



## The Silver Ice Axe

The Newsletter of the Jasper/Hinton Section of the Alpine Club of Canada

Winter 2021

### Jasper Hinton Section Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jasper-Hinton-Alpine-Club-of-Canada/164972823530538>

You can use this link to follow the section, post “short notice” trips that may not be on the schedule, post pictures and stories of trips you have done, and to follow the section.

We have a new website! Check it out. <http://accjasperhinton.ca/>

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### Message from the President

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With the second wave of Covid seemingly on our doorstep, it's with trepidation that we move towards another level of 'old normal' and offer trips again to our section members. I can't say enough about our section executive in collectively making some key decisions in our effort to balance our community's health and to have some good hearted adventure out there. I am proud to be working with such a great group of people!

Flexibility seems like a key word these days. As we move towards winter, remember things can change on us. Our volunteer leaders do an incredible job. Respect our volunteer leaders by helping each other manage Covid 19 appropriately and expect that planned trips may need to change with our continually evolving pandemic.

I wish everyone good health as we enjoy the mountains we all call home!

Sincerely,

Matt Reynolds

November 2020

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### **Covid 19 Information**

Trips may vary and depend on the present health and safety considerations, dependant on the province at the time of your trip. Please review ACC declarations at the time of booking your trips and in the end it will depend solely on the trip leader as to how the trip will be managed.

Please be respectful of your Leader, the other participants, and follow the guidelines that each trip leader uses for their trip.

Unless otherwise noted, please come prepared with your own Personal Protective equipment, (mask, sanitizer) so that we are prepared if the PPE is needed.

**As well, please see this link, which though is related to hut bookings, the last 2 paragraphs apply to bookings for any trip either local section or main club.**

[https://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/web/ACCMember/Huts/Booking\\_Huts\\_Info/ACCMember/Huts/Booking\\_Huts\\_Summer\\_2020.aspx?hkey=bc5b0d9b-48d8-4e66-a65d-68c40648dfb7](https://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/web/ACCMember/Huts/Booking_Huts_Info/ACCMember/Huts/Booking_Huts_Summer_2020.aspx?hkey=bc5b0d9b-48d8-4e66-a65d-68c40648dfb7)

**This link gives the latest Covid up (June 2020) which was found on the ACC's main page.**

[https://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/web/ACCMember/About/ACC\\_coronavirus\\_information.aspx?WebsiteKey=e91345b4-1931-469d-b925-88d675724e63](https://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/web/ACCMember/About/ACC_coronavirus_information.aspx?WebsiteKey=e91345b4-1931-469d-b925-88d675724e63)

The new ACC waiver updated in 2020 will be used for all section trips, which includes a Covid update.

### **2021 Winter Schedule**

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The following trips are filled on a first call first in basis. **Please contact leaders one to two weeks before the trip.** Volunteers lead all trips. **The exact date for the trip may**

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**change due to the leader's commitments.** For liability protection, each participant must sign a waiver.

Be sure to ask section leaders what other equipment may be necessary. Some section equipment is available on loan for club outings.

**October 11/20**                      **Fossil Ridge- a strenuous uphill hike to the ridge top, Interesting walk through the ancient beach.**  
Wayne Campbell                      [htcmaint@yahoo.ca](mailto:htcmaint@yahoo.ca)

**October 29, 2020**                      **A trailhead beacon check/ companion rescue scenario 7 p.m in Centennial Park**  
Jocelyn Nadeau                      [jocenade@gmail.com](mailto:jocenade@gmail.com)

**November 19/20**                      **Beacon and crevasse rescue practice in Hinton.**  
Wayne Campbell                      [htcmaint@yahoo.ca](mailto:htcmaint@yahoo.ca)

**December 1-3, 2020**                      **Jacque Lake cabin (tentative)**  
Description: 2 night stay. Tuesday Dec 1 – Dec.3  
Skill level: moderate to intermediate  
Leader: Claire Levesque  
780 223 4498                      [claire.levesque@telus.net](mailto:claire.levesque@telus.net)

**December 5, 2020**                      **Intro to multipitch Ice climbing**  
Jocelyn Nadeau                      [jocenade@gmail.com](mailto:jocenade@gmail.com)

**December 15th 2020**                      **Bust out your beacons!**  
An evening session of beacon practice to brush up on those important skills for the season. Previous beacon training and basic knowledge required, this is about collective knowledge, discussions and practice, not a guided course. . A side of social following at the pub.  
Isobel Phoebus and Sarah Ray    [isobelphoebus@gmail.com](mailto:isobelphoebus@gmail.com)

**December 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**                      **Opal Hills area ski tour**  
Based on conditions, we may ascend the ridge and do the surprise valley loop, or head up to the opal hills area to ascend a ridge directly north of Opal mountain.  
Contact:                      [igoodge@hotmail.com](mailto:igoodge@hotmail.com)

**December 28/20**                      **Easy ski-snowshoe to Kinney Lake to burn off some turkey.**  
Wayne Campbell                      [htcmaint@yahoo.ca](mailto:htcmaint@yahoo.ca)

**January 6th 2021**                      **Ski touring exploration of the Joachim valley**

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Description: Enjoy the beauty of Joachim Valley, and have lunch at the new cabin built by Mark Deagle.

Skill level: moderate to intermediate

Leader: Claire Levesque

780 223 4498

[claire.levesque@telus.net](mailto:claire.levesque@telus.net)

**January 10th 2021                      Starry night ski sesh**

Description: Enjoying the darkness of winter on a late evening ski along Pyramid Lake Road. Bring your toques and hot coco!

Where: Pyramid and Patricia Lakes or Pyramid Lake Road

Isobel Phoebus

[isobelphoebus@gmail.com](mailto:isobelphoebus@gmail.com)

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 2021                      Tangle ridge/Wilcox pass area ski tour**

We will ascend the valley between Wilcox mountain and Tangle Ridge for some exploration and the possibility of good glade skiing.

Contact:

[igoodge@hotmail.com](mailto:igoodge@hotmail.com)

**January 30/2021**

Wayne Campbell

**Fossil Ridge to Surprise Valley Loop. Difficult.**

[htcmaint@yahoo.ca](mailto:htcmaint@yahoo.ca)

**February 3/2021**

Skill level: moderate to intermediate

Leader: Claire Levesque

780 223 4498

**Snowshoeing to Heart canyon**

[claire.levesque@telus.net](mailto:claire.levesque@telus.net)

**February 15/21**

Wayne Campbell

**Easy Family Day snowshoe in William Switzer Park.**

[htcmaint@yahoo.ca](mailto:htcmaint@yahoo.ca)

**February 23rd 2021**

An evening session of crevasse rescue practice to

remember and work on what you've learned in the past. Previous

crevasse rescue training and basic knowledge required, this is about

collective knowledge, discussions and practice, not a guided course. A

side of social following at the pub.

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**Pulling out from the abyss.**

**March 6/21**

Wayne Campbell

**Moderate ski tour over Marmot Pass and down Portal Creek.**

[htcmaint@yahoo.ca](mailto:htcmaint@yahoo.ca)

**March 9th 2021**

snowshoe session up Wilcox pass to enjoy the alpine and

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**Wilcox pass pursuit**

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the Athabasca glacier views.  
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**April 3/21**  
Wayne Campbell

**Ski tour over the Lectern loop. Difficult.**  
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### **GUIDELINES FOR TRIP PARTICIPANTS**

Amateur volunteer hikers, skiers and climbers coordinate all trips listed in the Jasper-Hinton Section's trip schedule. When on a trip, participants must act in a manner that is safe and responsible and participants are expected to bring the equipment requested by the trip leader. Participants should find out the requirements and demands of the trip well in advance by asking the leader and researching the trip in guidebooks and other literature. Further guidelines for participants are listed below.

1. Be prepared to complete an insurance waiver form.
2. You must be a member of the Alpine Club of Canada to join a trip.
3. Sign up for trips that will challenge you, but are not beyond your abilities. If unsure, ask the trip leader and tell them your experience and fitness level – **be honest**. People inexperienced in the mountains should start with easier trips.
4. Learn about the trip before you attend (which route, number of kilometers, amount of vertical gain/loss, type of terrain, length of day, etc.).
5. Give as much notice as possible to the Trip Leader if you are unable to go on the trip. There are often waiting lists of other members who would like to go.
6. Ensure that you have the right equipment and that it is in good repair.
7. For winter trips, make sure that you are using a digital avalanche transceiver and that it is in good working order. Single antenna (analog) transceivers are not acceptable.
8. Bring your helmet on all moderate and difficult scrambles, alpine, rock and ice climbs. Leaders may ask you to bring your helmet on certain ski trips as well.
9. Offer to drive, share expenses and be prepared to carry a part of the "group gear" (ropes, etc). The trip leader has often invested considerable time prior to the trip, investigating the route, reviewing the avalanche hazard, etc. and is often supplying his/her own equipment. Show your appreciation for this effort.

### **Section Executive**

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Matt Reynolds

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