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February 13, 2018 - Cook County, Minn.— Visit Cook County is excited to share multiple fun-filled cross country ski events for President's day weekend, February 16-18, 2018. Cook County, Minnesota is one of the nation's top cross country ski destinations – and February is the perfect time of year to get out on your skis. Visit Cook County invites all levels of cross-country skiers to attend the **Sugarbush Candlelit Ski & Snowshoe** event (Feb 17, 6:00 PM) along the Sugarbush Trail as well as the **Pincushion Mountain Family Ski Festival** (Feb 18) in Grand Marais.

And don't miss Visit Cook County's **2nd Annual Hygge Week** (Feb 9-15) for twilight cross-country ski opportunities, outdoor bonfires, fireplace tour, fat tire biking adventures, Hygge menus and more. Embrace Hygge with us. Learn more at VisitCookCounty.com/Hygge.

Sugarbush Candlelit Ski & Snowshoe – Lutsen, Minn.

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Head up to the Oberg Mountain trailhead on the Onion River Road for a memorable evening of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or hiking along beautiful, candlelit trails. This event is a great way to enjoy the quiet beauty of the North Woods after dark by the flickering lights of candles in the snow. Come spend the evening with us and stop by the bonfire for a cup of cocoa, a cookie and a little conversation with other folks.

The Sugarbush Trail Association maintains 70 kilometers of cross-country ski trails through beautiful and remote Forest Service land in the Lutsen-Tofte area and has partnered to help develop nearly six miles of new single-track mountain bike trails with additional miles in the planning stage.

Additional details available online at: <https://www.visitcookcounty.com/event/candlelit-ski-snowshoe/>

Pincushion Mountain Family Ski Festival – Sunday, February 18, 2018 – Grand Marais, Minn.

The Pincushion Festival is a great opportunity for fun for the whole family, even the dog. Events range from a challenging 32km classic race (good pre-Birkie warmup) to 10km ski tours for both skaters and classic skiers, to kids' races and skijoring races.

There's a comfortable chalet where you can watch the races with warm drinks in-hand. For the fat tire bikers in the family, there will be fat tire bike demonstrations all afternoon, and then an adventurous after-dark trail ride.



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All trails (skiing and biking) are expertly groomed with natural-only snow. There are spectacular overlook views of Lake Superior and Grand Marais throughout the trail system. Pincushion is located just outside of Grand Marais, which means there are all sorts of nightlife options for a fun Presidents' Day weekend vacation.

Learn more:

<https://www.visitcookcounty.com/event/34th-annual-pincushion-mountain-winter-festival/>

The team at Visit Cook County looks forward to welcoming you to our region for a weekend full of cross-country skiing, outdoor adventures and more. Plan your weekend getaway and find a complete list of area trails and maps at VisitCookCounty.com/xc.

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About Visit Cook County

Visit Cook County encompasses the northeastern Minnesota communities of Lutsen, Tofte, Schroeder, Grand Marais, the Gunflint Trail and Grand Portage, commonly referred to as “the Arrowhead” and the “North Shore of Lake Superior.” Grand Marais, Minn., has earned several national accolades — most recently it was named USA Today’s [Best Midwestern Small Town](#), Outside Magazine’s [The 16 Best Places to Live in the U.S. 2016](#), and Budget Travel’s 2015 [Coolest Small Town in America](#). Rekindle your sense of adventure by exploring the Superior National Forest or paddling through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Discover what makes the communities of Cook County, Minn. “Naturally Unforgettable.” Connect on social media using #visitcc, Twitter [@CookCoVisitors](#), [Facebook](#), or Instagram [@donorthmn](#). Learn more at VisitCookCounty.com.