<br>rprise/program/79839  | Free   | No, this is a<br>walk only event   | 5            | Moderate            | Meet at 104 Park Rd. If registered, participants will receive an email the week before with all the information needed to attend the event.   | Adventure Earth Centre www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation  |
| Fitzpatrick Mountain<br>Fitzpatrick Mountain -<br>Smith Rock Chalets | February 3 10:00 AM  Snowshoe event (or hike / walk if no snow) Cancelled  | c2chikers@gmail.com   | Free   | Yes  | 5            | Moderate            | Meet at the parking lot at Smith Rock Chalets off Fitzpatrick Mountain Road by the trail entrance. The event will go from the chalets toward Millsville, looping around the backside of the mountain. The hike may be adjusted based on weather.                            | Cape to Cape Trails Committee, Pictou County Trails Association www.facebook.com/PictouCountyTr ails capetocapetrail.ca |
| Deanery Nature Trail<br>Lower Ship Harbour,<br>Eastern Shore         | February 4<br>10:00 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | thedeaneryproject@gmail .com  | Free,<br>donations<br>welcome (\$5<br>suggested) | Yes, but a<br>limited number<br>of snowshoes<br>available on<br>request<br>(contact in<br>advance) | 4            | Easy                | Meet by the Main Hall the Deanery Project (751 W Ship Harbour Rd, Lake Charlotte). See <a href="https://thedeaneryproject.com/directions/">https://thedeaneryproject.com/directions/</a> . Lunch available for purchase on site. Open House at Deanery to follow 1:00-3:00. | The Deanery Project thedeaneryproject.com   |
| Fox Lake Lookoff<br>Halifax Regional<br>Municipality                 | February 8<br>9:00 AM<br>Walk event<br>Cancelled                           | https://docs.google.com/f<br>orms/d/e/1FAlpQLSd0S0i<br>YTmBsX8QMLuUBwy2P<br>ufLSXLqc8BsgE2w8liPi3<br>QsQ1w/viewform?usp=sf<br>_link | Free   | No, this is a walk only event  | 3            | Moderate            | Meet at the cul de sac at the end of Colins Road, which is at the end of Belle Street (which is off of Larry Uteck Boulevard).  | Friends of Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Bluemountainfriends.ca hiking@bluemountainfriends.ca                          |

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| Sackville Lakes Provincial<br>Park<br>Lower Sackville        | February 9<br>10:00 AM<br>Walk event   | https://recreation.halifax.c<br>a/enterprise/program/798<br>37                                | Free                          | No, this is a walk only event   | 5            | Moderate            | Meet in the Sackville Lake Trails Parking Lot, 440 First Lake Drive. If registered, participants will receive an email the week before with all the information needed to attend the event.   | Adventure Earth Centre<br>www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation  |
| Hebb's Lake<br>Hebbville                                     | February 10<br>9:30 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow)                             | luncountyhikers@gmail.c<br>om   | Free                          | Yes   | 7            | Easy                | Meet at 205 Century Drive, Hebbville Fire Department.   | Lunenburg Co. Hikers www.facebook.com/groups/127321 5446168081   |
| Upper Clements Trail<br>Upper Clements,<br>Annapolis Co., NS | February 10<br>10:00 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow)                            | No need to register   | Free                          | Yes. Snowshoes available from Digby Area Recreation https://digbyare arecreation.ca/ equipment-loan -program-2/ | 5            | Moderate            | Meet at the Upper Clements Trail, 2958 Hwy 1, Upper Clements. This is a nice meander on a beautiful new trail system.   | Fundy Erratics Hiking Group www.facebook.com/groups/fundyerr atics   |
| Summit Loop<br>Antigonish                                    | February 10<br>10:30 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow)                            | No need to register   | Free,<br>donations<br>welcome | Bring own if possible. Some available first come first serve at \$4 per rental.                                 | 5            | Moderate            | Meet at Keppoch Mtn., 193 Keppoch Rd., Antigonish.  | Positive Action For The Keppoch www.thekeppoch.ca  |
| Summit Recreation Park<br>Trail<br>New Waterford             | February 10<br>10:30 AM<br>Postponed<br>to Feb. 17<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | mtobin@acapcb.ns.ca<br>(include name, phone<br>number/email, if anyone<br>else will join you) | Free                          | No, snowshoes<br>will be provided<br>for all  | 8            | Easy                | Meet at the Summit Recreation Park entrance on Daley Road in New Waterford. February 11 is the back-up date in case of inclement weather.   | ACAP Cape Breton- Atlantic<br>Coastal Action Program Cape<br>Breton<br>www.facebook.com/ACAPCapeBret<br>on |
| Upper Clements Trails<br>Upper Clements                      | February 10<br>1:00 PM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow)                             | No need to register   | Free                          | Yes, but<br>snowshoes<br>available on<br>request (contact<br>in advance)  | 3            | Moderate            | Traveling from Annapolis Royal, the Upper Clements parking lot will be on the left. Coming from Digby, the parking lot will be on your right. Once in the parking lot, head through the fenced-in area, and meet at the kiosk at the trailhead. | Annapolis County annapoliscounty.ca  |

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| Mainland North Trail,<br>Farnham Gate to Kearney<br>Lake Road and return<br>Clayton Park                         | February 11<br>2:00 PM<br>Walk event  | No need to register   | Free                          | Yes   | 3            | Easy                | Meet at 251 Farnham Gate Road, Clayton Park,<br>Halifax. HNWTA Nine Trail Challenge: Trail #3B.  | Halifax North West Trails Association www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca   |
| Coxheath Hills Trail<br>Snowshoe or Hike<br>Blackett's Lake /<br>Coxheath, Sydney, CBRM                          | February 17<br>10:00 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | To borrow snowshoes & poles (limited), register at coxheathhills@gmail.com                    | Free,<br>donations<br>welcome | Yes, but<br>snowshoes and<br>poles available<br>on request<br>(contact in<br>advance) | 6            | Moderate            | Meet/park at the Secondary Entrance at 1298 Coxheath Rd. The group will follow the gravel road up the hillside, take the Patterson Trail through mixed Acadian forest, up to the Cabin/toilets and on to the look-off on the Main Trail for a panoramic view over Blackett's Lake and beyond. Return via same route. Eager participants may wish to add the Northern Loop (2.7 km) to their itinerary (this will not be an "official" part of the sponsored hike event). | Coxheath Hills Wilderness<br>Recreation Association - CHWRA<br>www.facebook.com/Coxheathhills                           |
| Summit Recreation Park<br>Trail<br>New Waterford   | February 17<br>10:30 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | mtobin@acapcb.ns.ca<br>(include name, phone<br>number/email, if anyone<br>else will join you) | Free                          | No, snowshoes<br>will be provided<br>for all  | 8            | Easy                | Meet at the Summit Recreation Park entrance on Daley Road in New Waterford. February 11 is the back-up date in case of inclement weather.  | ACAP Cape Breton- Atlantic<br>Coastal Action Program Cape<br>Breton<br>www.facebook.com/ACAPCapeBret<br>on              |
| Fitzpatrick Mountain<br>Scotsburn  | February 17<br>11:00 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | melindadasme@gmail.co<br>m  | Free                          | No, snowshoes<br>will be provided<br>for all  | 6            | Moderate            | Meet at trailhead next to Scotsburn Elementary School for an up and down loop to the Chalets. Pictou Landing First Nation School Hike Club students will lead this hike.   | Cape to Cape Trails Committee, Pictou County Trails Association www.facebook.com/PictouCountyTr ails capetocapetrail.ca |
| Peace Trail<br>Estuary House 2169<br>Crowley Rd Pugwash  | February 17<br>1:00 PM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow)  | 902-243-2985 or witney.sarah@gmail.com  | Free                          | Yes   | 5            | Moderate            | Meet at Estuary House in Pugwash, which has parking and facilities. We'll explore the woodlands along the Pugwash River.   | Friends of the Pugwash Estuary www.pugwashestuary.com   |
| Greenwood Golf Course<br>Greenwood   | February 17 1:00 PM Cancelled Snowshoe event (cancelled if no snow)         | https://forms.office.com/r/<br>Y0BXNfGWwU   | Free                          | Yes, but<br>snowshoes<br>available on<br>request<br>(contact in<br>advance)           | 3            | Easy                | Meet to the right of the building when you arrive at the Greenwood Golf Course parking lot.  | Village of Kingston<br>www.kingstonnovascotia.ca  |
| Causeway Trail<br>Causeway Trail/Riverview<br>Trail - Meet at Falmouth<br>Mini Park: 2127 Highway<br>1, Falmouth | February 18<br>10:00 AM<br>Walk event                                       | No need to register   | Free                          | No, this is a walk only event   | 2            | Moderate            | Meet at the Causeway Trail/Riverview Trail in the Falmouth Mini Park, 2127 Highway #1, Falmouth.   | West Hants Regional Municipality www.westhants.ca/rec   |

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| Frost Fest Snowshoe<br>Pictou Fitness Trails  | February 18 1:00 PM  Snowshoe event (or hike / walk if no snow)            | sally.oneill@townofpictou.<br>ca or 902-485-4372 | Free  | No, snowshoes<br>will be provided<br>for all                                    | 3            | Moderate            | Meet at the McCulloch Education Centre parking lot, 350 Wellington St, Pictou. This is a pretty woodland excursion, easy pace, all ages welcome.   | Town of Pictou www.townofpictou.ca  |
| Five Islands Provincial<br>Park Estuary Trail<br>618 Bentley Branch Rd,<br>Five Islands, NS B0M 1K0 | February 18<br>1:15 PM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | annahergert@me.com                               | Free  | Yes   | 3.5          | Moderate            | Meet at the parking lot adjacent to the park gate at Five Islands Provincial Park. We'll finish trail loop between 3:30 and 4 pm. This is a joint event in conjunction with the Parrsboro Shore Winter Carnival 2024.  | Tide Rollers & Mudlarkers and Cliffs of Fundy Geopark fundycontemplations.ca/cliffs-of-fundy-geopark-joint-events |
| Snowshoe Jaunt<br>Ski Ben Eoin  | February 21<br>6:00 PM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(cancelled if no<br>snow)      | 902-828-2804 or<br>tickets@skibeneoin.com        | Trail pass is<br>\$15, snowshoe<br>rentals \$15,<br>combo (pass &<br>rental) \$25 | Snowshoe<br>rentals<br>available for<br>\$15                                    | 6            | Easy                | Meet by the chairlift at the bottom of the hill at Ski<br>Ben Eoin in Ben Eoin. Please bring a headlamp.   | Ski Ben Eoin<br>www.skibeneoin.com  |
| Indian Path Common<br>Bayport (Lunenburg)   | February 23<br>9:30 AM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | luncountyhikers@gmail.c<br>om                    | Free  | Yes   | 6            | Moderate            | Meet at 395 Fish Peddler Road, Bayport. There are 3 trails looping a main trail. Lots of options.  | Lunenburg Co. Hikers  www.facebook.com/groups/127321 5446168081   |
| Summit Loop<br>Antigonish   | February 23<br>6:30 PM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | No need to register                              | Free,<br>donations<br>welcome   | Bring own if possible. Some available first come first serve at \$4 per rental. | 5            | Moderate            | Meet at Keppoch Mtn., 193 Keppoch Rd., Antigonish.   | Positive Action For The Keppoch www.thekeppoch.ca   |
| Smelt Brook Trail<br>Trenton  | February 24<br>10:00 AmM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(cancelled if no<br>snow)    | jdvancee9@gmail.com                              | Free  | Yes   | 8            | Moderate            | Meet on Main Street (Hwy 348) in Trenton, opposite Tim Horton's. This is an out and back trail, you may opt for a shorter distance.  | Pictou County Trails Association www.facebook.com/PictouCountyTr ails   |
| Winter Jamboree Dog<br>Walk Event<br>Westville  | February 24<br>12:00 PM<br>Walk event<br>POSTPONED<br>TILL MAR. 9          | No need to register                              | Free  | No, this is a<br>walk only event  | 2            | Easy                | Meet at the Acadia Park entrance on Drummond Rd. See highlandconnect.cioc.ca/record/WES0001. This is an Ugly Sweater Winter Walk featuring Hoomans and Doggos in Sweaters! Dress in your holiday duds and come strut your ugly stuff with your pooch! The walk will be from 12:00-12:30pm. Dogs must be on leash at all times. Hoomans are required to pick up after their doggos. | Westville Recreation westville.ca/Departments/Recreation n  |

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| Mills Falls & Beach Grove<br>Trails<br>Kejimkujik National Park,<br>Maitlant Bridge | February 24<br>1:00 PM<br>Snowshoe event<br>(or hike / walk if no<br>snow) | No need to register | Free             | Yes, but<br>snowshoes<br>available on<br>request (contact<br>in advance) | 3            |                     | Enter Kejimkujik Park and head down the main road, passing the Visitor Information Centre on the right. Continuing down the road take the next right to Mills Falls. Once in the parking lot, head towards washroom/change building. Meet in front of this building. | Annapolis County annapoliscounty.ca |

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