



Manchester Cross Country Ski Club

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Regular coaching sessions and equipment hire

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MCCSC Club Update – 2022

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We've made a great start to 2022 with all the Rollerski & Telemark Coaching sessions in full flow. More will follow, including extra Rollerski sessions, the Telemark Festival (booked), Rollerski Tours and the SE Rollerski Skills Training Course/s. Other Rollerski events and races are being planned to be held in the summer. As a Winter Olympic year, we hope to see increased participation.

Rollerski Events and News

Our winter Roller Ski Coaching sessions commenced on the 15th January and the track is hired for 12th February & 19th March 2022, See our events page. Bookings are open. Sessions 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 21.30 on the Monday before the Saturday classes (for numbers and gear requirements).

The autumn 2022 sessions will follow in due course.

MCCSC is planning to hold Roller Ski Tours during the summer of 2022; possibly Lancaster to Heysham and Chester, dates and starting points to be published.

MCCSC hopes to host the Snowsport England Rollerski Skills Training Course and the return of Governing Body Instructor courses at Salt Ayre Lancaster later in 2022. 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. Dates & Booking details to be published on the Snowsport England website (MCCSC will also have a link & guide on the club website). Equipment may be hired.

Chill Factor^e Update

The Chill Factor^e building works are complete (at a cost of £0.75 million).

On the ground floor; Guest services has been relocated to the left (where Pizza dela Piste was). Eight Fast Track ticketing stations have been installed in the Alpine Street which enable self-service. The long back wall in the changing area has been removed to greatly increase room and the area re-vamped with new cubicles and seating. Another new open room created as a snowplay waiting area. New changing facilities for snowplay (opposite the climbing wall) thus avoiding the main area.

Upstairs has seen a dramatic change, with 2 spacious rooms linked into one. New large windows installed across both to give panoramic views of the slopes, creating "The Lodge" restaurant and bar with table service. There are also 3 sofa areas with low tables, one in front and 2 in the rear.

Taster sessions have been removed except for corporate and schools' bookings.

Lesson start times have been staggered into 15minute intervals, to further reduce the number of guests flowing through guest service, rental and in the changing area at any one time. So successful that it even managed to maintain this during the Christmas super-peak.



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Chill Factor^e continues to operate the main slope with reduced capacity and adult lessons with smaller class sizes (6+1). The on-slope turnstiles have been removed (replaced by regular ticket checks). Staffing is back to pre-Covid levels, after 7 waves of recruitment.

The whole feel is of more space on and off slope, with minimal queuing even at weekends, particularly during our club sessions, which is a quieter part of the day.

Note The wearing of snowsport helmets became compulsory for all slope users from October 2021, in line with Snow Centre policy. Helmets may be rented FOC and are included with the lift pass. Check www.chillfactore.com for details.

Telemark Events and News

Pre-booked Lift Passes may now be printed & collected from eight new self-service Fast track ticketing stations, thus avoiding queuing at Guest Services.

The “new” session time is 12:00 to 14:00 which also avoids Kids Academy (new slope policy). It has proven to be a quieter part of the day and any fears of the slope being “maxed out” have not materialised. Limited Telemark rental is available from Chill Factor^e and included in the lift pass. [Note we did try to obtain an earlier slot for 2022 but Chill Factor^e declined].

Telemark Sessions continue from 8th January (every 2 or 3 weeks) up to the end of 2022, with the discounted lift pass price of £24*, which may be booked following the link on our website. (*Please note that this discount only applies to our club coaching sessions, not general lift passes).

The Telemark sessions have always been easily accessed by members, only the lift pass is required. We would appreciate new members sending a brief email to Lap at telemark@mccsc.org.uk to enable appropriate Telemark coaches to be available.

Telemark Après Ski

The change of session time meant that we effectively lost our seats by the fireplace in Wetherspoons, so we are going to try meeting in the new spacious “Lodge” upstairs, after the Telemark sessions. It offers excellent coffee, a range of cakes, drinks and food, complete with panoramic views of the slopes and a choice of tables or sofa’s. Access by lift, stairs or escalators.

The 11th North West Telemark Festival at Chill Factor^e Sunday 31st July 2022

The slope has just been booked with the usual slope times of 10:00 to 16:00.

In July 2021 we had 6 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.



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Thank you for your support and we look forward to catching up, particularly with those who haven't yet managed to return to our activities. We hope you'll be inspired to join in the fun. Enjoy in your skiing.

Chair of MCCSC



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