



Five Winds Backcountry Ski Club

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Sanctioned Events

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The following document defines what events are Five Winds Backcountry Ski Club (hereinafter called the Club) sanctioned events. Traditionally the Club has focused on winter backcountry skiing and related trail clearing and social events. With the Club moving to year-round Club activities, the list of events have expanded. The table below list official Club sanctioned events held in Ontario, Canada, which are covered by our Club's insurance provider.

Description	Comments
Skiing	Backcountry, Trail, Telemark, track set and other types of cross country skiing
Snowshoeing	Trail and backcountry exploring
Trail maintenance	Chain saw activities with approved clothing, hand tools and procedures according to Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. These procedures are available on their website at http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety_haz/chainsaws/ During such activities, it is advisable to have at least one person on site who is qualified to administer first aid treatment and capable of developing an "emergency action plan" in the event of a serious accident.
Trail maintenance activities using a canoe/kayak/boat for access	Using a watercraft is only covered for trail maintenance activities. Life jackets and safety equipment required by law.
Snowmobiles and Trail-Grooming Equipment	The operation of all grooming equipment (i.e. motorized snow vehicles - including quad runners - and their trailers) is included in the policy providing this equipment is used by individuals experienced in their use and for a purpose directly related to essential club operations such as trail maintenance, safety or event management. However, at this time, our trails are deemed as non-motorized access.
Hiking, Walking	Urban or trail walking and backcountry exploring, orienteering
Overnight backpacking hiking and camping	All seasons
Social	Club meetings, AGM, BBQ, pub nights, recruitment, Information sessions (i.e. fall seminar), fund-raising activities, etc.
Road cycling training	Using helmets and appropriate cycling gear for the conditions



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Note 1: If you are not sure if your event fits the above description you could contact the event coordinator, webmaster, membership director, or Club's president for some advice before posting an official Club sanctioned event.

Note 2: Events not meeting the above cannot be posted as official/sanctioned Club events on the Club's website, however, other outside events can be posted for information purposes on the Google Group email but must include the following words,

“This event is NOT a Five Winds sanctioned event and is not covered by the Club's insurance provider, and the trip leader and Club's executive are not liable for any incident that might occur.”

Note 3: Club events can only be posted on the Club's website if led by Five Winds members with the appropriate skill set to safely run the outing.

Note 4: Other Club events can be posted on the Club's website for information purposes only.

Note 5: Use of personal automobiles. Liabilities that relate to the operation of an owned vehicle are excluded. It is important for individuals who use their vehicles for Club activities and particularly for carrying passengers to have adequate Third Party Automobile Liability Insurance. A minimum Third Party Automobile Liability of not less than \$1 million is recommended.