An Introduction to Backcountry Skiing

A two-day, two-night P.E. course offered by the DOC: Friday p.m. Jan. 16th – Sunday p.m. Jan. 18th (MLK weekend)

— For advanced skiers new to the backcountry or looking for more backcountry experience —





Beyond The Boundaries...

Heard of backcountry skiing? Curious?

Want to ski new terrain, avoid the crowds, and enjoy the beauty of New England's mountains cloaked in snow?

Looking for the knowledge, skills, and experience to start exploring the backcountry during the long Hanover winter?

Join us for a two-day, two-night PE course that will give you the foundation needed to enjoy the backcountry, before the snow starts piling up in February and March. **No prior backcountry experience necessary.**

Course topics covered on-snow and during the evenings will include gear selection and use, basic snow skills, expedition prep, and backcountry travel, navigation, and decision-making, as well as risk management and emergency response in the backcountry. Our two days will be spent skinning, skiing, and doing on-snow skills practice while exploring backcountry terrain in the Greens (VT) or Whites (NH). Location TBD based on snow conditions. **All necessary gear** (except for ski boots and helmets) **can be provided by the DOC.**

Participants should be able to ski all resort terrain comfortably and confidently. If you're not sure whether the terrain we'll ski in this course will be a good fit for you, please blitz us! We're happy to help you figure that out.

- The Winter Sports Club of the DOC

Note: The course includes a mandatory gear session prior to the trip, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15^{th} , 6-8 pm.







For more information or to request an application, blitz F. Charles. Governali. 12@dartmouth.edu and Benjamin.P. Bauer. 15@dartmouth.edu. Please note, the course size is extremely limited and may fill quickly.