Winter Class Options

Snowshoeing

Explore the forests and wetlands of Deep Portage by snowshoe! This great winter activity is one of the best ways to explore the winter woods.

Tower Hike

Soak in the beautiful views at the top of Deep Portage's observation tower after hiking and learning on the way up. *A short tower hike could be combined with another class.

Orienteering

Learn how to use a compass and how to read a map. Practice your new skills by embarking on an orienteering course throughout the Deep Portage forest!

Cross-country Skiing

We will teach you everything you need to know to start cross-country skiing, then take you on a scenic group ski.

Winter Lake Study

Experience the scientific method firsthand! We'll make predictions about what happens to a lake in the winter, then test our hypotheses by augering a hole in Bass Pond and measuring the temperature, visibility, and ice thickness.

Survival

Try your hand at building a survival shelter and a fire in the woods while learning important survival strategies and skills.

Winter Ecology Hike

Winter is a challenging time for many animals. Learn the impressive ways animals are adapted to survive a Minnesota winter!

Biomass Basics

Learn about forestry practices and how Deep Portage heats its building using firewood, a renewable resource. You'll even get to put wood in the big wood gasifier!