

# RASki & Outdoor Club

## SPRING ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY

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Now that the snow is gone (what, already?), the RA Ski & Outdoor Club has changed gears and started our Spring and Summer programs. What do we do off-season?

### HIKING

We schedule a number of popular hikes in Spring and Fall, generally to Gatineau Park or on trails in the NCC Greenbelt. Pick from easy to moderate outings, pack a day sack with your hat, sunscreen, windbreaker, water, and a small snack, and you are good to go!



### CYCLING

We are leisurely cyclists, and take time to smell the flowers. If you are training for the Olympics, there are other clubs for you. Generally, we travel the bike paths in the National Capital region or head out for a remote start along the Seaway, for example. However, one of our favourites to kick-start the season is Roger's RODDLE (a Ride at the pace of a TODDLE.). Roger leads us from Burritt's Rapids to Merrickville, where he conducts our scavenger hunt to find landmarks around the town.)



## **SOCIAL OUTINGS**

**GOLF** - We organize social rounds of golf a few of times a year, from Nine-and-Dines to a full 18 before the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. The requirements to join us are pretty low. If you know which end of the club to hold, you qualify.

**THEATRE-IN-THE PARK** - We support and enjoy our two local theatre companies that offer an evening of outdoor theatre in the city's parks, and gather at a nearby location for post-theatre reviews and a refreshing beverage.

**OTHER** - Monitor our webpage ([www.raski.ca](http://www.raski.ca)) for cultural outings to museums, trips to see the Ottawa Titans baseball team, or the odd Pub night on a sunny patio. More items will pop up as the weather warms up.

## **SKIING**

And of course, we ski - we run full downhill and cross-country programs. Our downhill members get together at a local ski hill once or twice a week and we schedule a couple of bus trips further afield. Our annual weeklong trip visits Europe, western Canada or the US. We also plan a mid-week trip in eastern Canada or US. This year we enjoyed the offerings of Lake Placid, NY.

Our cross-country members ski weekly either in Gatineau Park or on the nice, flat trail networks in Ottawa or the NCC Greenbelt. Snowshoers are welcome to join us at any venue that has snowshoe trails.

## **Come join the fun!**

It's only \$54 + tax to become a year long member. No bitcoins please. Sign up at the RA's East Wing desk, or phone 613-733-5100.