

Mark your calendar for Sunday February 26!

That's the date for a Winter Fun Afternoon at the Mirick Farm on the slopes of Mt Wachusett in Princeton. If we finally get some significant snow, there will be sledding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing for all ages. Even if there's only skimpy snow cover, there will be a bonfire, and a cooking fire by the Mirick lean-to for make-your-own s'mores, and hot drinks.



Plan to leave the Church about noon. Bring your own picnic lunch, which you can eat in the dining room before leaving, in your car on the way (the drive is about 25 minutes), or around the fire after you arrive.

This is an intergenerational event! Bring your own sleds, toboggans, snowshoes, snow boards, and skis. There are lots of slopes - some steep and some gentle - all kinds of fields and lanes through the woods for cross-country skiing, and lots of walks through the woods or across the meadow for those on snowshoes. You can stand on top of a beaver lodge, follow animal tracks through the snow (moose tracks if you're really lucky), scout for places where the deer have bedded down, probably hear a pileated woodpecker hammering away at a dead pine tree, and just enjoy an afternoon outdoors. When you get chilly, you can warm up at the cooking fire at the lean-to or around the bonfire.

When we get closer, there will be suggestions for dressing for the winter weather, directions to the Mirick Farm, and instructions on where to park. For now, save the date. It's always a fun event - and even more when there's good snow cover.

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