



W6 Huntsville-XC, U-Drive

X-country Skiing and Snowshoeing Trip

Here is your opportunity to X-country ski and snowshoe in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands and Algonquin Park, right here in Ontario. This will be a self-drive trip, car-pooling with those in your bubble.

The Frost Centre has 22 km of trails at all levels, plus backcountry trails. Facilities include two on-trail, self-serve warm-up cabins (equipped with wood stoves and breathtaking winter views), washroom, outdoor toilets and parking. Arrowhead Provincial Park we know and love, but may not get to this year as a day trip. The Fen Lake Ski Trail is located at the West Gate of Algonquin Park. It offers four loops from 1 to 18 kilometres with both easy and more challenging sections. All trails are groomed and trackset. A shelter and toilets are located at the beginning of the trail and at Fen Lake. Alternatively, the Minnesing Trail (23 km from the West Gate) has four loops ranging from 6 to 32 kilometres. The trail is maintained for backcountry wilderness skiing and is not groomed. Snowshoes are permitted on this trail.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions HPSC cannot assign a roommate. If you register as a single, you will pay the single supplement cost and occupy a single room.

Dates

Friday Feb 12, 2021 – Monday Feb 15, 2021

What does it cost

\$310.00 – double occupancy

\$305.00 – single supplement, subject to availability, (ie \$615 for a single room)

What's included

Accommodation

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Huntsville – Muskoka is in the perfect spot to access the three featured ski resorts. Guests can expect to see enhanced procedures, which may include: face covering requirements, various ways to reduce contact throughout the hotel, social distancing measures within public spaces and deep cleaning with hospital-grade disinfectants. There is a daily complimentary “grab & go” breakfast found near the breakfast bar. All rooms have a coffee maker, microwave and a mini-refrigerator. There is complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi, an indoor

Trip Highlights

- ❄ U-Drive trip, no bus
- ❄ 3 days of X-country skiing and snowshoeing at the Frost Centre, Arrowhead and Algonquin
- ❄ 3 nights' accommodation – single or double occupancy
- ❄ Breakfast “grab and go” each morning
- ❄ One day of X-country ski instruction
- ❄ One day of guided snowshoeing
- ❄ 22 km of classic cross-country ski trails at the Frost Centre, 18 or 23 km in Algonquin Park, 33 km total (classic and skate) at Arrowhead
- ❄ Snowshoe trails are available at all three sites
- ❄ X-country and snowshoe trail passes purchased at resorts individually





pool and fitness centre (subject to restrictions due to pandemic protocols). A double room will be two queen beds while a single room will be one king bed. Check-in time is 3:00 PM.

Trail Fees

XC and snowshoe trail fees are NOT included. Posted prices are \$18.00/vehicle/day at Algonquin, \$14 per person at the Frost Centre, and \$10 per person (for group >15) at Arrowhead. Tickets may be purchased by a coordinator to get the group rate. Rentals are available at the resorts.

Meals

- ❄️ “Grab and go” breakfasts each morning (3) to get your ski day started.
- ❄️ Lunches and dinners are not included in trip price.
 - There are no dining facilities at any of the resorts, so members should bring their own lunches.
 - Dinners are up to individuals and their risk tolerances; they can be prepared in your room or you can contact local restaurants for take-out or dine-in options.

Transportation

To the ski area and return will be by personal automobiles (car-pooling with those in your bubble).

What you should know and fine print

Resort

Algonquin Park has several trail networks offering over 110 kilometres of some of Ontario's best cross-country (nordic) skiing. Three trails are packed, groomed, and trackset on a regular basis whereas one wilderness ski trail is not groomed or trackset. The two closest to our hotel in Huntsville are: [Fen Lake Ski Trail](#) and [Minnesing Wilderness Ski Trail](#) (not groomed).

The Frost Centre ski and snowshoe trails offer adventure and discovery. Experience a winter wonderland of rugged Canadian Shield, majestic hardwood forests, old growth white pine, hemlock and yellow birch. Ski or snowshoe to cliff-top lookouts and spectacular ice falls. Catch a glimpse of wildlife such as moose, deer, owls, martens, grouse and much more.

Arrowhead has cross country ski trails, groomed for both classic and skate, plus snowshoe trails, plus ice-skating. There are several buildings available for shelter, as well as toilet facilities.

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 Trip Cancellation.





Resort & Hotel Website

- https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/huntsville/yybhu/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--CA--YYBHU
- https://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/visit/recreational_activites/skiing-in-algonquin-park.php
- <https://algonquinhighlands.ca/ski-snowshoe-trails.php>
- <http://arrowheadnordic.ca/blog/arrowhead-provincial-park/>

Note

All applicable fuel surcharges and taxes in effect as of August 2020 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.

