



The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Up-coming Events

December 18, 2024 – Holiday Party at Stine's

6:00 pm – Bill and Sandy are delighted to host the annual Kick 'n Glider Holiday Party. We will gather in their home at 1501 Bloomfield Way, Landisville, PA. Please join your fellow Kick 'n Gliders for this festive holiday gathering. It's a chance to meet new members, swap stories about past exploits on the ski trails, and plan for an exciting 2025 ski season.

- Bring a dish to share with others and a beverage of your choice.
- Car-pooling is encouraged as parking is tight in our community.
- Questions or problems? Call 717-471-6326.

Directions to the Stine's Home:

Google Maps and your phone know where 1501 Bloomfield Way address is but it does not yet appear on many other GPS navigation systems.

From the PA-722/Landisville exit on PA-283, 4 miles west of Lancaster:

- Turn onto State Rd following the sign toward Landisville
- Go 0.6 mi to the third traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Harrisburg Pike
- Go 0.3 mi and take the first LEFT onto Bowman Rd
- Go 0.6 mi and turn RIGHT onto Nissley Rd (sign for Landis Farm)
- Go 0.2 mi to a small traffic circle
- Our home is the corner property on the far-left quadrant of the circle.

January 7, 2025 – Social at Iron Hill Brewery

11:30 pm – This luncheon social will be held at Iron Hill Brewery, 101 W. Chocolate Avenue, Hershey (717-312-5164, ironhillbrewery.com). Please let Ed Cook (717-940-9657, tedsdad@aol.com) know if you plan to attend no later than January 3rd so he can confirm the reservation.

Possible Gift Idea

Do you know someone who has tried skiing, hasn't been able to get the hang of it, but you still want to share adventures in the snow? Maybe there is a product that can help. Roberta Strickler sent the editor an article from the February 10 -11, 2024, issue of the *Wall Street Journal* about the Snowfeet Mini Ski Skates (snowfeetstore.com). These short skis can be attached to any boot much like snowshoes but they allow the wearer to carve on ski slopes, glide over cross-country ski trails or fly down the sledding hills with a short learning curve. The Snowfeet products were developed in Europe and are built in the Czech Republic. However, they remind the editor of the short skis that our former club member, Tom Gibson, was developing years ago. Maybe he was on to something!



Snow Dance, Anyone?

We all remember winters in our past that were so much snowier than those we have been experiencing lately. The Appalachian Mountain Club's (AMC) *Outdoors Bulletin* of last December reported that AMC scientists, who use data collected over a long timeframe, found northeastern US winters are warming at a faster rate than spring, summer, or fall. Since 1917, New England has lost about three weeks of winter! This means that there are an average of 19 fewer days with snow covering the ground and 20 fewer "frost days" of 32°F or less. That does not bode well for those of us who rely on snowy conditions for our winter recreation. And those of us living in southcentral PA have long been familiar with the freeze-thaw cycle that is now becoming normal further north and affecting some of our favorite skiing venues.

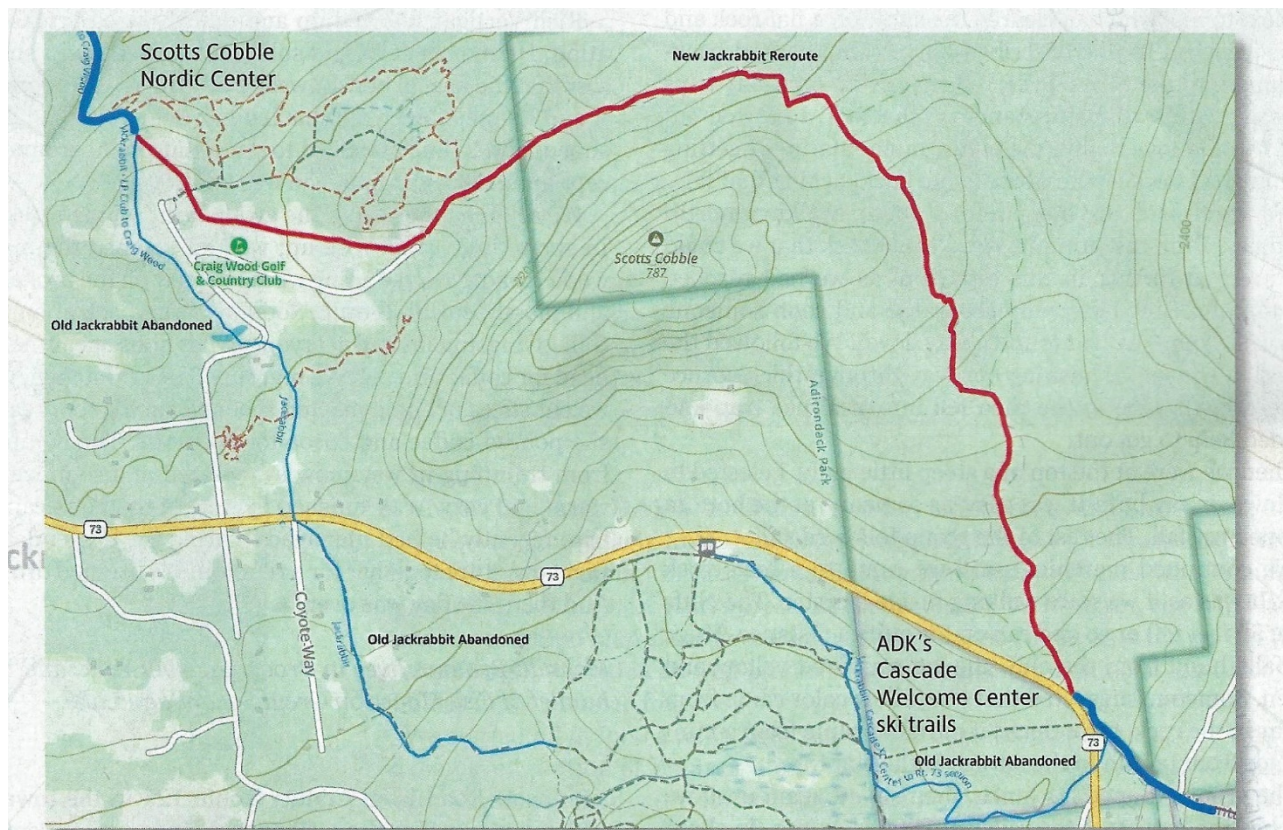
This same trend in Pennsylvania has led to the end of skiing at Crystal Lake Ski Center, as we learned through Pam Dunn in November (see email from Bill Stine on November 13, 2024). The lack of reliable snow at a location that seemed to miraculously always have snow 20 years ago is disheartening for sure. Many of us have great memories of skiing the wonderful trails at Crystal Lake. Remember, if you want a reminder to keep, Crystal Lake will be open on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, between 9 am and 4 pm for a sale of their ski equipment.





Did you know...

A portion of the Jackrabbit Ski Trail in North Elba, NY, has been recently rerouted and will be completed in time for this ski season. This trail winds through the greater Saranac Lake/Lake Placid area for more than 30 miles. A two-mile section between Scotts Cobble Nordic Center (located at the Craig Woods Golf Course) and ADK's Cascade Welcome Center has been rerouted to provide a more direct route for skiers touring between Lake Placid and Keene and eliminates the safety concerns of two crossings of State Route 73.



Note from ADK: Ski trails at Cascade Welcome Center are still accessible from the Jackrabbit Trail. There is no charge for ADK members at Cascade Welcome Center, but everyone must sign in.



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