



JPL Hiking+ Event

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Snowshoeing in the San Geronio Wilderness

Sunday, 11 February 2001

Trip Leader: Larry Pirrone l.pirrone@att.net (909)622-1121

Cost: Only costs are gas to get to trailhead and potentially fee for a day Adventure Pass, \$5.

Trip Limit: None

Description: This snowshoe hike begins at the South Fork Meadows Trailhead, off of Jenks Lake Road. We will snowshoe into an area called horse meadows. This is a large flat meadow with picnic tables and a couple of forest service cabins. This area is just inside the San Geronio Wilderness, so a wilderness permit is needed. More about that later.

The hike is relatively easy on foot but may be more strenuous on snowshoes. Brisk snowshoeing burns up to 1000 calories per hour. We will go as a group at the pace of the least fit. All for one and one for all in the winter wilderness! Horse Meadow is about 1.5 miles from the trailhead. At Horse Meadow there is a 2.5 mile loop trail that some may wish to take. Cross country skiers are welcome and may wish to establish a track on Horse Meadow.

Bring: You will need snowshoes and ski poles. Take a day pack with extra layers of clothing. Bring at least 32 oz. of water and some high energy snacks such as Power Gels or Power Bars. A sandwich for lunch is recommended. Insulated ski gloves or mittens will be necessary. If you don't have your own snowshoes and poles, you may rent equipment locally at Sport Chalet.

Meet: We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Mentone Ranger Station where we will draw wilderness permits. You will also need a National Forest Service Adventure Pass. (The hiking club has two of these - but we may have more than 2 cars.) Both permits and passes can be obtained at the Ranger Station. It is possible that you will also need snow chains, especially since Jenks Lake Road may not be plowed.

Directions: Take the 10 freeway east toward Redlands. Get off at the Orange offramp. Go north on orange to Legonia. Go right on Legonia which becomes highway 38. Proceed until you come to the US Forest Service Ranger Station. Enter the parking lot. The trip leader will be there driving a red Ford F150 with license plat "RISK DR". We will wait for stragglers until 8:30 a.m. at which time we will proceed on Highway 38 to Jenks Lake Road. We will go right on this road until we reach the South Fork Meadow Trailhead. We will park there and snowshoe into Horse Meadow.

RSVP: Please contact the leader by Friday, February 9, 2001 so we know how many to expect.