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The Crazy Mountain Tour - Introduction to Backcountry Alpine Ski Touring Clinic

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Ever wondered what it'd be like to "Down-hill" ski in untracked powder in Montana's beautiful backcountry? How about touring along a 6 or 7000' ridgeline with 360 degrees of awesome and inspiring views of wild Montana wilderness fully shrouded in its' winter grandeur. Or... perhaps you've been considering getting into backcountry skiing or alpine touring for some time, but not real sure what steps to take or what the proper setup would be. Maybe you've just bought your first touring (AT) setup? This **Introduction to Backcountry Alpine Ski Touring Day Clinic** is designed to allow "regular" people to get out and experience what is involved in a short backcountry ski tour. By attending one of these day touring clinics you can get a good introduction to what goes into backcountry skiing and touring.

If you already own ski touring equipment, this clinic will give you a chance to take your gear outside of a ski area so that you can start to get a feel for what will be required in terms of avalanche training, fitness, and practice before you can feel comfortable backcountry skiing on your own. Although suitable for those with ski touring experience, this course is designed for first-time people who want to "check it out and see" *first*, or those who'd like to experience the basics of skiing in the backcountry. Things such as: getting in and out of alpine touring bindings, the use of climbing skins, dressing for uphill and downhill travel, following in a skin track, setting a skin track, equipment packing and selection for a day tour, safe travel in or near avalanche terrain, and "*what is the beacon and probe thing all about?*" Sign up and come see for yourself. **If you do not already own equipment you can borrow the skis, boots, and poles for the day free of charge.** Come learn the basics of skiing in the backcountry *before* deciding to justify the expense of purchasing your own equipment.

Note: Though we will be talking at times about snow conditions and general avalanche safety and concerns, this IS NOT an avalanche awareness or certification course.

Itinerary

We will meet at 7:30 am in the snowmobile parking area near the upper end of Cottonwood Road outside of Clyde Park, and begin our day with a six mile snowmobile ride in to our "touring base camp" for the day. The day will be spent enjoying other like-minded people as we cover the basics of backcountry skiing and touring, beacon practices and then go touring (and skiing!) for the afternoon. Snowmobile rides out will begin around 4:30pm. Our hopes are to have everyone out to the vehicles by 6pm. Contact us for carpooling options.



Up to 10 participants. Participant to guide ratio: up to 4:1. CWC events are funded thru offerings and contributions, and are offered free of charge. Day tour Gear List and Release of Liability Waiver available at our website or upon request. Contact us by phone or email to reserve your spots for this day tour in the Crazy mountains.



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