

The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Programs

Rails-to-Trails - Jan 19



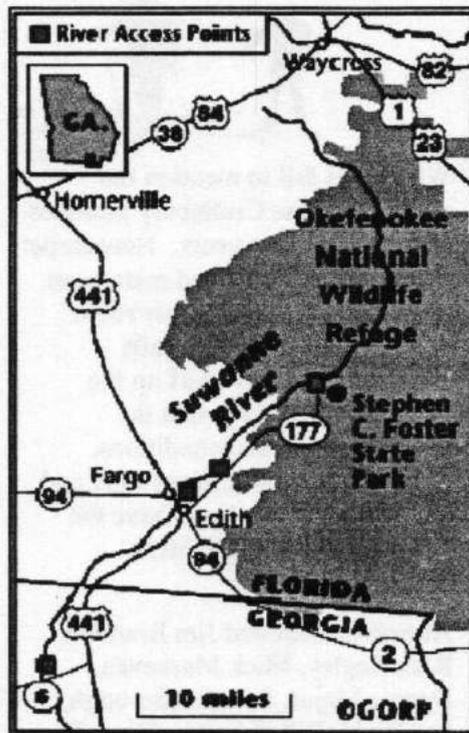
Rail-trails are multi-purpose public paths created from former railroad corridors. Flat or following a gentle grade, they traverse urban, suburban and rural America.

Ideal for many uses, such as bicycling, walking, horseback riding, in-line skating, cross-country skiing and wheelchair use, rail-trails are popular as recreation and transportation corridors. More than 9,000 miles of rail-trails have been created across the country. Rail-trails also serve as historic and wildlife conservation corridors, linking isolated parks and creating greenways through developed areas. They also may stimulate local economies by increasing tourism and promoting local business.

Join us as we welcome Jamie Bridges of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. He'll tell us about the current state of affairs, what's new and what still needs to be done to make these facilities available. 7:00 at the Wildware canoe shed!

Okefenokee Swamp & Alaska - Feb 16

The Okefenokee Swamp, legendary home of Pogo, is a large subtropical swamp in southeastern Georgia and northeastern Florida. The swamp covers a total area of about 684 sq miles and drains through the Suwanne River to the Gulf of Mexico and through the Saint Marys River to the Atlantic Ocean. A saucer-like depression lined with low ridges, the swamp contains more than 20 islands, numerous freshwater lakes, and about 93 sq miles of prairie.



Bob & Carol Alexander will show us slides of their trip through the Okefenokee Swamp.

In complete contrast, they will also have the photo album of their Alaska trip.

Join us for this north-south extravaganza!



Trip Sign-Up

There is still some room on the remaining trips. Even if the trips are full, you might want go on standby as there are sometimes last minute cancellations. Sign up soon to reserve your space!

Trip	Spaces
Crystal Lake	Several
Mystery Trip	Few
Laurel Highlands	Full
Inlet, NY	Few
Black Forest	Several
Lake Placid	Few
Tug Hill	Several

Trip Report

Craftsbury Millennium Trip *Bill & Sandy Stine et. al.*



Music, food, spirits, friends and the ceremonial "bonfire" ushered in new Millennium at Craftsbury Sports Center in Vermont. A light snow was falling as skiers hugged, made champagne toasts, sang Auld Lang Syne and performed the ritual tossing of not just one Christmas tree onto the fire, but twelve trees to symbolize the twelve months of the millennium year. It was a night, and a trip, to remember!

Club members arrived at their inaugural Y2K trip location via an assortment of carpooling arrangements. Most conspicuous among them was the "Big Van" and trailer rig piloted by Dave LeRoy. As Dave entertained the troops with his trailer-backing skills, the "Big Van" crowd told tales about the trip up. They apparently hit every golden arch along the way. The night in Cobleskill on the way up was reminiscent of years gone by, what with jamming four "strangers" in each motel room.

Although the snow was a bit sparse Wednesday afternoon, mother nature cooperated with an additional six inches of powder that night, making skiing the rest of the trip a genuine delight! Members availed themselves to both the Craftsbury trails and a Friday side trip to the von Trappe facility.

One ski back from Craftsbury Village involved at least two mysteries. The first was missing trail markers, resulting in a mix of walking, "real" cross-country skiing and snow mobile trails to find our way back to the trail. The second involved what Jim Brandon described as the sound of twenty feet of logging chain pulled rapidly through a knothole. We concluded the latter must have been those famous Craftsbury barking

frogs! (Bill Stine says that high fiber dining hall diet will catch up with you every time!)

Speaking of the dining hall, the most dangerous event of the trip was the shark-like feeding frenzy around the Ben & Jerry's "Chunky Fudge Caramel" ice cream on Saturday night.



We cannot fail to mention the upgrades to the Craftsbury facilities over the past two years. New carpet in the rooms, improved mattresses, an additional coed shower room downstairs and other details combined to really spiff up the atmosphere. Add to that the excellent trails and conditions, plentiful, tasty, nutritious food and good company and you have the ingredients for a delightful experience.

Attendees included Jim Brandon, Rick Begley, Mick Marhevka, Dennis Major, Pam Rosborough, Jan Diehl, Bill & Sandy Stine, Don & Luann Emert, the Durhams, Tim Musser, Bob & Carol Alexander,

Dave LeRoy, Nancy Kauhl, Candy Ney, Elaine Lehman, Jamie Hackman, Jeremy Martin, Nan O'Donnell, Krista Cessna & Joe.

Of course, the Millennium celebration was the highlight of the trip. Just prior to the midnight bonfire, club members attended a gala party at the dining hall. There were crackers, fresh fruit, cheese and BYO to fuel us. There were oldies CDs on the stereo to inspire us. And, there was wild dancing to entertain us. The dancing was lead by members of the New Jersey ski club who joined us. Highlight of the party was "Wild Jim" Brandon's demonstrations of the fine points of dancing the "Hoochy Goochy", the "Lawn Mower" and the "Chain Saw".



All the cross-country skis in the place had proved to be Y2K compliant. The only millennium bug suffered appeared to be Mick's new camera. After taking several photos just before midnight, the camera balked and displayed only an "E" where the date and picture counter should have been. Another club member helpfully pointed out that indicator actually meant that the film had rewound after taking the last picture in the roll just prior to midnight!

Word of the trip: You know that little wire used to attach your trail pass to your clothing? It's called a **bail** (bâil) noun - The arched, hooplike handle of a container, such as a pail.

Quote of the trip: Jeremy declaring his confidence before descending Bobcat at von Trappe: "Go big ... or go home!"

Coming Events

Just a reminder of the busy schedule we Kick'n Glider's keep.

Don't forget the meetings! Even if you can't get out on all the trips, we have great programs for you to enjoy. Remember ... 7:00 at the Wildware canoe shed.

For those of you who just can't get enough of your fellow skiers, the socials are an excellent opportunity to discuss upcoming trips and compare notes about the season while enjoying a light evening meal or beverage.

Mark your calendars!

Date	Activity
Jan 19	Rails-to-Trails - Mtg, 7:00 – Wildware Canoe Shed
Jan 21 - 23	Laughlin Lodge, Crystal Lake, PA – Extended Trip
Jan 28 – 30	Mystery Trip – Extended Trip
Jan 29	Laurel Highlands, PA – Day Trip
Feb 1	TGI Friday's - Social
Feb 5	Crystal Lake, PA – Day Trip
Feb 11 – 13	Laurel Highlands, PA – Extended Trip
Feb 12	Pinchot St. Park, PA – Day Trip
Feb 16	Okefenokee Swamp & Alaska Slides – Mtg – 7:00 – Wildware Canoe Shed
Feb 18 – 22	Rocky Point, Inlet, NY – Extended Trip
Feb 25 - 27	Black Forest, PA, Happy Acres – Extended Trip
Feb 26	Day Trip To Be Determined
Mar 3 – 7	Lake Placid, NY – Extended Trip
Mar 4	Lewistown Area, PA – Day Trip
Mar 7	Chi-Chi's - Social
Mar 17 - 20	Pioneer Lodge, Turin (Tug Hill), NY – Extended Trip
Mar 22	Elections & Trip Planning - Mtg
Apr 19	Recognition Banquet - Social



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- ❖ **Don't miss these Programs! See inside:**
 - **Rails-to-Trails program set for January 19.**
 - **Okefenokee Swamp & Alaska Slides on February 16.**

7:00 AT THE WILDWARE CANOE SHED.

- ❖ **Status of upcoming Extended Trips.**
- ❖ **Trip Report of the Millennium ...**

Craftsbury was great!