

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I want to find out trail conditions and what's going on at the club?

Notices of specific events are regularly posted on the website banner at www.whalebacknordic.ca You can also check out specific topics of interest under tabs on the website such as: Trail Conditions, Jackrabbit Program and Events. We send Whaleback Newsletter Updates for members and friends. If you would like to be on this email list, contact g.oliver@nf.sympatico.ca

2. Can visitors rent skis and boots and use the trails?

Whaleback Nordic has rentals available at the chalet and the trails are open to nonmembers from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m during the week and from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on the weekend. Trail maps are also available at the chalet for \$1.00.

3. What time does grooming start in the morning and what trails are groomed first?

Grooming starts at 8:00 a.m. and normally the first trail groomed is Beaver Tail Flat for classic skiing. This trail is done with the snowmobile and a track-setter. At approximately 8:30 a.m. Kenny begins grooming with the BR-250 which grooms for both skating and classic skiing simultaneously. The first trail groomed with the BR-250 is the 2,5 km Foxtrot. Kenny then proceeds along Raven's Ridge and loops around the Snowy Owl, before coming back on Raven's Ridge, our main 5 km loop. The groomer continues along Raven's Ridge to Rendez-Vous and then proceeds to Abbey Road where he turns right on Abbey Road and down Deadly Descent before proceeding on to the Braveheart loop. After Braveheart is finished, he grooms Chickadee Hollow and then branches off on Oliver's Twist 2.7 km loop. The groomer then climbs Hayes Hump and heads back to the chalet via Abbey Road and Raven's Ridge. The groomer is usually back at the chalet before 11:30 a.m.

4. **I won a day pass for 2 for the Whaleback Nordic Ski Club, and I was wondering what time you open, and what time you close? What days are you open? And what is the cost for a new member?**

For a new adult member it costs \$125. (regularly \$155.) and that is for the season and includes the cost of rentals for the first year if you do not have your own skis. During the weekdays, the chalet is staffed by volunteers from 11:00 - 9:00 p.m. so if you dropped up before 11:00 a.m. there would be no one on duty. On the weekends the paid staff starts at 10:00 a.m. The chalet opens at 8:00 a.m. for members. If you become a member you may go in any time after 8:00 a.m. and take your rental skis and hit the trails. The trails are lit for night skiing until 9:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.. On the weekends the staff starts at 10:00 a.m. and are there until 6:00 p.m.

5. **Should I have my own ski equipment when I come to Whaleback Nordic? or do I have to rent equipment? A friend told me that the equipment was included with the price of membership. was she right?**

If you do not own your own equipment, the ski club will provide rentals for the first year. After the first year you are expected to buy your own equipment or pay for rentals by the day

6. **Can I borrow some ski equipment from the club?**

You must pay for rentals if you wish to borrow equipment, unless you are a first year new member (see above).