

Thunder Bay Trails News

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Newsletter of The Thunder Bay Trails Association

February 2001

Mission statement: *The mission of the Thunder Bay Trails Association is to promote and protect non-motorized trail systems in Alpena county and adjoining areas and reflect their recreational significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure to area citizens.*

- February 5, Monday, 7:00 p.m.—TBTA Monthly Meeting, ACC Center Building, room 104
- February 10, Saturday, 7:00 p.m., Norway Ridge Pathway—TBTA Candlelight Ski
- February—March, TBTA Membership Drive
- March 5, Monday, 7:00 p.m.—TBTA Monthly Meeting, ACC Center Building, room 106
- April 2, Monday, 7:00 p.m.—TBTA Monthly Meeting - election of new officers, ACC Center Building, room 106

TBTA on the Web:

www.ossineke.com/tbta



TBTA Revels in Winter Fun

The winter this year started off with a bang. For the first time in several years, Northeastern Michigan had abundant snowfall in December, lots of fresh powder, and ideal conditions for cross-country skiing at the area ski trails. One of the only problems that the trails group welcomed was the difficulty of trying to keep the area cross country ski trails groomed with all the fresh snow. While the month of January took a turn for the worst for winter enthusiasts, the TBTA is optimistic that



The TBTA Candlelight Ski has become a regular winter event and is regularly attended by over 100 people.

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Mother Nature cooperated and over 100 people joined in the outing by skiing the candlelit trail, enjoying the homemade cookies, and sitting by the warming fire. The event has become so popular that the TBTA has planned another candlelight ski for Saturday, February 10 at Norway Ridge Pathway. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include a candlelit ski loop, hot cocoa, tea, a warming fire and homemade cookies. Please plan to join in on the fun!

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TBTA Winter Events

The 3rd annual Candlelight Cross Country Ski at Norway Ridge Pathway on January 13 was again a well attended event.

We Need Your Membership Dues

It's that time of the year when we have to seek your financial support. The Thunder Bay Trails Association exists to promote, protect, and maintain NE Michigan's non-motorized trails. In the spring of 1997, Vince Call, TBTA President, spear-headed a movement to create the Thunder Bay Trails Association. Vince's founding belief was that our area's non-motorized trails were being overlooked, mismanaged, and were in danger of being lost for public use. The TBTA has acted as the public steward for such non-motorized trail systems as Norway Ridge Pathway, Chippewa Hills, and Negwegon State Park. The financial assistance and volunteer efforts of numerous people has helped to provide for annual trail work bees, bridge construction projects, ensure proper signs are in place, wood chipping of trails, cross country ski grooming, family recreational events, and assisting with keeping the public informed of our efforts. While some have provided 2001 membership dues, 80% of our past members have yet to submit them. We need your financial assistance to maintain our efforts with local trails. Please take the time to complete the attached form and send in your contribution. Thank you for your continued support!



Thunder Bay Trails Association

2700 Beebe Blvd.
Ossineke, MI 49766



TBTA 2001 Membership Application

Please take the time to fill out the form completely. This information will help to better assist our individual members needs and assist with planning and grant writing for trail maintenance and improvement.

Please send form to:
TBTA
2700 Beebe Blvd.
Ossineke, MI 49766

PLEASE PRINT!

Name: _____ **Names of Household Members:** _____

Street Address: _____

Thank You!!

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Work Phone Number:** (Optional) _____

Occupation: _____ **E-mail Address:** (Optional) _____

What activities do you participate in? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY!

- Hiking
- X-C Skiing
- Mtn. Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Running
- Nature Viewing
- Family Trail Walks

2001 Membership Dues:

Please check one category!

- Student \$5.00
- Individual \$15.00

- Household \$20.00

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Groomer Donation: \$ _____

Thunder Bay Trails Association is a 501 (C)3 non-profit organization. Donations and membership dues are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.