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## Skiing End-to-End and Inn-to-Inn on the Catamount Trail

It was 1982, and Steve Bushey was looking for adventure. Having recently bicycled from Vancouver, British Columbia to Vermont with high school buddy, Ben Rose, Bushey knew it had to be something big. But something close to home too. A recent graduate of the University of Vermont, he needed a job almost as much as he needed adventure.

"Winter was coming, and I thought why not ski end-to-end," explains Bushey. "It seemed like a logical thing. You can hike end-to-end on the Long Trail. You should be able to ski end-to-end too."

Bushey broached the idea to Rose and another friend, Paul Jarris, on a camping trip. "Steve said, 'Let's ski from Massachusetts to Quebec,'" remembers Rose.



Photo by Hubert Schriebl

"Wine was involved, so I agreed readily. Paul was asleep, but he agreed to it in the morning."

Thus was born the 300-mile-long Catamount Trail, the longest cross-country ski trail in North America. "Steve made the leap from trip (concept) to trail (plan)," explains Rose. "The route was already there. It just

needed to be connected."

Bushey began identifying existing trails—snowmobile routes and cross-country ski trails at touring centers—that could be linked from north to south. Meanwhile, he went to graduate school at Carleton University in Ottawa. "It was a really good place to go to school (for this project)," says Bushey.



"There's a great tradition of Nordic skiing in Canada. In Gatineau Park, just outside Ottawa, there are 200 kilometers of cross-country trails that link villages nearby. It was the living model for the Catamount Trail."

Conceptualizing and planning the trail became Bushey's master's thesis. But not until late February 1984 did he and his friends, Rose and Jarris, set out to actually ski the trail. The late Jim Painter was also a founding member, but he didn't ski the trail that year.

Winter 1984 was warm, though, and even the snow at higher elevations was melting. They had already planned their itinerary, and Rose remembers that inns and touring centers along the route had already agreed to provide them

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lodging and meals on specific dates. "And we were pretty hungry," jokes Rose. "We even considered walking the route. We had to go no matter the conditions."

Nature would look kindly on the Catamount Trail, though. On February 27, the three men drove south to Wilmington in what Rose remembers as a driving rainstorm (Bushey remembers it as a big snow storm). Whatever was falling from the sky that night, by morning eight inches of heavy snow lay on the ground, with another few inches of fluffy powder on top. And the snow just kept falling for at least half their trip. "It just got better every day," says Bushey.



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To make their way through the woods—sometimes up to 25 miles a day—the intrepid threesome brought a compass and topo maps, but they also relied on locals as guides, says Rose. "We hooked up with a lot of local people with knowledge of the trails. Steve had talked to them during the conceptual phase, and they were there to guide us through their neck of the woods."

This tactic worked well for the most part. "At times, we were mystified



Photo by Hubert Schriebl

about where we actually were," remembers Bushey, who now owns Map Adventures in Maine. But only once did they get really lost in what Bushey describes as the "featureless peaks" around Bromley. "We were lost in deep snow for about four hours, but we stayed on our compass course and eventually came to a point where we recognized where we were. After that, we studied our topo maps more closely."

Rose blames this misadventure on a local who led them up the wrong trail, then waved vaguely up the trail and told them to keep going while he turned around. "Eventually, we met

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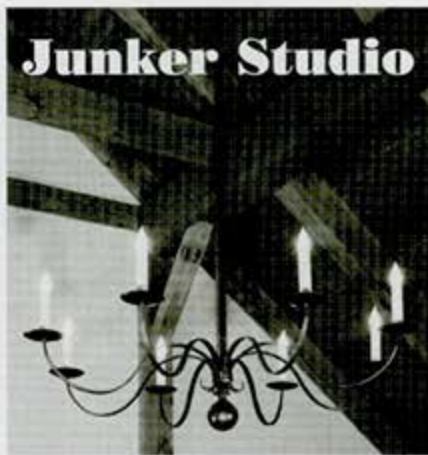
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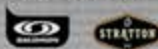
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some snowmobilers, and they got us back on track," remembers Rose.

Rose also remembers the night before this epic day. "Steve and Paul had their girlfriends show up," he says wryly. "That left me and a college student to do the shuttling during a snowstorm."

Rather than carry all their gear, the three skiers were employing a complicated shuttle system. They would have someone meet them at their destination each night, then drive back to their starting point to pick up the day's drop-off vehicle. Then they would shuttle one vehicle up to the next destination, finally returning hours later to the inn where they were staying that night.

"It was a long night of driving," remembers Rose. "Our vehicles were always conking out. Steve and Paul

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scoping ski poles so he can lengthen or shorten them, depending on whether he's climbing or schussing through the trees. Climbing skins are also useful.

The CTA's current focus is on conservation, says Milks. Almost two-thirds of the trail (180 miles) crosses private land. When landowners sell their property, the new owners sometimes don't want the trail on their land. "It's a real challenge to keep the trail where it is," explains Milks. "Someone will buy a piece of land and decide to build a house where the trail currently runs. They'll say the trail can't go here now."

The CTA is working with landowners, hoping they will donate or sell trail easements to the association. Governor Dean and the state legislature just approved funds for the CTA to buy such easements, and the Governor himself has donated an easement on land he owns.

Next winter, to raise trail awareness, the CTA is holding an End-to-End Tour. Over three-and-a-half weeks, members of the CTA will ski the trail from south to north. People can join in for the whole thing or just a day here and there. Hopefully, nature will once again look kindly upon the Catamount Trail.

For more information on the Catamount Trail, contact the CTA at 1 Main Street, Suite 308A, Burlington, VT 05401-5291, 802-864-5794, ctamail@aol.com. Or go to [www.cata-mountrail.together.com](http://www.cata-mountrail.together.com). Annual membership costs \$25 per person.

*Peggy Shinn spends much of her winter outside on the trail, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.*



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