

## 2010 Catamount Trail Events and Tours in the Stowe Area

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Nordic Ski Expo - Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe**

***Saturday, January, 9***

This full day Nordic skiing event is for women of all levels of ability taught by some of the country's top women instructors. Two sessions of instruction include a choice of backcountry/telemark, classic or skate techniques. Following luncheon, participants will be captivated by a presentation about skiing Iceland's backcountry. The day will culminate with a wine and cheese social. Participants will receive a discount on lodging and merchandise. Cost for the entire day including trail pass, luncheon, instruction, and optional video analysis is \$50 for CTA members and \$75 for non-members. Pre-registration is required and limited to 100 women.

**To Register:** Go to [www.catamounttrail.org](http://www.catamounttrail.org) to download an entry form or call the CTA office at 802-864-5794.

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### **Beaver Meadow Loop (Morristown) - Intermediate**

***Sunday, January 10***

This tour is 5-6 miles with an elevation gain of 820 feet. Our route is a loop from Beaver Meadow parking lot gradually up to a meadow where a rustic Long Trail shelter will be a nice snack break. We will ski out via the Burling Camp trail. Tail gate potluck at the end of the tour, conditions permitting.

**Contact:** Kim Dunkley and Scott Meyer, 802-635-2418

### **White Face Loop (Johnson) – Intermediate**

***Monday, January 11***

This loop tour is less than 5 miles with some climbing at the beginning. (Skins would be helpful.) It follows the VAST Trail and includes a section of the Long Trail with glades where turns can be had, conditions permitting. Potentially free lodging for folks doing the tour the day before.

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### **2nd Annual Get Out and Backcountry Ski Festival (Bolton Nordic Center)**

***Sunday, January 24***

Join us for a day of celebrating backcountry skiing on some of the best terrain in Vermont. Learn from experienced instructors as they help you improve your telemark technique or teach you the basics of backcountry skiing. Manufacturers will be on hand with the latest backcountry skis and snowshoes to demo but participants should bring their own equipment as well. Lessons and tours will be happening throughout the day with a social gathering and backcountry film following the event. Cost is \$35 for CTA members and \$50 for non-members and includes instruction, trail pass, equipment demo followed by a cheese and beverage social at 4:00pm. Pre-registration by January 20<sup>th</sup> is required and limited to 80 people.

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**Weissner and Gameraff Woods (Stowe) – Easy/Intermediate**

***Sunday, January 24***

This tour of about 4 miles is on Stowe conservation land trails and includes part of the CT connecting Edson Hill and Topnotch. Some of the trails are occasionally groomed while others are ungroomed but usually packed by skiers and showshoers.

**Contact:** Cindy Gray, 802-244-6265 or [crwgray@comcast.net](mailto:crwgray@comcast.net)

**Bolton Valley to Nebraska Valley Road - Advanced**

***Saturday, January 30***

One of the most challenging sections of the CT, this tour is about 7 miles through remote backcountry terrain that climbs 1300 feet and descends 2300 feet. The tour features ridgeline skiing, narrow chutes and abrupt turns and is for advanced skiers in good physical condition with strong downhill and backcountry skills. **Climbing skins are mandatory.** There is a trail fee, but CTA members get two-for-one once a year. Joint with the Green Mountain Club.

**Contact:** Rich or Sheri Larsen, 802-878-6828 or [larsen007@aol.com](mailto:larsen007@aol.com)

**Tour de Mount Mansfield (Stowe) - Advanced**

***Date to be determined in late February or early March***

This is a very strenuous tour of about 25 miles that will circumnavigate Mt. Mansfield via Madonna Vasa Trail, Overland Trail, Houghton Trail, Crossover Trail and Smuggler's Notch Road. **Due to the difficulty of terrain and the need for good snow conditions, the date of this tour will be determined approximately one week ahead of time.** Please check the CTA website, [www.catamounttrail.org](http://www.catamounttrail.org), for possible tour dates in late February to mid March.

**Contact:** JoAnn Hanowski, [joannhanowski@gmail.com](mailto:joannhanowski@gmail.com) or 802-899-4552

**3rd Annual Catamount Trail Challenge**

**Trapp to Bolton Backcountry Race and Tour**

***Sunday, March 14***

Take the Catamount Challenge and tour or race from Trapp Family Lodge to the Bolton Valley Nordic Center. The 17 km route is 70% backcountry with a 2420 ft vertical climb from Nebraska Notch to the highest point on the Catamount Trail. This event is only for experienced skiers in good physical condition. The entry fee of \$50 for CTA members and \$60 for non-members includes a post race banquet, raffle, awards and a CTA 8th Edition Guidebook. The combination race and tour will be limited to 100 people.

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