

Pinewoods Blizzard '26



Blizzard Report

Southern New England was slammed by the blizzard of the century last week (Sunday, Feb 22–Tuesday, Feb 24.) Although Pinewoods only received two feet of snow, wind gusts surpassed 70 MPH in Plymouth, downing trees and causing widespread power outages.

Despite the fact that Camp sustained substantial tree damage, the impact on our buildings was fairly minimal. Significant cleanup is needed, however, and we will invite the community to join us for an additional Work Weekend in April.

In the meantime, follow along below for a photo gallery of the Blizzard of '26 at Pinewoods.

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Post Blizzard Beauty



Greeting Shed - mid blizzard



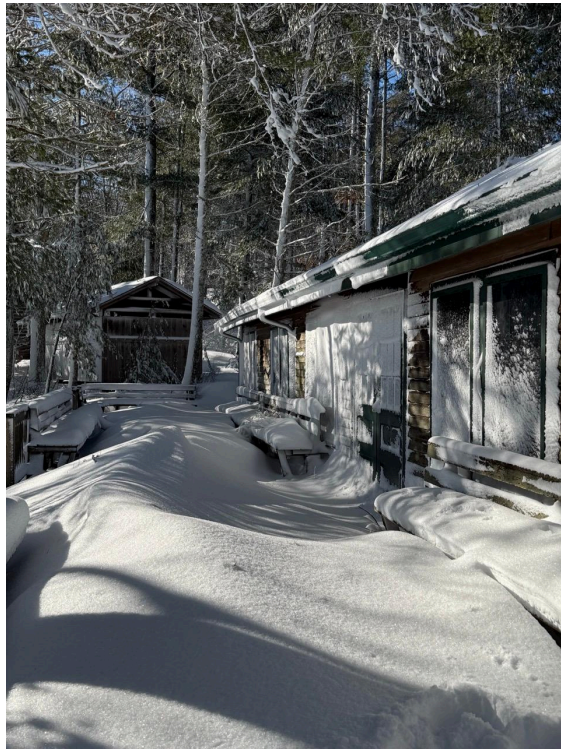
Dining Hall encrusted in snow.



Pinewoods Office with the peace flag holding on.



The sun peeking through the trees near Ampleforth.



The Camphouse porch, cribbage anyone?



Looking across Long Pond from the water front below the Camphouse.



Tuesday morning after the blizzard brought a beautiful sunrise to Round Pond.

Drifting Snow



Snow drift in Hands Across; perhaps the name of a new song or dance?



Measuring was nearly impossible due to the drifts. The Greeting Shed picnic table, pre and post storm.



Drifts were most notable along the Long Pond shore, some were over four feet deep.

Digging Out



No exit out of Camp.



Camp's 1997 Ford F250HD on the job.



Dennis Carchedi digs out the Workshop.



Ted Bubbins creating access to the Kitchen.



The path to the Kitchen.



Plowed path to Pinecones, pine tree and all.



As New Englanders might say, "That's a wicked lot of snow!" Plowed snow pile in front of the Program Center.

On Tuesday the 24th neighbors came together to clear our familiar end of West Long Pond Rd, from Cornish Field Rd to Halfway Pond Rd. Once the trees and debris were removed, Dennis used the camp truck to plow a path. On Thursday, the town brought in a front end loader to clear the rest of West Long Pond Rd from Cornish Field Rd to Clark Rd.



Dennis Carchedi and neighbor, Brad Holmes, remove a fallen pitch pine.



Suzanne Carchedi, Chris Jacobs, and Dennis Carchedi clear tree debris ahead of plowing.

Photo credit: Lynn Tripp

Tree Damage



An uprooted white pine hit the deck and stairs of Hands Across.



A downed oak and snow-laden holly block access to the Barn where the snowblower is stored.



Dennis cuts a tree near Pine Hollow, which is blocking the path to the Pinewoods Office.



Our beautiful hollies were hit the hardest with the heavy snow.



Ted and Dennis heading to clear trees limbs from the downed power lines.



Ted inspects the tangle of tree limbs for safe removal from the damaged lines.



A small-ish tree on Newbiggin.



Downed trees block the path from the Camphouse to the Dining Hall.

Rest & Be Thankful



After 5 days without power, we were happy to see this crew of line technicians based out of Gainesville.



Line Techs repair wires between Hunsdon House and Pinecones, which also powers the well pump.



While inspecting Camp, I took a break at our farthest cabin, named with an apt reminder:

Rest & Be Thankful.

Although this blizzard wreaked havoc, it provided amazing beauty, brought neighbors together, and made us slow down for a moment. We are grateful for those who aided in getting Camp dug out, restoring power and internet, and for friends who simply checked in. Soon the snow will melt, the ferns will unfurl, dance will return to pavilions, and music will float through the pines again.

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