



## W5 Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

### X-country Skiing and Snowshoeing Trip

Here is your opportunity to X-country ski and snowshoe in the beautiful Algoma Highlands of Ontario. HPSC bus will take us to nearby trails of Stokely Creek for the first two days. On the third day we'll be at Hiawatha Highlands (a local shuttle bus will take us there) for both X-country skiing and snowshoeing. Our X-country instructors will provide instruction while skiing on the trails. On Saturday, after your first day on the trails, enjoy a fun après-ski HPSC reception. Share your stories and hang out with other members prior to dinner in the hotel. A second group dinner in the hotel restaurant is an optional add-on. Alternatively some members may wish to check out other nearby restaurants.

A visit to the Algoma Highlands offers you an unbeatable opportunity to enjoy the tremendous variety of terrain and skillfully designed trails with all your friends on this unforgettable trip.

### Dates

Friday, Feb 14, 2020 – Monday Feb 17, 2020

### What does it cost

**\$430.00** – double occupancy

**\$190.00** – single supplement, subject to availability

### What's included

#### Accommodation

The Quality Inn & Suites Bay Front is a Platinum Award winner, ranking in the top 3% of all North American hotels, and has a green policy. It features an onsite restaurant and bar/lounge, and is near all that Sault Ste Marie has to offer. All rooms have a coffee maker and a mini-refrigerator to store snacks and refreshments, plus there is fresh coffee and tea in the lobby 24/7. There is complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi, an indoor pool, sauna, hot tub and fitness centre. Double occupancy room options are offered. A double room will be two queen beds.

#### Trail Fees

XC and snowshoe trail fees are NOT included. Posted prices are \$23 (ski) and \$18 (snowshoe) at Stokely Creek and \$10 at Hiawatha Highlands on Family Day Monday. Tickets will be purchased for the group by the trip leader. Rentals are available at both resorts.

### Trip Highlights

- ❄ 2 1/2 days of X-country skiing and snowshoeing at Stokely Creek (2 days) and Hiawatha Highlands (morning of departure day)
- ❄ 3 nights' accommodation – double occupancy
- ❄ Hot/cold breakfast buffet each morning
- ❄ Group dinner included Saturday night at hotel
- ❄ Optional second group dinner Sunday, separate price TBD
- ❄ HPSC welcome wine and cheese reception
- ❄ Two days of X-country ski instruction
- ❄ One day of guided snowshoeing
- ❄ 160 km of X-country trails (skate and classic) at Stokely Creek, 50 km at Hiawatha Highlands
- ❄ Over 25 km of snowshoe trails at Stokely Creek and 14 km at Hiawatha Highlands
- ❄ X-country and snowshoe trail passes purchased at resorts; \$23/18 and \$10 respectively, group discounts may be available





## Meals

- ❄ Full hot/cold buffet breakfasts each morning (3) to get your ski day started.
- ❄ Group dinner on Saturday is included.
- ❄ Optional group dinner on Sunday will be organized in advance (separate payment required).
- ❄ Lunches are not included in trip price.
  - Hiawatha Highlands: there is a small canteen (chilli, soup, baked goods).
  - Stokely Creek: a buffet lunch is available in the main lodge (\$20), or bring food and drink with you. There are grocery stores near the hotel.

## Departures

On Friday, Feb 14, 2020, from Yonge & York Mills, Toronto at 1:30 pm and Hwy 400 & 7 commuter lot at 2:00 pm.  
On Monday, Feb 17, 2020, from Sault Ste Marie at 2:00 pm.

## Transportation

To the ski area and return will be by HPSC premium charter coach.

## What you should know and fine print

### Resort

Stokely Creek has the perfect mix of snow and terrain for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The dramatic region along Lake Superior's eastern shore is edged by rugged cliffs of the Canadian Shield that rise almost 1,200 feet above the lake. During the winter months, prevailing northwest winds collect moisture over the lake and dump over 17 feet of fresh powder snow near the highland, creating what is, in effect, a "natural snow machine." 12,000 acres of wilderness takes you from thrilling runs down King Mountain, to gentle rolling trails through hardwood forest and around 9 undeveloped lakes. Regularly groomed (for skate and classic) and well-marked, the trails cover more than 100 miles of varied terrain. The extensive trail system includes 6 warming huts, strategically placed, so skiers can warm and refresh themselves by the fire. There are trails for every ski level. The snowshoe trails encompass all the beauty the area offers. Choose trails from 2 km to 25 km. Your choice can take you to the heights of King Mountain or the cool architecture of the Beaver Dam in the valley below. Well groomed trails, magnificent beauty and the silence of the wilderness await you.

Hiawatha Highlands is a premier destination for winter recreation and sport. They offer over 50 km of ski trails, 14 km of snowshoeing trails. Enjoy the soothing sounds of the whispering pines and the magnificent views of a winter wonderland. Trail systems cater from the beginner to the advanced skier and welcome both classic and skate skiers.

### Optional Travel Insurance

For overnight bus trips, members are responsible for arranging their own trip cancellation insurance and medical insurance and is **strongly recommended**. Insurance can be purchased from a number of Toronto sources. Some credit cards also provide coverage but check carefully that it will apply to your trip. All insurance claims must be made by the member to their own insurance company.





## **Cancellation Policy**

See the webpage re Overnight Bus Trip Cancellation.

## **Resort & Hotel Website**

[https://groups.hotels.com/Hotel/Hotel.cfm?iframe=ngr&hid=125501&bid\\_id=120311958](https://groups.hotels.com/Hotel/Hotel.cfm?iframe=ngr&hid=125501&bid_id=120311958)

<https://www.qualityinnssm.com/en-us>

<https://www.stokelycreek.com/about>

<https://hiawathahighlands.com/>

## **Note**

All applicable fuel surcharges and taxes in effect as of August 2019 have been included in the package price. However in these volatile times HPSC reserves the right to charge for currently unanticipated increases in the cost of fuel and taxes subsequently imposed by the resort or coach company.

