

# West Virginia Ski Trip

**Dates:** January 29, to February 1, 2012 (Sunday to Wednesday)

**Place:** Blackwater Falls State Park in Davis, WV

**Leaders:** John & Ann Palaitis

**ACCOMODATIONS:** Three nights in full service lodge in the Blackwater Falls State Park in the Canaan Valley of WV. All rooms have private bath. The lodge has an indoor swimming pool, hot tub, exercise room, game room, a large lounge/game room with fireplace and a full service restaurant. You can check out the lodge website at [www.blackwaterfalls.com](http://www.blackwaterfalls.com). Check in time on Sunday is at 3 P.M.

**LOCATION:** the state park is in Davis, WV which is near the border of Maryland and West Virginia – 5.5 hour drive. Directions from South Jersey can be obtained from mapquest etc.

**SKIING/SNOWSHOEING:** This trip is appropriate for all skill levels. No downhill skiing is allowed. Activities include cross-country skiing in the Blackwater or Cannan Valley state parks or White Grass Ski Center that has both groomed and backcountry trails. There are also many areas for snowshoeing and exploring in the Monongahela National Forest, the Dolly Sods Wilderness and the Alleghany Trail. Near the lodge there are short hiking trails to the scenic frozen Okwala and Blackwater waterfalls. Ski and snowshoe rentals are available at the X/C centers but can only be used there. Trail fees are not included in the trip price.

**MEALS:** Includes 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners at the lodge restaurant and socials before dinners. Meals are served buffet style. Vegetarian meals can be arranged. Dinner includes soup, salad, dessert bar in addition to a variety of entrees. Lunch is not included but the lodge restaurant and White Grass Center serve lunch. One dinner is not included in the trip cost, usually on the evening we visit the Purple Fiddle coffee house in Thomas which has live country music, food and plenty of fun and ambiance.

**COST:** 2012 trip including all taxes and gratuities is **\$210.00** which is based on double occupancy (single room is \$330.00) Full payment is due by December 1st, 2011. Send to **Ann Palaitis at 61 Hinchman Rd., Medford, NJ, 08055**. Please email [palaitis@verizon.net](mailto:palaitis@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Full refund if cancellation is prior to December 30, 2011. Otherwise, room and/or food cost may be forfeited depending on the date of cancellation, and the number of occupants in your room.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bring daypack, water bottles, adequate layers for cold weather, skis, poles, snowshoes, waterproof warm boots for snowshoes, bathing suit for pool/hot tub.