

# RA SKI & OUTDOOR CLUB

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More Than Just a Ski Club

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## RA SKI OPEN HOUSE

Let's reconnect this Fall to check out our 2025-2026 season's programs and activities! Keep reading this newsletter to get a taste for the items we have in store for Club members this season. Hope to meet you at the Open House to tell you more!

**Date:** We're still working on the date, and there are 3 possibilities:  
Tue. Nov. 6  
Thur. Nov. 8  
Wed. Nov. 13

Check our website [www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca) later for the details.

**Location:** RA Centre, Room TBD

## TIME TO RENEW!

If you signed up last year in August or September, it's time to renew your RA Ski Club membership to take full advantage of the great benefits offered.

Renew now if you're interested in any of: downhill, cross-country, snowshoeing, a weeklong ski trip, weekend ski trips, cycling, hiking, golfing, or theatre.

Returning members have already received info from the RA. New members contact the RA at 613-733-5100

## OTTAWA SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOW



**WHEN:** Sat. & Sun. Oct. 18 & 19

**WHERE:** EY Centre, 4899 Uplands Drive by the airport  
<https://ottawaskishow.com>

**COST:** It's free!

Drop in to say hi to us at the RA Ski & Outdoor Club booth.

The RA Ski Club is a member of the RA Centre – 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa K1H 7X7 - 733-5100 – [www.racentre.com](http://www.racentre.com)

# WEEKLONG 2026 – VAL GARDENA, ITALY

## January 23-31, 2026

Ski the Italian Alps and the famous Sella Ronda! An IKON destination.



**Registration CLOSES: Sunday, November 16 at NOON**

**Price:** Double \$4,499  
Single in a Double \$5,189  
Single \$4,794 (*limited-Sold Out*)

**Trip Information Package:** Full details are available at [https://www.raski.ca/images/2026\\_WEEKLONG\\_TRIP\\_INFORMATION.pdf](https://www.raski.ca/images/2026_WEEKLONG_TRIP_INFORMATION.pdf)

### REGISTRATION

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis, **subject to availability**, until November 16, via email - OR - in special circumstances, at the RA Centre East Desk along with payment details in an envelope clearly marked "To the attention of RA Ski - Weeklong Coordinator – Jaime Impey". Ensure that you have emailed the Coordinator to **advise the Coordinator** that you will be dropping it off to their attention off that the date and time submitted are written on your envelope by the desk staff.

### DETAILS

#### Standard Package includes:

- Round-trip private coach between Ottawa, Montreal
- Round-trip flights between Montreal & Munich
- Current flight taxes and fuel surcharges
- 1 carry-on, 1 checked luggage included
- Dedicated airport/hotel motor coach transfers
- Coach drivers' gratuities
- 7 nights' accommodation Hotel Dolomiti Madonna 3\*
- Half-board: Breakfast and 4-course Dinner daily
- Public ski transportation to Dolomiti ski areas
- 5-day Adult Dolomiti Super Ski Pass
- All local hotel taxes and resort fees

#### Options:

- Adult 5-day ski pass included
- Adult 6-day ski pass add \$ 90.00
- Senior (65+) 5-day ski pass deduct \$ 55.00
- Senior (65+) 6-day ski pass add \$ 25.00
- No lift pass or IKON holders deduct \$ 530.00
- Adult IKON 6<sup>th</sup> day add \$ 145.00
- Senior (65+) IKON 6<sup>th</sup> day add \$ 125.00
- Land Only <sup>[1]</sup> (no flights) deduct \$ 1,580.00
- Flight delay package add \$ inquire \*
- Insurance add \$ inquire \*
- \* Rates provided by Skican at time of booking

<sup>[1]</sup> Transfers to/from Ortisei will be provided if your flight times correspond with the group.

#### NOT Included in Price:

- Optional travel insurance
- Gratuities (*except coach transfers*)
- Items of a personal nature, bar or beverages, and other meals or services not specifically shown as included in package.
- Land transfer, if purchasing a Land Only <sup>[1]</sup>
- ETIAS not required, starts 2026 Q4.

### DESTINATION

Dolomiti Superski features an incredible range of on-piste trails, and delivers one high alpine glacier and miles of perfectly groomed trails great for families, beginners, and intermediates alike. When hunger strikes, the Italian alps stage is set for lavish long lunches, visions of vino, beautiful panoramic views, and multi-course dinners amongst the fabulously friendly locals. Ortisei, together with Santa Cristina and Selva, is one of the three municipalities of the Val Gardena, considered one of the most popular tourist destinations in South Tyrol because of its uniquely beautiful location and the hospitality of its inhabitants. Val Gardena is one of the 15 largest and one of the five best-rated cross-country skiing areas in Italy. As the main village of Val Gardena, Ortisei has a wonderful pedestrian zone with shops, cafés and restaurants.



**Jaime Impey**, Weeklong Coordinator  
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# DOWNHILL DAY TRIPS

As I sit writing this on a 30C day, it's hard to think that in three months we will be skiing. Last year, our downhill season got a great start on the first week of December, and we skied right through to mid-April. In fact, we actually got to ski our full planned ski calendar and a few dates after – something that we haven't been able to do in quite a few years due to early Spring weather. Let's hope for an early start this season and see if we can beat last season's run into Spring!!



**Camp Fortune, Mar 21, 2025**

Our downhill day program will get you up & down more hills and to more local destinations than any other ski club in town. Between our weekly Meet n'Ski days to all local hills, our "Fortune Fridays" destination to Camp Fortune where many of our members have season passes, and our last-minute "Pop-Up" destinations that take advantage of special offers, good ski conditions, or just the whimsy of one of our members that plans a fun-filled day....we'll have it all mapped out for you.



**"Fortune Fridays" March 14, 2025**

We also will be continuing our partnership with the Bytown Ski Club to offer five bus trips to Tremblant:

- Friday January 16th
- Friday January 30th
- Friday February 13th
- Friday February 27th
- Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>

We've realized that a lot of people don't know how much our ski & outdoor club has to offer, so look for us at the Ottawa Ski Show at the EY Centre October 18-19, 2025 and for our promotional material in sports stores and in other locations around town.

Help us spread the word !! We truly are "More than just a ski club "

Stay tuned for our full program.....

## 2025/26 SKIMAX TICKETS

Maximize your mountain experience and enjoy max savings! Your privileged relationship with Tremblant now brings you more than ever with savings of up to 44% off regular ticket prices! Tickets are valid every day of the 2025/26 ski season except from December 27, 2025, to January 2, 2026, and from February 14 to 20, 2026. Entirely transferable, you can share them with your family, friends and colleagues!

	<b>SKIMAX TICKETS</b>	<b>REGULAR RATE</b>
UNTIL OCT. 23/25	\$91/ticket	\$149
UNTIL DEC. 9/25	\$97/ticket	\$149

To order, go to:

<https://www.tremblant.ca/groups-business/skimax>  
and use code Mx-RASKI



**Bob Cavan, Downhill Chair, [downhill-2025@raski.ca](mailto:downhill-2025@raski.ca)**

# CROSS-COUNTRY

Our cross-country program features a variety of day trips on both weekends and weekdays.

We welcome skiers of all levels although skiers are expected to have some skiing experience. If you are looking for a way to consolidate what you have learned in your lessons or are looking for a friendly group to ski with, please join us. The first few outings are usually on easy trails to allow everyone to ease into the ski season. Gatineau Park does have hills so you should ensure that you can comfortably execute a snowplow stop and a snowplow turn before skiing there. The Greenbelt and urban trails are generally more forgiving in this respect.



Jan. 26 – XC ski to Pink Lake

We will be including outings in the Gatineau Park, the Greenbelt and on Ottawa urban trails. Depending on conditions, the cross-country day trips start in early December and run until early April. We will plan at least one outing per week.

Generally, weekday outings start at 10:30 and weekend outings at 10:00 (Saturday) and 12:00 (Sunday). There are occasional exceptions so always check the Facebook page or the RA Ski website before heading out. We will also add “pop-up” outings from time to time to take advantage of some good conditions. We meet at the trailheads. However, we will try to provide a carpool option from the RA Centre for those who need transportation.

We are also hoping to be able to offer a day trip destination outside of the Gatineau Park and Ottawa. If you have a favorite ski route, let us know and we can look at adding that into the mix.

## Cross-Country Ski Lessons

The RA Ski club does not offer cross-country ski lessons, but excellent lessons are offered at the Mooney’s Bay Cross-Country Ski Centre (through the City of Ottawa)

## Multi-Day Trip

We are currently working on returning to the Laurentians. This trip is being planned for sometime in February, 2026. Stay tuned for more information.



Feb. 2024 – Hiking at Far Hills Inn mid-week

## Gatineau Park Season Passes

The NCC eliminated group season pass options last year. The NCC does offer a very good early-bird price for the winter pass, so keep an eye on their website in early or mid-October <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/gatineau-park-winter-passes>

## Trip Leaders Needed

Finally, we need volunteers to lead our outings. If you are interested in leading a day trip, please send an email Mike concerning trip leader responsibilities. Please consider helping so that we can provide a good assortment of ski outings.



Louise Cameron & Mike Dewing, XC Co-Chairs,  
[xc-2025@raski.ca](mailto:xc-2025@raski.ca)

## HIKING & BIKING

Hello all you hiking and cycling enthusiasts! We are now embarking on the RA Ski Club FALL 2025 hiking and cycling schedule. Huge thanks to all our ski club volunteers who stepped up to lead hike or bike outings. Weather permitting, we will hike right through to November.



**May 21 – Hike on the Gatineau Cultural Trail**

Please remember to confirm your participation at [hikes-2025@raski.ca](mailto:hikes-2025@raski.ca). This helps the leader to know who and how many are coming. Bring water and dress appropriately for the weather and terrain. Enjoy and spread the word about the RA Ski Club with your friends.



**Aug. 20 – Osgood rail trail bike trip, visiting SunTech tomato plant**

### FALL SCHEDULE

**For all outings, please register at [hikes-2025@raski.ca](mailto:hikes-2025@raski.ca) the day before, so we can let you know of last-minute changes**

**We usually add trips as the season goes on, so keep checking the RA Ski Club website [www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca) or your Ski-Mail for updates.**

**Wed. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – HIKE – P6 – Off Old Richmond Rd. (Stoney Swamp West Green Belt) – 10:30 a.m.**

Meet in P6 parking lot and hike the trail. Lunch at Agha Turkish Restaurant, [agharestaurant.ca](http://agharestaurant.ca); 1 Roydon Place (near intersection of Hunt Club West and Merivale)  
Leaders: Diane Law and Rob Christie.

**Thurs. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – HIKE – Sir George Etienne Parkway along Ottawa River East**

Meet at P27. We will walk east along the Ottawa River and eventually take the upper bike path east to a lovely lookout (photo stop) over the Ottawa river. Return to P27 for hopefully lunch in Canotek Industrial Park. (6 km. approx.)  
Leader: Marie-Reine Fournier

**Wed. Sept. 17 – BIKE - 10:30 a.m. Prescott- Russell Bike Trail**

Meet at the Russell Curling Club - 1076 Concession St. Russell, ON (main street of Russell) at 10:30 a.m. for a short cycle followed by a barbeque lunch and drinks at Gord Chamberlain's home.

More information at:

<https://www.google.com/gasearch?q=russell%20curling%20club&source=sh/x/gm2/5#ebo=0> and [https://en.prescott-russell.on.ca/discover/cycling\\_and\\_walking\\_network](https://en.prescott-russell.on.ca/discover/cycling_and_walking_network)

Leader: Gord Chamberlain.

**Friday, Sept. 26 – HIKE – Gatineau Park – P7 to King Mountain – 10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a stunning view of the valley below from King Mountain. Meet leader Mike Dewing in P7 parking lot at 10:30 for a hike along trail 8 to Champlain Pkwy and from there up King Mountain (6.6 km. and elevation of 233 metres). Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the top.  
Leader: Mike Dewing.

**Thurs. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – BIKE – Moussette Park to Aylmer Marina**

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Moussette Park, Gatineau..  
Leader – Chris Hutton

**Tues. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – BIKE – 10:30 a.m. Rockcliffe Park - Bike Tour of 9/11 Memorials in Ottawa** (Beechwood, City Hall and American Embassy) for victims of 9/11 attack on World Trade Centre.

Leader: Bob Cavan.

## SOCIAL

### Sat. Oct. 11th – HIKE – Poets' Pathway Stage 5: Rideau Sports Centre, 1 Donald St. to Grasshopper Hill Park, 1609 Kilborn Ave.

Meet at Grasshopper Hill Park at 10 a.m. Lunch or coffee at Green Bean Café. (Length – 7 kms).

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/42593931> Carpooling involved.

Leader: Chris Hayes

### Wed. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – HIKE – Poet Pathways – Stage 6: Riverain Park, 400 North River Rd to Beechwood Cemetery.

Meet at Beechwood Cemetery at 10 a.m. Lunch or coffee at nearby restaurant (distance – 7 km). Carpooling involved.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/52291990>

Leader: Chris Hayes

### Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – HIKE – Gatineau Culture Walk 10:30 a.m.

Meet at ticket desk at Museum of History. The Gatineau Culture Trail is an urban pathway that connects outdoor artworks, points of interest and exhibition and entertainment spaces (new artworks now available). Lunch at Museum of History cafeteria. Parking - \$13 daily maximum at Museum. (5 km.)

Leader: Chris Hayes

### Thurs. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – HIKE – 10:30 a.m. Relais Plein Air (Gatineau Park – P2) to Pink Lake.

Lunch at Relais canteen. Leader: Bob Cavan

### Wed. Nov. 05 – HIKE – P11 – Gatineau Park – Carbide Willson Ruins

Meet at 10:30 a.m. in P11 parking lot (Meech Lake) to hike to Carbide Ruins. Bring a lunch. Leader: Chris Hutton

### Wed. Nov.12 – HIKE - RA Centre to Fletcher Gardens & Arboretum Leader: Bob Cavan



Jane Maxwell, Hiking & Biking Chair, [hikes-2025@raski.ca](mailto:hikes-2025@raski.ca)

In spite of not having a Social Chair to organise our social events, we managed to schedule two nights of theatre-in-the-park, and also attended two Ottawa Titans baseball games.

### Company of Fools “Comedy of Errors”

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, seven of us enjoyed a perfect night for outdoor theatre in Strathcona Park - warm, clear skies and no rain. This year's Company of Fools Shakespeare production was "Comedy of Errors". The play was about two sets of twins separated young, who re-unite later in life - a zany version of the bard's classic play.

After, we headed to Father & Son's pub by Ottawa U.



July 14 – Company of Fools “Comedy of Errors”

### Odyssey Theatre “A Girl with No Hands”

Eight of us enjoyed the Odyssey Theatre's production in Strathcona Park on August 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a perfect evening for outdoor theatre - no rain and a pleasant temperature.

The play is about a heroine who was angry and forced to find her own path, rather than a damsel in distress that must rely on the kindness of men to save her, as is generally the case in traditional fairy tales. On the verge of desperation, the handless maiden ventures into an imaginative world to discover her self worth.

After, we went to the Father & Son's pub, however it was closed. My iPhone lied to me, saying the pub was open to midnight.



**Aug. 5 - Odyssey Theatre "A Girl with No Hands"**



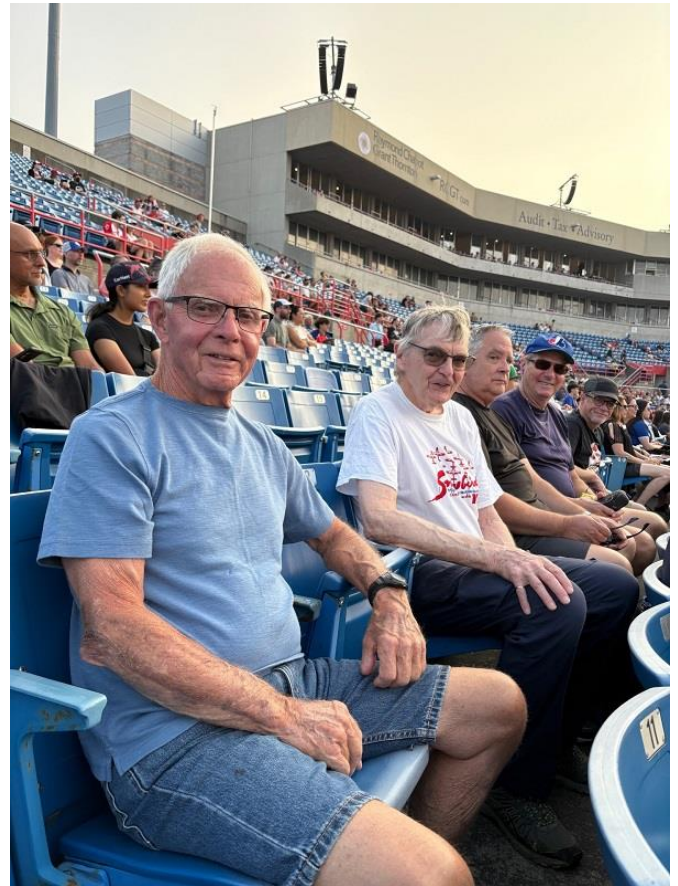
**Aug. 5 – Watching Odyssey Theatre in Strathcona Park**

### **Ottawa Titans Baseball**

The ski club attended two Ottawa Titans baseball games this summer.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, four of us watched the Titans beat New Jersey Jackals 7-3 at the RCGT stadium.

On Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, eight of us had a fun evening watching the Ottawa Titans.. Unfortunately the Titans were clobbered by Quebec City Capitales 11-3. However, it was fun to watch the game with seven other RA Ski friends. Topping it off was a fireworks display at the end of the game.



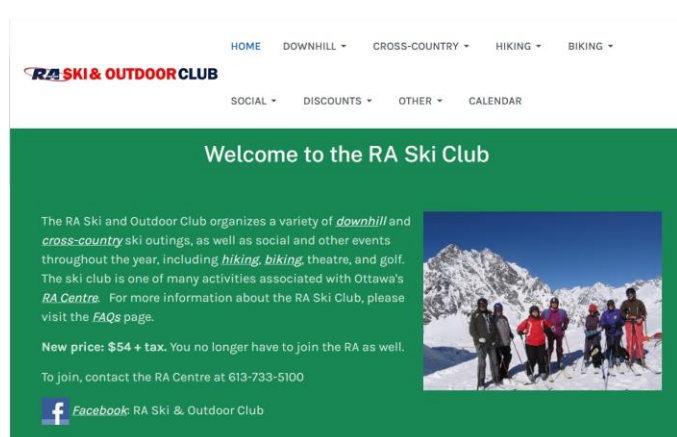
**Aug. 8 – Watching Ottawa Titans baseball**



**Aug. 8 – Fireworks after the Titans game.**

## RA SKI WEBSITE

Our amazing RA Ski website contains everything you wanted to know about the ski club, but were afraid to ask.



Check it out! [www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca)

## UPDATES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You can find or receive news and updates about Club activities through a number of methods:

- **SKI-MAIL**

Find out about last-minute additions or changes, club news, and upcoming events, by subscribing to Ski-Mail, our e-mail newsletter.

Send an email to: [RASkiClub+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:RASkiClub+subscribe@groups.io) using the email address you wish email to be sent to.

- **WEBSITE**

[www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca)

Our website covers everything you wanted to know about the RA Ski Club, but were afraid to ask. Last-minute updates to all of our activities are covered in the "Upcoming Events" section.

- **FACEBOOK**



Visit us on Facebook to learn about upcoming events, read members' comments, and much more! Go to **RA Ski and Snowboard Club of Ottawa** and ask to join.

## PHOTOS & TRIP REPORTS

Photos and trip reports from most of our outings are on the RA Ski web site, [www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca).

### TRIP REPORTS

The latest downhill, cross-country, hiking & biking trip reports are put on our web site [www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca). Click on "Trip Reports".

### PHOTOS

For photos, go to [www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca) and click on "Photos", then on the appropriate album ("Cross-country", "Downhill", "Snowshoeing", or "Biking Hiking and Skating".) To see the photo larger, double-click on it.

#### To see the photos as a slideshow:

1. Double-click on the little square icon on the top right under the number of photos. Wait a few seconds and the slideshow will start. Click on the right arrow to advance to the next slide.

#### Downloading photos:

1. Double-click on the photo.
2. On the bottom right, click on the down arrow with the bar underneath it.
3. Click on the size you want (i.e., "Original".)
4. Click on "Save File", then click on "OK."

Your file will be downloaded to your directory "Downloads."



Jan. 31 – Feb. 9 – Weeklong trip to Chamonix, France

## DISCOUNTS

Our club has the power of group purchasing to obtain discounts at many local ski hills, sports stores, and other venues. Check out the current offerings at [www.raski.ca/discounts](http://www.raski.ca/discounts) and make any suggestions for other discounts to your Club Council.

The more places we get...the more we save.

**Bob Cavan**, Downhill Day Chair, [downhill-2025@raski.ca](mailto:downhill-2025@raski.ca)

## MORE PHOTOS



May 10 – Hike along Rideau River



June 7 – Tour of Governor-General's residence & greenhouses



June 7 – At Tavern on the Falls after GG tour



May 21 – Hike, Gatineau cultural trail



May 29 – Hike to Madahoki farm



June 14 – Hike, Poet's Pathway, Stage 1



**June 25 – Mud Lake hike**



**Aug. 20 – Biking on Osgoode trail, and visiting SunTech tomato plant**



**June 27 – Titans baseball game**



**Aug. 23 – Walk to ambassadors' homes**



**July 23 – Hike, Poet's Pathway, Stage 2**



**Aug. 23 – Spanish ambassador's home on tour of ambassadors' residences**



**Jan. 24 – Fortune Friday**



**Jan. 31-Feb. 9: Courmayeur, Italy - Weeklong trip to Chamonix, France**



**Jan. 30 – XC Ski on Chelsea railway track**



**Feb. 6 – XC ski on Heritage Trail East**



**Jan. 31-Feb. 9 – Weeklong trip to Chamonix, France**



**Mar. 8 – XC ski to Lusk cabin**