

Nordic Gazette – Special Issue Summer 2018



“Great things are done when men and mountains meet. – William Blake”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21st and 22nd – Work Party at the Cabin

August 7th and 8th - Rory Hayden sponsoring large group at the Cabin (Tuesday and Wednesday)

August 18th and 19th – Work Party at the Cabin

August 19th -- Pool party in Novato (stay tuned for more details)

Visit the Cabin to Hike, Bike and Much More....

Locally, we have some fine swimming holes, as well as the famous historic railroad tunnel, China Wall and snow sheds (with no tracks), the Pacific Crest Trail, and robust rock climbing options. People come to our cabin to ride bikes, hike, view wildflowers, and even to collect mushrooms at the right times of year. (All this, and snow, too!)

The town of Truckee has a huge variety of events on its website at chamber.truckee.com/events, including arts classes at its “Roundhouse Makerspace” a children's train, the Tahoe Classical Orchestra, hikes, boat rides, even a full moon kayaking tour of Tahoe to star-gaze! The listing of July, August and September events is stunning. All these are fun activities within an easy drive of our cabin.

At the end of a busy day, if you're too tired to cook, you can always dine across the street at Donner Ski Ranch!

VSC Summer Swimming Opportunities

While at VSC in the summer, if it's warm and you long for a dip, there are some lakes within easy walking distance:

Maiden's Retreat, or Catfish pond: Walk through the parking lot of the condos at Donner Ski Ranch (a bit north of the regular parking lot) and out the back side you will find several walking trails. Follow almost any trail until you meet the dam of Lake Angela, the Reservoir (no swimming) that serves the Donner Pass area. Follow the down towards the east (to the right as you face it) and continue around the dam until the concrete wall of it ends at about the level of the lake water. From

that point, head due East, and you will come across Maiden's Retreat, a small lake at the foot of a cliff, where if you wade, 6 inch long catfish will come to nibble at the dry skin on your ankles. We figure the fish were planted there by the Chinese workers on the Railroad tunnel, and have lasted through the winters deep in the mud. Many people let their dogs paddle in this lake, so it may not be cleanest for swimming, but it does have fond cliffs on the north side over water deep enough that you can jump in (carefully.)

For better swimming, Lakes Flora and Azalea are beyond Lake Angela, to the north on a network of trails that lead to the lakes there almost no matter what trail you take. Go around the shore of Lake Angela (the Reservoir) until you are across from the dam, then find a path leading north. Flora and Angela are about 4 times as large as Maiden's Retreat, and lovely clean lakes for a summer dip.

If you are up for a drive, there is Long Lake, beyond Soda Springs ski area and out past the parking lot of Royal Gorge Cross Country area along Pahatsi drive. Ask the Maseks for directions to this one. Long Lake has a rope swing, diving cliffs, an island to swim out to, and a flat rock just 6 inches below the surface, for mermaid basking! Great fun for tweens (8-12) and teens!

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Cabin Fees

Winter: Members: \$12/night, Guests: \$21/night

Summer: Members: \$8/night, Guests: \$17/night

Web Site: www.sfvikingskiclub.org