



Outdoor Club of East York  
**2017-18 WINTER CALENDAR**  
November 16 to March 31

# WELCOME TO OUR 2017-18 WINTER PROGRAM

## NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

One of the great things about a Club like this is the wide variety of friendly people you meet. People interested in joining should visit our website for the online application form.

[www.outdoorclubofeast york.ca](http://www.outdoorclubofeast york.ca) > Join the Club or  
[www.ocey.ca](http://www.ocey.ca) > Join the Club

Membership is very reasonable: Adult:  
\$30 per year  
Couple: \$50 per year

Our online application process accepts payment through PayPal (through your PayPal account or by credit card). Or you can send a cheque to the address below.

## GUESTS

Members are welcome to bring non-member guests to up to two OCEY events. After that, we would expect people to join the Club.

Please confirm their participation with the trip organizer prior to the event. Also ensure that your guest is properly equipped and fit enough for the level of difficulty. For accommodation, ski buses, theatre, etc., the member who is registering the guest will be responsible for a no-show of the reserved place/seat.

Non-members who would like to attend a trip but do not know an OCEY member should contact the Club at the [info@ocey.ca](mailto:info@ocey.ca) email address.

Everyone attending an OCEY event or trip must sign our waiver form and give emergency contact information.

## CONTACT US

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[info@ocey.ca](mailto:info@ocey.ca)

**Enjoy the Winter!**

## ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

### **Thursday November 23 2017 Retro Bowling! – ANOTHER LANE ADDED - BOOK NOW**

Danforth Bowl has been in operation since the 1950s. Six lanes, five pin - a "Canadian heritage moment" special! [www.danforthbowl.com](http://www.danforthbowl.com)

I've reserved half of those lanes for us, for two hours. If there is enough interest, I could get more.

### **Saturday November 25 2017 NEW Day Hike - Guild Park and Lakeshore**

It will be a four hour hike along the lake. Please bring enough water, food and extra clothes. If the weather permits, we will start and finish our hike with some stretching movements.

Bring your icers in case of very cold temperature.

### **Tuesday December 5 2017 skiing in Dunald Golf Course**

Tuesday morning Mills Rd and York mills Road.

### **Wednesday December 6 2017 Wednesday Evening Outdoor Skate & Pub**

We will be Skating at Greenwood Park this Wednesday.

### **Friday December 8 2017 Etobicoke School of the Arts Christmas Concert**

A not-to-be-missed event. Outstanding performances from the school's top students. The finale is the stirring Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. Rave reviews from OCEY members who have attended previously.

### **Saturday December 9 2017 Movie Night: "Holiday Inn"**

Enjoy a new (2016) Broadway musical, updating the 1942 Irving Berlin film! Jim Pinkham leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle in his Connecticut farmhouse ... but a talented schoolteacher, dance, music and double-crossing ensue.

### **Tuesday December 12 2017 skiing in Dunald Golf Course**

Tuesday morning cross country skiing for approximately 1 to 2 hours in the golf course around Don Mills Rd and York mills Road.

### **Wednesday December 13 2017 Evening Walk - A Merry Walk at Christmas**

Our annual walk of Lawrence Park viewing the elegant homes laden with colourful strings of lights, reindeer, joyful wreaths and other decorations traditional of the season. You can expect a spectacular display of lights. Reserve in advance.

### **Sunday December 17 2017 Hike on Humber Trail**

A lot of history on this trail which we will talk about. There are places on the trail where we can stop for lunch. Bring water, etc.

### **Tuesday December 19 2017 skiing in Dunald Golf Course**

Tuesday morning cross country skiing for approximately 1 to 2 hours in the golf course around Don Mills Rd and York mills Road.

### **Wednesday December 20 2017 Wednesday Evening Outdoor Skate & Pub**

We will be skating at Harbourfront with a pub stop at the Amsterdam pub next door, 235 Queens Quay W, Toronto, ON M5J 2G8.

Outdoor skating rinks in Toronto are the perfect opportunity to embrace winter and get outside.

### **Tuesday December 26 2017 skiing in Dunald Golf Course**

Tuesday morning at 9:15 am early cross country skiing for approximately 1 to 2 hours in the golf course around Don Mills Rd and York mills Road.

### **Tuesday December 26 2017 Skiing**

W1 Parking on TRCA map) - Albright Rd and Concession 6 new map  
<https://trca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/EDH-TrailGuideAutumnVersion-Oct-18-2016.pdf>

For more information on the program, including trip types, what to bring, etc. see *Sunday Car Pooling Events* here.

### **Wednesday December 27 2017 Wednesday Evening Outdoor Skate & Pub**

Outdoor skating rinks in Toronto are the perfect opportunity to embrace winter and get outside. Every Wednesday we plan to try skating in one of the many outdoor rinks around the city followed by an optional pub get together. The exact location of each outing and the leader will be posted on the website and sent out via the Updater.

**Friday December 29 2017 to Monday January 1 2018 New Year's 2017 with OCEY in Algonquin Park \*TRIP FULL WITH WAITING LIST**

Plan to join us for another fun filled active New Year's weekend celebration at the Wolfden Bunkhouse, starting from Friday

December 29th to January 1st. Activities include Skiing, Snowshoeing and Yoga. Dinner arrangement to be determined.

**Saturday January 6 2018 Ski Bus Cross-country Skiing or Snowshoeing GENERAL**

Joint outing with Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club (SCCSC).

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Scenic Caves Nordic Centre, <http://www.sceniccaves.com> NOTE: a reservation provides a seat on the bus to ski; not a guaranteed trip to a specific destination.

**Sunday January 7 2018 Snowshoeing/Skiing - winter outdoor picnic**

Please bring a holiday treat or drink to share on this hike. If the snow is good we will try to make our own maple candy.

Glen Major Forest Parking (between markers 22-24 on TRCA map) new

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**Wednesday January 10 2018 Wednesday Evening Outdoor Skate & Pub**

We will be Skating at Greenwood Park this Wednesday, 150 Greenwood Ave.

**Saturday January 13 2018 Restaurant Outing - Persian**

A club favourite - authentic Persian fare in a tranquil setting.

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### **Friday January 19 2018 Garnet Rogers Night at Hugh's Room**

A crowd pleasing dining experience is the perfect warm-up act to every performance at Hugh's room – one of Canada's premier live music venues.

Born in 1955, Garnet Rogers began his musical career in high school playing violin, flute and guitar with his older brother, Stan. Together, they went on to change the face of folk music in North America. Upon Stan's untimely death in 1983, Garnet set out on his own. He continues to write, record and tour all across Canada and the United States. See more at <http://hughsroomlive.com/event/garnet-rogers-7/>

### **Friday January 19 2018 Wanakita Weekend Cross-country Ski and Snowshoe**

Camp Wanakita is a YMCA outdoor centre 12 km south of Haliburton village. There is a main lodge with dining room and recreation facilities. We will have sole use of the Health Centre building which has rooms with 3 or 4 beds plus a common room, washrooms with showers and a kitchen. Wanakita provides a group facilitator dedicated to our group who will lead guided snowshoe or ski trips and offer some ski and/or snowshoe instruction. Skis and snowshoes are available for participants to borrow at no charge. The centre has 25 km of groomed cross-country ski trails and 25 km of snowshoeing trails as well as a skating rink, toboggan hills and an area for indoor games.

On Saturday night, there is a guided ski excursion to a fire pit.

### **Saturday January 20 2018 Ski Bus Cross-country Skiing or Snowshoeing**

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### **Wednesday January 24 2018 Beach trip to Cuba**

Beach Trip to Cuba

2 or 3 weeks in Cuba. We will stay at the beautiful Brisas Sierra Mar, Santiago De Cuba, all inclusive, just 75 minutes west from the major city of Santiago De Cuba. Activities include, hiking, cycling, snorkeling, kayaking, canoeing or just soaking up the sun on the prestige beach overlooking the Caribbean Sea. (*Note: This trip is outside Canada and is therefore a non-insurable OCEY Event under the club's General Liability policy. see page 7*) If you are interested, please get in touch with me for detailed information.

### **Thursday January 25 2018 Live Theatre: Trap for a Lonely Man**

"Trap for a Lonely Man" - another hit from Stage Centre Productions, at the Fairview Library Theatre. This psychological thriller was in the pipeline to be filmed by Alfred Hitchcock for Twentieth Century-Fox, with a cast of international stars, when the great director died.

### **Friday January 26 2018 Wolfden Weekend Skiing & Snowshoeing**

Another great opportunity to ski or snowshoe in Algonquin Park.

We will be staying at the Wolfden.

<http://wolfdenbunkhouse.com/>

[http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/visit/recreational\\_activites/skiing-in-algonquin-park.php](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/visit/recreational_activites/skiing-in-algonquin-park.php)

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Mansfield Outdoor Centre, [www.mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca](http://www.mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca).

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### **Sunday January 28 2018 Snowshoeing/Skiing**

Glen Major Forest Parking (between markers 22-24 on TRCA map) new

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### **Thursday February 1 2018 HEADS UP - PC Cooking School**

We're planning another one of these very popular dinner classes in February or March. Sessions and menus have not been announced yet. Check back here and the Updater for event details.

*NOTE: The Cooking School is not an allergy-free zone.*

### **Saturday February 3 2018 Ski Bus Cross-country Skiing or Snowshoeing**

#### **GENERAL**

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Horseshoe Cross Country Ski Centre, [www.horseshoeresort.com/ski/nordic](http://www.horseshoeresort.com/ski/nordic).

### **Sunday February 4 2018 Bata Shoe Museum Outing**

Come to this unique museum Sunday afternoon. We'll take a guided tour of the "Pleasures and Perils of Dress in the 19th Century", and wander the other exhibits. Then we'll walk to the Duke of York pub for drinks and food.

### **Sunday February 4 2018 Snowshoeing/Skiing Long Sault Conservation**

This area is always attractive any time of year so come and enjoy the ambiance. You will not be disappointed. We will return to the parking lot for lunch and then go on a short trail.

### **Wednesday February 7 2018 Skating**

New skating trail on track to open under Gardiner

### **Saturday February 10 2018 Restaurant Outing - Hakka Chinese**

An exotic blend of Chinese & Indian cuisine. Can be spicy or not. Complimentary mango sherbet is a delightful end to a delicious meal.

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Mansfield Outdoor Centre, [www.mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca](http://www.mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca).

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## **Sunday February 11 2018 Snowshoes - Oak Ridges Moraine Trail to the Pine Farms Orchard**

**Description:** This will be a beautiful Winter hike along the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail to the Pine Farms Orchard for lunch and return - approximately 10kms. Icecs or snowshoes are required.

**Directions coming from East:** Take 401 west to 404 north to Bloomington Road head west to Dufferin Street, turn right on Dufferin Street, heading north towards 16th Side Road. Parking is available on Dufferin Street at the start of the trail, approximately 500 meters south of 16th Side Road.

**Note:** Bloomington Road becomes 15th Sideroad

**Directions coming from West:** Take 401 east to 400 north to King Road, head east to Dufferin Street, turn left, heading north towards 16th Side Road. Parking is available on Dufferin Street at the start of the trail, approximately 500 meters south of 16th Side Road.

## **Wednesday February 14 2018 Wednesday Evening Outdoor Skate & Pub**

We will be Skating at Greenwood Park this Wednesday, 150 Greenwood Ave.

## **Thursday February 15 2018 Quebec Long Weekend Cross-country Ski and Snowshoe**

We will be staying 4 nights at the Chalet Beaumont Hostel above the Village of ValDavid about 80 km north of Montreal.

Accommodation will be in private rooms with 2 beds each and private or shared bathrooms. The hostel has a comfortable common room, solarium, full kitchen with food storage and laundry facilities. There is access to 70 km of cross-country ski trails and several nearby crosscountry areas with large trail networks that we will plan to visit. All areas have good opportunities for snowshoeing.

Within a 20 minute drive is a 10 km long return ice skating trail on a lake.

## **Saturday February 17 2018 16th Annual Winterfolk Festival**

This fantastic festival takes place from February 16-18, with lots of folk, blues and roots music in six clubs and restaurants along the Danforth near Broadview.  
Meet: TBA

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## **Monday February 19 2018 SKI FIVE WINDS TRAILS**

Ski the challenging Five Winds trails northwest of Gravenhurst. This will be an all day activity for intermediate skiers. Be prepared to break trail and contend with deep snow on narrow trails. No facilities.

## **Saturday February 24 2018 Ski Bus Cross-country Skiing or Snowshoeing**

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## **Sunday February 25 2018 Snowshoeing/Hiking**

Scotsdale Farm – 9km

From the farm, we will snowshoe along level trails in wooded forest and through valleys.

## **Wednesday February 28 2018 Wednesday Evening Outdoor Skate & Pub**

We will be Skating at Greenwood Park this Wednesday, 150 Greenwood Ave.

## **Friday March 2 2018 Killbear Weekend Cross-country Ski and Snowshoe**

Accommodation is in the park's staff lodge. Each cozy room has two single beds and there is an enormous kitchen for preparing and cooking our own food. There are also two comfortable lounge areas. If conditions permit, we can cross-country ski and snowshoe to our hearts' content, otherwise we will hike and enjoy the open air and lovely surroundings of this beautiful park. Food will be independent with a

potluck supper on Saturday. Payment must be received before your spot is confirmed. A bank e-transfer is preferred; if paying by cheque, please contact me via the details below.

### **Saturday March 3 2018 Restaurant Outing - First Nations comfort food**

Choices at this really interesting small restaurant include various dishes of elk/venison, bison, fish, Three Sisters soup (corn, beans and squash), wild rice salad, and Navaho/Indian tacos (meat or veggie).

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### **Sunday March 4 2018 Snowshoe/Skiing**

### **Saturday March 10 2018 Ski Bus Cross-country Skiing or Snowshoeing**

#### **GENERAL**

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Scenic Caves Nordic Centre, <http://www.sceniccaves.com>

### **Sunday March 11 2018 Snowshoeing/Skiing**

Crawford Lake / Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area - 10km

From the Crawford Lake visitor centre, we will snowshoe through the Nassagaweya Canyon.

### **Thursday March 15 2018 Retro Bowling!**

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### **Friday March 16 2018 Cottage Weekend Getaway near Frontenac Park**

Late winter ski/cycle/hike trip in Frontenac County. Cottage stay near Frontenac Park, Second Depot Lake Conservation Area and the K&P Trail. Recreational opportunities will depend on the weather. The family maple syrup operation will be up and running. The recently-built cottage has a well-equipped kitchen, wood-stove and 2.5 bathrooms.

### **Sunday March 18 2018 Urban Hike and Brunch**

We will begin our walk at Lawrence subway station and walk through parkland and neighbourhoods towards Yonge and Eglinton.

We will stop at a beautiful restaurant called Fresh for brunch. Great onion rings, burgers, bowls, beer and wine.

### **Saturday March 24 2018 Ski Awenda Provincial Park**

Don't put away those skis just yet. The ski trails at Awenda may still have some good snow. The terrain is relatively flat and there are excellent views of Georgian Bay from the crest of the Nipissing Bluff. Along the shore we may see the remains of unusual ice and snow formations. But if we must, then hike we will.

### **Friday March 30 2018 Day Hike - Mono Cliffs - 12 km**

I love Mono Cliffs because of the variety of terrain and the scenery which changes with each season. Our route this Saturday has us walking up a glacial spillway, through hardwood forests perhaps still covered with retreating snow. During this spring hike we walk along a cliff top where spectacular views are guaranteed and also along the perimeter of McCarston's Lake in this natural environment park.



