

North Star News

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WINTER IS HERE!

On December 1st, a huge winter storm went through northeast WI, ripping up shorelines and leaving approximately 10" of very heavy, wet snow in its wake. Newport's trails took a hit, as trees snapped and limbs bent under the weight of it all.

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What's Happening?

Though the snow came early this winter, December is generally a quiet month at the park. For this reason, this issue of the North Star News will cover December and January.



There are a few events coming up to take note of. Appropriately, the first one is the **First Day Hike** being held January 1st, 2020. On New Year's Day, America's State Parks have all 50 states offering free, guided First Day Hike Programs. These hikes provide a means for individuals and families to welcome the coming year in the outdoors, exercising and connecting with nature. This is the ninth year that Wisconsin state parks are participating in this national event.

- **WHERE:** Fern Trail, Parking Lot 3. This is an easy, 1.2 mile loop.
- **TIME:** 9:00 am
- **WHAT TO BRING:** Poles, walking sticks (snow shoes or Yak Tracks if conditions warrant)

There will be refreshments following the hike in the Nature Center. Please join us!

The next event to look forward to is our **30th Annual Candlelight Ski**. If you've never experienced this magical winter event, you are truly missing out.

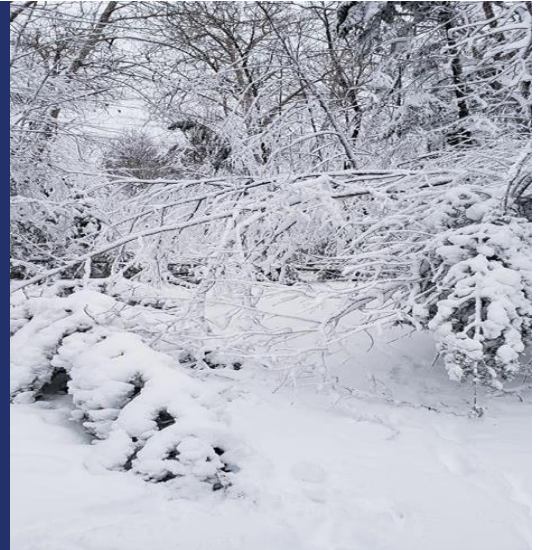
- **WHEN:** Saturday, February 8th
- **WHERE:** Fern/Europe Bay Loop, Parking Lot 3
- **TIME:** 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Finish your evening by the fire with cookies and hot cocoa, served in the shelter building.

Volunteers needed! Contact Karen Studebaker: kks189@tigereye.com

NOTE: 2020 WI State Park Stickers are now available!

Newport Storm Damage



On December 1st, winter hit with a vengeance. The extremely heavy, wet snow wreaked havoc at Newport. With trees and limbs snapped off from the sheer weight of the snow to small trees and branches completely bent over, most, if not all trails were impassable. The beach areas took a beating. The park was also without power for 36 hours. Park manager Michelle Hefty commented that she has never seen anything like this in her 30 years here.

Headed by volunteer Mark Glasser, teams are out almost daily clearing trails. This will be an ongoing project, though they have made amazing headway. We thank all of our volunteers, as it would be impossible to do this without you.

"Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake."

~ Sara Raasch



Newport Beach looking north - December 1, 2019

Take a moment to read over the list of our business members. We appreciate their support, so please give them yours.

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- Wagon Trail Campground
- Washington Island Ferry



Trail and camp site damage



Some of our hardy volunteers!

Linda Glasser, Mark Glasser, Mary O'Grady, Debbie Wolfe, Lester Keeper

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