

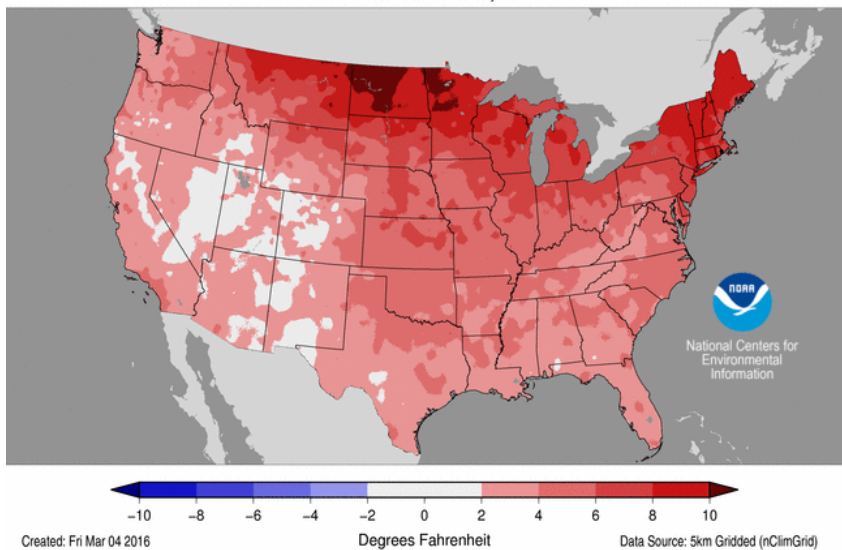
## [February obliterated global heat records, NASA confirms](#)

February was Earth's most unusually warm month on record, blowing away the record that had been set just one month prior.

# The Washington Post

## [America's year without a winter: The 2015-2016 season was the warmest on record](#)

Mean Temperature Departures from Average  
December 2015 – February 2016  
Base Period: 20<sup>th</sup> Century



## Bangor Daily News

### [Sign of the season:](#)

### [Check the state's ice-out website](#)

"In some parts of Maine, winter never really arrived this year. Lakes were slow to freeze, snow was reluctant to fall, and thousands of us have been looking at brown grass for weeks."

#### **2016 ice out dates (in progress):**

[http://maine.gov/dacf/parks/water\\_activities/boating/ice\\_out\\_dates.shtml](http://maine.gov/dacf/parks/water_activities/boating/ice_out_dates.shtml)

Maine lakes may set new records for "early" ice out on our lakes and ponds. Recently, we have had "early" ice out during the spring of 2006, 2010, and 2012. It will be interesting to see if we break any century old records this year.

#### **Historic ice out dates:**

[http://maine.gov/dacf/parks/water\\_activities/boating/ice\\_out15.shtml](http://maine.gov/dacf/parks/water_activities/boating/ice_out15.shtml)

## Winter fundraisers feeling burned by warm winter

## Winter warmth sharply curtails harvest of smelts

After a great season last year, some smelt camps have closed early while some haven't even opened

Baker's Smelt Camps on the Kennebec River has put out shacks every year it's been in business. Except this one.

## Warm winter could affect next year's snowmobile season

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The warm winter is proving to be a double whammy for snowmobilers in northern New England.

Not only are thousands of miles of trails closed due to lack of snow, but the corresponding drop in snowmobile registrations and club memberships could jeopardize money aimed at maintaining trails in future years.



**Houlton International Snow Drags**  
March 13th, 2016  
HOULTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**100% PAYOUT of Registration Fees to Winners**

- 660ft Drag with 25ft crusher dust starting line then groomed
- \$20 Registration EACH class:

Classes include:

- STOCK 500, 600, 700, 800 & 1000
- IMPROVED 500, 600, 700, 800 & 1000
- PROSTOCK 800, 1000, OPEN & PROMAX/OUTLAW
- MINI SLEDS AND VINTAGE SINGLE CYL, TWIN OR TRIPLE

**ALL SNOWMOBILES MUST HAVE TETHERS NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

- Teth on site to inspect snowmobiles before and after (Sleds) \$5 teth fee
- ONE TIME PER SNOWMOBILE
- Registration and Teth at 7am and Raising at 10am
- Both Snowmobile and Vehicle access to venue
- General Admission \$5, 10 and under FREE - Concessions Available

For more info call 207.532.4216 or 207.694.3414

Check out our Facebook event page: Houlton International Snowdrags



Summer courtesy of Mekaneking Snow Club - Sleds and Drag assisted by Statistiks Industries



### Houlton International Snow Drags March 2

The Houlton International Snow Drags have been **CANCELLED** due to weather conditions. We hope all can spread the word. We hope to see you all next year!

<https://www.facebook.com/1570665359886759/photos/a.1728822400737720.1073741830.157066535986759/1735286996757927/?type=3&theate>

TAKE IT  
OUTSIDE!

## Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands

### Winter Family Fun Days - 2016

**CANCELLED** – February 20 - [Aroostook State Park](#) – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cancelled due to lack of snow.** Cross country skiing, sliding, snowshoeing, ice skating, tote sled rides, wildlife exhibit, and warming hut, lunch, and bonfire. Ski & Snowshoe Trailer on site for free equipment loans.

**\$1.50 for adults and youth 12-64; all others free. For More Information call: (207) 768-8341.**

**CANCELLED** – March 05- [Range Pond State Park](#) – Kids' Ice Fishing Derby – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free ice fishing traps for 1st 500 registered children ages 12 & under that arrive before 10 a.m. and 1st 100 Special Olympics entrants compliments of Kittery Trading Post. Free ice fishing basics, drilled holes and bait for kids; first come first serve. And XC-ski trails - 2 miles groomed, sliding hill (snow permitting) and food vendor. [Ice Fishing Derby website & registration form.](#) **CANCELLED due to unsafe ice conditions.**

Special reduced park entry fee of \$1.50 for adults and youth 12-64; all others free.

### **Great Maine Outdoor Weekend**

**{CANCELLED}** [Ski AMC's Maine Woods, Greenville](#)

February 13 @ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm - Free



**\*\*\* Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled. Please join us another time!**

We will cross-country ski onto groomed AMC trails starting at the winter parking lot going to the heated Yurt for a break/lunch (BYO) and back. The approximate distance is 6 miles – all ages welcomed who can do the distance. Come and enjoy great skiing in the beautiful Maine woods!



**{CANCELLED}** [Free Family Outdoor Fun Day, Princeton](#)

**\*\*\* This event has been cancelled due to ice conditions. Please join us another time!**

Join us for Free Family Outdoor Fun Day at Pocomoonshine Lake – Ice fishing, snowmobiling, sledding, Ice skating, with Hotdogs, hot chocolate  
Instruction to children on how to Ice fish Sat. Feb. 13, 2016 @ 9 am, to 2 pm

Central Maine Ski Club Paintball Biathlon, February 6. [The most fun you can have on skis!](#) **CANCELLED for 2016**

## **Maine High School Skiing:**

### **CANCELLED-Sweetheart Relays**

[Nordic Race](#), 02.11.2016

Due to the KVAC championship date change and the current snow conditions at Spruce Mtn. the Sweetheart race will have to be cancelled for this year. We look forward to hosting in 2017.

### **CANCELLED-Aroostook Slalom**

[Alpine Race](#), 12.19.2015

**Location:** [Lonesome Pines](#)

### **CANCELLED-Leavitt Night Sprint Relays**

[Nordic Race](#), 02.26.2016

**Location:** [Leavitt Area High School](#)

### **CANCELLED-Camden Hills Classic**

[Nordic Race](#), 02.03.2016

**Location:** [Camden Hills Regional High School](#)

Other cancelled high school ski events:

### **CANCELLED-KVAC/MVC Giant Slalom**

[Alpine Race](#) 12.30.2015

**Location:** [Black Mountain of Maine](#)

### **CANCELLED-High School Giant Slalom**

[Alpine Race](#) 01.08.2016

**Location:** [Black Mountain of Maine](#)

### **CANCELLED-Sugarloaf/Chenard Opener**

[Nordic Race](#) 12.19.2015

**Location:** [Sugarloaf](#)

Will try to reschedule when conditions allow, Freestyle 11:00 Boys; 1:00pm Girls

More:

<http://www.mainehighschoolskiing.com/index.php/component/dpcalendar/event/163>

<http://www.mainehighschoolskiing.com/index.php/component/dpcalendar/event/164>

<http://www.mainehighschoolskiing.com/index.php/component/dpcalendar/event/115>

<http://www.mainehighschoolskiing.com/index.php/component/dpcalendar/event/193>

<https://www.nensa.net/calendar/index.php?id=1754>

2015-12-13      **CANCELED** - Quarry Road Opener

Zak, Club

Results

View

March 19, 2016 [Sugarloaf Ski Marathon](#) - **CANCELED**

March 5, 2016 [Bretton Woods Nordic Marathon](#) - **CANCELED**

March 6, 2016 [42nd Mt Washington Cup](#) - **CANCELED**

[Maine's fishing derbies on thin ice this winter - The Portland ...](#)

[www.pressherald.com/.../maines-fishing-derbies-on...](http://www.pressherald.com/.../maines-fishing-derbies-on...)

Jan 28, 2016 - Many fishing derbies – particularly in southern Maine –

were **cancelled** when temperatures were higher than average during five of seven ...

# Ice-fishing derbies **canceled** at Range Pond

The events follow **cancellation** of the Sebago Lake Rotary Derby.

[Derby on March 12 to Benefit Camp North Woods \*\*CANCELLED\*\*](#)

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[Ice-fishing derbies \*\*canceled\*\* at Range Pond](#)

Press Herald - 2 days ago

So has a free **fishing** clinic and derby at Range Pond State Park on March 12, which was to be run the **Maine** Department of Inland Fisheries ...

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[{\*\*CANCELLED\*\*} 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby, East Waterboro](#)

[www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org/.../annual-ice-fishing-derby-east-w...](http://www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org/.../annual-ice-fishing-derby-east-w...)

Feb 20, 2016 - This event has been **cancelled** due to ice conditions. Please join us another time! **Ice Fishing** Derby at little Ossipee Lake, East Waterboro, ME. ...

Children's Division Heaviest fish **Maine** Lifetime Fishing License and Trophy.

[Sebago Lake Ice Fishing Derby cancelled due to warm ...](#)

[wgme.com/.../sebago-lake-ice-fishing-derby-cancelled-due-t...](http://wgme.com/.../sebago-lake-ice-fishing-derby-cancelled-due-t...)

Feb 24, 2016 - SEBAGO LAKE WGME -- The Cumberland County **Ice Fishing** Derby ... as originally planned along with the **Maine** Childrens Cancer Programs ...

[Cumberland County Ice Fishing Derby \*\*cancelled\*\* due to ...](#)

[www.icefishingderby.com/.../cumberland-county-ice-fishing-derby-canc...](http://www.icefishingderby.com/.../cumberland-county-ice-fishing-derby-canc...)

The Cumberland County **Ice Fishing** Derby has been **cancelled** for this ...

The **Maine** Children's Cancer Program will continue to have its Polar Dip at noon on ...

[Derby Announcements - Maine's Largest and Richest Ice ...](#)

[www.icefishingderby.com/category/derby-announcements/](http://www.icefishingderby.com/category/derby-announcements/)

Cumberland County **Ice Fishing** Derby **cancelled** per the **Maine** Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and local municipalities ...

[MARCH 8TH KID'S DERBY \*\*CANCELLED\*\*](#)

[Due to Unsafe Ice Conditions](#)

***KTP Kids' Ice Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday March 5th at***

***Range Pond has been **CANCELLED** – Unsafe Ice Conditions!***

The 2016 KTP Kids' Ice Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday March 5th at Range Pond has been cancelled. The Maine Warden Service in connection with Kittery Trading Post & Range Pond State Park Management **do not feel the current ice conditions to be safe**. As with the Sebago and Cumberland County Derbies, safety is always our primary concern.

***Cumberland County Ice Fishing Derby **cancelled** per the Maine***

***Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and local municipalities***

**The Cumberland County Ice Fishing Derby has been **cancelled** for this weekend, Feb 27th and 28th. No Ice fishing, no open water fishing, no fishing.**

After much discussion with the MDIFW Commissioner and local municipalities today, the decision was made to cancel the Cumberland County Ice Fishing Derby. We tried our

best but conditions have deteriorated quicker than anyone could foresee and they continue to deteriorate hourly.

**Since both derbies have now been cancelled**, all registrant names will be entered into random drawings to win not only the **2016 Polaris ATV** but all other **fish pool prizes**. We'll simply choose a fish then draw the name of a winner, choose a gift card, draw the name of a winner, and so on. Please remember that registration fees collected for the ice fishing derby serve to benefit a host of worthy charities including the [Good Shepherd Food Bank](#), [Camp Sunshine](#) (A retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families), and the [Maine Children's Cancer Program](#).

[Snowshoeing Event Cancelled Due to Lack of Snow ...](#)  
[hhlmaine.org/snowshoeing-event-cancelled-due-lack-snow/](http://hhlmaine.org/snowshoeing-event-cancelled-due-lack-snow/)

Celebrate Great **Maine** Outdoor Weekend with sledding, **snowshoeing** and hot chocolate! Join the fun at Harpswell Community School, 308 Harpswell Islands ...  
[CANCELLED – Snowshoeing at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge ...](#)  
[bangordailynews.com/.../snowshoeing-at-hirundo-wil...](http://bangordailynews.com/.../snowshoeing-at-hirundo-wil...)

Jan 28, 2013 - **Maine** news, sports, politics and election results, and obituaries from the Bangor ... **CANCELLED – Snowshoeing at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge.**  
[{CANCELLED} Snowshoe Trek at Mousam River Wildlife ...](#)  
[www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org/.../snowshoe-mousam-kennebunk-...](http://www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org/.../snowshoe-mousam-kennebunk-...)

Feb 15, 2015 - **{CANCELLED} Snowshoe Trek at Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary, ...**  
Events all over the Great State of **Maine** for the February 12-14, 2016 ...

## [Toboggan Championships in Camden to be held Saturday only](#)

Races will be held on an alternative chute because Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife decided that the pond's ice cover is not thick enough to ensure the safety of racers and spectators.

## [Maple syrup-makers say warm winter may hurt production](#)

## [Maple syrup season ends early in southern Maine](#)

**Maine's Ozone Pollution Warnings began extra early in the season, on March 9 this year. Ozone smog is generally a May-September occurrence in Maine, because it is fueled by emissions from burning fossil fuels reaching warmer temperatures. Forecast for Mid-Coast, ME**

Wednesday, Mar 9:	Moderate	<b>Yellow</b>	Ozone
	Moderate	<b>Yellow</b>	Particle Pollution (2.5 microns)

Sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. Watch for symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath. These are signs to take it a little easier.

For additional information concerning the air quality forecast,  
<http://www.maine.gov/dep/air/ozone/>