

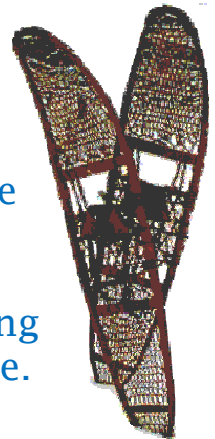
Donner Summit Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, February 18th
Hike Leader: Joel Marlowe



This snowshoe hike has become an annual event. It is sponsored by *For the Love of Hiking* and starts at the east end of the Donner Summit Sno-Park parking lot. It is a moderate hike as the terrain is up and down, but not too steep. The

group will head southeast through forest and clearings to Azalea Lake, which is small and likely to be frozen. There is a knoll above the lake with a magnificent view of Donner Lake. After lunch on the knoll, hikers will proceed to Flora Lake, which is no more than another ¼ mile south of Azalea Lake. The round trip distance will be approximately 3 miles. Both Azalea and Flora lakes are quite picturesque. Be sure to bring a camera. You might want to carry a small mat or garbage bag to keep your bottom dry while you're sitting down to rest or eat. Afterwards, Joel just might (*any doubters?*) head for Casa Baeza for a post hike margarita (*best in the West*) if you care to join him. You can also order late lunch or early dinner if you're hungry.



Hikers will meet at the Keystone Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am and caravan to Donner Summit from there. Make sure to check the weather report (Norden, CA) the day before and prepare accordingly. Check your snow shoes ahead of time to make sure the bindings and straps look ok (*nothing worse than a broken strap on a snow shoe hike*). You might even want to try them on and don't forget your poles.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Joel at 775-624-0549 or send him an e-mail at jmmarlowe@charter.net.