

The Big Chill

Rockwood Family Fun Day, February 15 and 16, 2015

Rockwood will be offering a Family Fun Day on February 15th and 16th, 2015. This date is the statutory holiday. The event will feature a free hoot and howl hike on the 15th in the evening followed by a campfire. On February 16 there will be Skating on the Mill Pond, day time snow shoe guided hike, campfire, winter survival skills seminar, interpretive hike for families (animal tracks etc.), outdoor pavilion with patio heaters for eating / warming zone, and a food vendor that will warm up your stomach. Parking will be in the large lots close to the pavilion and people will access the pond by walking down path to beach or by taking a horse drawn shuttle to the end of the beach. Barriers will be installed to keep people in the tested area of ice and away from dam where there is open water. Event would run from approx 6:30pm until 8:30pm on Feb 15th and 9am until dusk on February 16th.

The local fire department will be attending the event with their fire truck.

Schedule of Events:

February 15th

6:30pm until 7:30pm Hoot and Howl Hike (**Free, donations accepted to the Conservation Foundation**)

7:30pm until 8:15pm ish Campfire with Free Marshmallows

Meet at front gate of park and take a walk with 2 interpreters to hear owls and coyotes. At end of walk group can sit around a campfire and roast marshmallows (provided). Hot chocolate available for purchase at concession close by. Staff to promote activities the next day.

February 16th

9am until Dusk Ice skating on the Mill pond by the beach. Food vendor at concession. Warming station at pavilion, camp fire near pavilion.

10am till 11am Interpretive Hike for Families

2 Interpreters would lead hike to identify animal tracks, birds etc.

12pm until 1pm Winter Survival Skills

2 Interpreters would lead hike to identify edible plants, how to make fire etc.

2pm until 3pm Guided Snowshoe Hike

2 Interpreters. Limited snowshoes available for program (60). Sign up required at 12 pm or bring your own.

10am to 1pm Snowshoes available try snowshoes out in a specified area to see what it's like to have big feet!

1pm Local Rockwood Fire Department in parking lots with Fire Trucks

10am until dusk (exact time to be determined) Horse Drawn passenger shuttle from parking lot to end of beach (skating)

Dusk Gates closed

Admission rates:

Free, donations accepted to the Conservation Foundation