

THREE LAKES - AZALEA, FLORA, ANGELA LAKES / DONNER SUMMIT

MONDAY, SEPT 16, 2024

Limited to 20 hikers. Signups required: Carol

DIFFICULTY: Moderately strenuous – strenuous uphill sections at a high elevation

HIKE DISTANCE: 5-mile loop (add additional 0.5 miles if detour at Lake Angela is required)

ELEVATION/GAIN: Start at 6900' / highest 7295' / elevation gain 768'

PACE: Mostly moderate – slower sections with challenging trail conditions

TRAIL CONDITIONS: The PCT and loop trail to Lake Flora is well traveled and easy to follow. The narrow and overgrown trail from Lake Flora to Angela is challenging. If the trail along Lake Angela remains covered with water, a detour will involve a rocky climb with a short section of steep rock step-downs. Lake Angela to Ski Ranch: loose gravel/rocks with undefined trails. See Route below.

DESCRIPTION: A beautiful up and down trail with diverse scenery, vistas, and three mountain lakes. A nice mixture of wooded trails, exposed granite, and open sunny stretches. **Bring your swimsuit and lunch for our stop at Lake Flora.** The trail ends at Donner Ski Ranch offering an **optional stop for a cold beverage, ice cream, homemade pie, and more.**

FACILITIES: Cisco Grove Exit 165 – Gould Park on north side of I-80. Left to 100 Cisco Grove Road.

DRIVE TIME/MILES: 90 minutes (incl. rest stop) – 71 miles - **\$10 donation to driver**

LEADER Carol Yoder **SWEEP** Lisa Mariotti

MEET/LEAVE TIME: Meet at 7:45 / leave at 8:00 am

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: Link to AllTrails: [Angela, Flora, Azalea Lakes via Ski Ranch and PCT Loop](#)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: AZALEA, FLORA, ANGELA LAKES / DONNER SUMMIT FACILITIES: I-80 east to Cisco Grove Exit 165 for restrooms on north side of I-80. Left to 100 Cisco Grove Road – Gould Park. AFTER RESTROOM STOP: I-80 east to Exit 174, Norden / Soda Springs. Turn right onto Donner Pass Road / Old Highway 40. In 3 miles, pass the Donner Ski Ranch (19320 Donner Pass Rd) and take a short uphill to right into the parking lot at Lamson-Cashion Donner Summit Hub (19195 Donner Pass Rd - also parking area for Mount Judah).

