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Skiing

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With snow on the ground, we generally meet on **Saturday mornings** for skiing. With the region's superb set of cross-country ski trails, we focus on cross-country. Cross-country ski destinations are usually in [Gatineau Park](#) [1], the [NCC Greenbelt](#) [2], and other trails in the Ottawa area, such as the [Sir John A. Macdonald \(SJAM\) trail](#) [3] along the Ottawa River.

Several out-of-town weekend trips are usually [scheduled](#) [4] that include one or more of cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and/or snowshoeing.

Non-members are welcome on our trips; we ask for a small [participation fee](#) [5].

We usually meet just inside the **Sandy Hill Community Centre**. The Community Centre's address is 250 Somerset Street East, between Sweetland Avenue and Nelson Street; the parking lot and the back entrance where we meet are accessible from around the corner on Sweetland Avenue ([map](#) [6]).

Information about the state of the cross-country ski trails in Gatineau Park is available at the [National Capital Commission web site](#) [7].

For all events, please check the [event listings](#) [4] for details, as the meeting day, time, and location can vary. Please register by the departure time shown. Destinations will vary.

A level of difficulty is provided for each cross-country skiing trip:

- **L1:** Groomed/tracked trails, easy hills, distances up to 15 km
- **L2:** Groomed/tracked trails, more difficult hills, distances up to 25 km
- **L3:** Possible back country, challenging hills, distances up to 30 km
- **L4:** Exceeds L3

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Links

[1] <http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/cross-country-skiing>

[2] <http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/cross-country-skiing-greenbelt>

[3] <http://www.wintertrail.ca>

[4] <https://ottawaoutdoorclub.ca/club/../../../../schedule>

[5] <https://ottawaoutdoorclub.ca/club/../../../../trip/fees>

[6]
<http://maps.google.ca/maps?q=Community+Centre+near+Sandy+Hill,+Ottawa,+Ontario&hl=en&sll=45.425594,-75.678824&sspn=0.016069,0.026157&vpsrc=0&hq=Community+Centre&hnear=Sandy+Hill,+Ottawa,+Ottawa+Division,+Ontario&t=m&layer=c&cbll=45.42288,-75.677045&panoid=uTpKtfXjjmbJhZqrUc9KSA&cbp=11,277.43,,0,14.7&fll=45.421709,-75.678527&fspan=0.007274,0.026157&z=16>

[7] <http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/cross-country-skiing-in-gatineau-park>