



Manchester Cross Country Ski Club

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Regular coaching sessions and equipment hire

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MCCSC Return to Skiing

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It is wonderful to see the club returning to its full range of official activities, including Rollerski sessions, Rollerski Tours, Rollerski & Telemark Coaching sessions, the Telemark Festival and the SE Rollerski Skills Training Course.

Roller Skiing

MCCSC Roller Skiing restarted with five Sunday sessions at Palatine Leisure, Blackpool; during April, May & June 2021, with instructors available, to give informal hints and tips to members skiing with their own equipment. This was followed by our return to UCLan, Preston with similar sessions held on Saturdays in June & July 2021.

MCCSC also restarted our Roller Ski Tours Lancaster to Heysham in July and Chester in August 2021, with full access to cafes, pubs and loos, following the lifting of restrictions on the 19th July.

Next Rollerski Events and News

MCCSC is now able to resume equipment hire for our Rollerski events; e.g. skis, boots, poles, elbow & knee pads, which must be booked in advance. This means we can welcome beginners and those without kit to join in once more.

MCCSC is hosting the Snowsport England Rollerski Skills Training Course again at the Salt Ayre Lancaster 2nd & 3rd October 2021. This is always a great weekend for all standards, including beginners and a great way to kick off the new season or continue your development. Booking is now open on the Snowsport England website (see the MCCSC guide). Equipment may be hired.

MCCSC formal Roller ski coaching sessions resume at UCLan, Preston in the autumn, at our usual time of 10:00 to 12:30 on Saturday 23rd October, 6th & 20th November and 4th December 2021.

Bookings will open shortly. Sessions will cost Adults £15 including hire of equipment, or £8 with own kit or Children £8. Come to as many or few sessions as you like. Sessions must be pre-booked (entering shoe size & height if rental is required) and paid on the MCCSC website (via Ticket Tailor) Bookings will close at 11am on the Monday before the Saturday classes (for numbers and gear requirements).

Chill Factor^e Update

Some improvements have already been made; the most noticeable being the relocation of Snowplay reception, equipment and entrance to beside the climbing wall, which significantly reduces the number of guests in the changing village and the most recent is the removal of the on slope turn styles (replaced by regular ticket checks). There are some significant building alterations and new facilities to be completed before the winter season begins, all aimed at further enhancing guest experience.



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The snow is in very good condition (other than a few days during the height of the heat wave). Lockers are now available for guests. Enhanced cleaning regimes have been retained and the aircon system has been upgraded with no recycled air. Opening hours are gradually increasing. Chill Factor continues to operate the main slope with reduced capacity and adult lessons with smaller class sizes. Note The wearing of snowsport helmets will become compulsory for all slope users from October 2021, in line with Snow Centre policy.

Check www.chillfactor.com for details.

Telemarking

Some members took advantage of being able to ski on an individual basis, after Chill Factor^e re-opened again in April 2021.

MCCSC restarted the club Telemark coaching sessions at Chill Factor^e on 5th June 2021, following the easing to the far more stringent restrictions of Indoor Snowsport afforded after Step 3.

Members have been enjoying the new longer 2-hour Saturday club sessions (were 1.5hrs) with the discounted lift pass price of £24, which may be booked following the link on our website. The new session time is 12:00 to 14:00 which also avoids Kids Academy (new slope policy). Limited Telemark rental is available from Chill Factor^e and included in the lift pass. Telemark Sessions have been booked (approximately fortnightly) up to the end of 2021. See our events page.

The lifting of most restrictions in July allows more flexibility for our group sizes, but we would still appreciate members "Booking in" by emailing Lap at telemark@mccsc.org.uk to enable Telemark coaches to be available.

The 10th North West Telemark Festival at Chill Factor^e was held on Sunday 25th July 2021 with the usual slope times of 10:00 to 16:00 and deemed a great success, despite the inevitable delays in scheduling. We had 5 groups and 33 Telemarkers on the slope, continuing our legacy of it being the major Telemark Festival. MCCSC's on line booking system (via Ticket tailor and Stripe) certainly made it easier for both participants and organisers.

Please continue to check www.mccsc.org.uk for updates on all our activities.

Thank you for your support and forbearance over the difficult times and we look forward to catching up with those who haven't yet managed to return to our activities. We have great anticipation for the coming winter. Enjoy in your skiing.

Chair of MCCSC



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