

# SUMMIT LAKE

## THURSDAY, Oct 9, 2025

### 2 Pace Hike – **Moderate/Fast Pace – Climb to Lookout Version**

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Soda Springs Hwy 80 near Boreal ski resort

**DIFFICULTY (Rating):** Moderate+, small sections of climb to lookout are steep

**HIKE DISTANCE:** 7.4 out/back

**ELEVATION:** Start 7,200' / Highest 7,850' / Gain: 900'

**PACE:** Moderate/Fast

**TRAIL CONDITIONS:** Trail is mostly moderate packed earth trail with some large granite steps with loose rock. The trail up to the lookup is quite steep and rocky in some areas. We will ascend at a moderate pace.

**Description:** For those of you more interested in a faster hike with a view we will skip most of the geology discussion and instead add on a climb to a wonderful viewpoint with 180 degree view of the surrounding mountains. We will then come back down and continue to the lake to hopefully meet up with the geology group hikers for lunch.

**Facilities:** Pit toilets at the trailhead

**Drive Time/Miles:** One hour and 15 minutes; 75 miles.

**Donation:** A donation of \$10 is suggested.

**Hike Leader/Sweep:** Leader: Debbie Knowles Sweep: TBD

**Meetup/Leave Time:** Meet: 8:00 AM Leave 8:15 AM

Meet at far right end of Orchard Creek Parking Lot, rows 12-14

#### Preparation for Hike:

- Being prepared physically as well as having the right equipment makes for a better experience, not only for you, but for your fellow hikers.
- **If you have any health issues, please consider your condition before hiking at high altitude or at a fast pace.**

#### What to Bring:

- **PLENTY OF WATER!** Recommend 50 oz. /1.5 liters minimum for 5-mile hike – more if longer. Electrolytes suggested. Higher altitudes are dehydrating even when cool.
- Hiking boots/shoes, hat, sun protection, insect repellent, small first aid kit. Wind/rain jacket always advisable in the mountains. Trekking poles recommended.
- ID (driver's license), health insurance card, and emergency contact / phone number.
- Extra pair of shoes to change into after hike and a plastic bag for muddy/dusty hiking boots to keep your driver's car clean.

**Hike Route:**

<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/summit-lake-geology-and-overlook-hike-2d1b2a5>

**Driving Directions:**

Take HWY 80 east towards Truckee. Exit #176, Castle Peak/Boreal. Turn right & drive a short distance to stop sign, turn left and drive appx. ½ mile to the parking lot and trail head at the end of the road. Pit restrooms are located in the parking lot.

A driver donation of \$10 is suggested