

Hot Springs, Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Lochsa Lodge Weekend 24 – 26 Feb, 2012

Hot spring dipping is a unique feature of this trip. There are 2 natural hot springs within 20 miles drive from Lochsa Lodge, Jerry Johnson and Weir. Both require a 1.5 mile ski/snowshoe from the highway.

Cross country ski and snowshoe trails are popular in the area. Some are groomed with varying levels of difficulty and some are un-groomed backcountry trails. Lolo Pass Winter Sports Area has groomed trails that offer a variety of length and difficulty. There are also trails that lead off the pass for those interested in backcountry snowshoe or ski experience. The Devoto Cedar Grove, near Lochsa Lodge is a 1 mile loop through a grove of 3,000 year old trees. Lochsa Lodge, apx 50 miles west of Missoula on US 12, is the center of activities for this trip.

If you have never cross country skied or snowshoed, this might be a great time to learn. We'll have instruction to get you started and pick up tips to keep improving.

Hot spring dipping is a great way to top off a day cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Lochsa Lodge has several springs nearby that we can visit.

Other sources of information:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/VisitorInfo/winter_rec/winter_rec.htm

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| Here's what you get for your trip fee... | Starts at \$80 (4 per cabin) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 nights lodging in a cabin at Lochsa Lodge (near Powell ID) - Transportation to/from Lochsa Lodge and to trailheads - Equipment (cross country skis or snowshoes) |
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| Itinerary | Friday, 24 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depart ODR at 5:00 pm to drive to Lochsa Lodge - Check in at Lochsa Lodge |
| | Saturday, 25 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross Country Ski/snowshoe on trails in area - Hot spring soaking |
| | Sunday, 26 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross Country Ski/snowshoe on trails in area - Check out by 11 am - Return to Malmstrom (arrive around 7 pm) |

Cabins have bathrooms, shower/tub, and HEAT. Specific bed/amenity configuration of varies.

Meals: No cooking is allowed in cabins. You can bring food that doesn't require cooking or eat in the Lochsa Lodge dining room. Recommend you bring something to fix a portable lunch, as we may be out on a trail at lunch time.

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| <p>If you designate who shares a cabin (1 – 4 family or friends), see chart for the per person trip fee.</p> <p>Individual Sign-up: If you do not have a “group,” the fee is \$80. Individual signups will share a cabin (gender may be mixed).</p> | The per person fee will be | | | |
| | 4 per cabin | 3 per cabin | 2 per cabin | 1 per cabin |
| | \$80 | \$97 | \$125 | \$210 |

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| Sign up now! | <p>The trip will be cancelled on 20 Feb, if the trip minimum number (6 participants) have not paid their deposit (\$40.00). The remainder of the trip fee must be paid by 20 Feb. After 20 Feb, any unreserved rooms are removed from our reservation. Sign-ups may be taken after 20 Feb if rooms are available. Group size is limited to 14.</p> |
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If you have further questions, call Jim at Outdoor Rec, 731-4202