

SKI THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO - JANUARY 2011

Thunder Bay is on the north shore of Lake Superior, 350 road miles from the Twin Cities. This ski-crazy community is an easy and relatively inexpensive foreign trip. In short, it'll be a week of skiing, a motel stay, meals in restaurants, and carpooling.

Dates: January 30 (Saturday) to February 4 (Friday), 2011 (6 nights)

Accommodations: Best Western Nor' Western Resort in Thunder Bay, 2080 Hwy 61, Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1B8. Tel. 807-473-9123 (-2455). A block of rooms have been designated for "North Stars" at a rate of C\$88 plus tax per night. Rooms have two double beds and can accommodate up to 4 persons at the guaranteed rate. Trippers are responsible for making their own reservations and for canceling if necessary. Breakfast is not included but the hotel has a decent restaurant on site for BL & D. And, our motel is only 1 km from one of the premiere local ski areas, Kamview Nordic.

Travel: car pooling (350 miles each way plus local driving in TB area). It is strongly suggested that riders pay for all the gas and the drivers meals en route, or equivalent (about \$25-50).

Cost: fee of \$75 per person, made out to David Siskind. This includes trip info and maps, a pizza party dinner, and one dinner at the Hoito Finnish Restaurant.

Additional costs: trail fees of about C\$50 and all other meals.

Total estimated costs, based on two in a room, are C\$475 plus the meals that are not covered.

Passports will be needed.

Skiing: There are 4 local areas with groomed trails. The best are Kamview Nordic and Lappe Nordic. Also close to town are Kakabeka Falls and Sleeping Giant Provincial Parks.

Schedule:

Jan. 30 Sat. Leave TC in morning, arrive at Best Western, TB at about 3 p.m. (ski en route?)

Jan. 31 Sun. Ski Kamview. Snacks are available in chalet. Dinner in our hotel or your choice.

Feb. 1 Mon. Ski Lappe Nordic. Possible snacks but better bring lunch. Dinner at Hoito rest.

Feb. 2 Tues. Ski Kakabeka Falls Park, lunch at local restaurant.

Feb. 3 Weds. Ski Sleeping Giant, bring lunch.

Feb. 4 Thurs. Ski the best of the above. Evening dinner at Boston Pizza.

Feb. 5 Fri. Check out and return to TC (or ski en route?)

Sign up: requires \$75 payment made out to "David Siskind" and the usual trip

waiver. Deposit to Dave is refundable up to January 14, 2011. David Siskind, 5812 Thomas Circle, Minneapolis, MN 55410 612-929-0205 dsiskind@earthlink.net

Then, individuals must make reservations with Best Western ASAP. Block rate is good until December 30. Hotel cancellations without penalty are required at least 24 hours before check-in