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See backcountry on skis, snowshoes



Goldsmith's Boardhouse rents all the equipment you'll need to explore Big Bear backcountry, where early season storms have made for great conditions.

Get out in search of fresh powder days after it has been tracked out at the resorts, where there's no crowds or lift tickets required. Romp through snow-covered meadows on Atlas snowshoes with two cleats for gripping on harder snow, or slide along trails on cross-country skis away from the hustle and bustle of the slopes. Either way you'll enjoy splendid scenery, and maybe see coyotes or bobcat tracks along the way.

There are north-facing hiking trails and spots perfect for winter trekking for all ability levels, from Bow and Sand Canyons to north shore escapes. Take a

picnic lunch out into solitude and silence for a great way to enjoy the mountains in winter. It's inexpensive—snowshoes rent for \$15, same price for cross-country skis, and no lift ticket to pay for.

Even if you showed up in Big Bear with no equipment whatsoever, Goldsmith's Boardhouse has everything you'll need for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, from gear to even clothing, like ski pants and jackets. Your own hiking boots work best for snowshoeing though Sorels substitute for those not going far, and Goldsmith's rents footwear for both sports too. Goldsmith's has free maps and directions to good backcountry spots along with current snow conditions.

Goldsmith's Boardhouse is at 42071 Big Bear Blvd. Call 866-2728.

Discovery Center...

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absorber...hear each step break through a thin layer amidst peace and tranquility!

Learning how to snowshoe is simple; if you can walk, then you can snowshoe! Naturalists point out flora and fauna along the way and there's time for exploration. Snowshoe tours are Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. plus Sundays from 9 a.m.-noon., through March 4.

Snowshoe tours cost \$30, \$20 ages 8-16, which includes snowshoe rental, poles, snacks and water.

Free **Nature Walks** led by naturalists explore Discovery Center's forested grounds Saturdays at 1 and 2 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. and noon. Each 30-minute,

non-strenuous adventure teaches local flora and fauna plus local history.

Animal Tracking programs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 25 show how to track local animals found in the wild, then participants even make their own tracks. Cost is \$3.

On March 17 the first Greenthumbs volunteer day for 2012 is held as participants help replant forest areas ravaged by wildfire or human impact. Meet at the North Shore ranger station for workdays, held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Subsequent outings are set for April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and 22, and October 20.

Call Big Bear Discovery Center at (909) 866-3437.

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Big Bear Today Beyond Karaoke...

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on the guitar, Gorzik hollered and jumped about in a pretty good Idol imitation.

"I sell this one to get the audience up to dance," he hollered into the mike. "I sound better when you sing along. Somehow a live band joining you makes karaoke sound better."

"We always say at B's, you're only one more beer away from getting up to sing with the band," Gorzik laughed. A bunch of suds must have been consumed this night because before long a group of snowboarders who till then had been content to just play pool and watch decided to sing their own favorite tune...

Queen's epic "Bohemian Rhapsody," a vocal extravaganza with rock and opera lyrics combining to create quite the vocal challenge. No, this group of twenty-something guys won't be going on tour anytime soon, but Gorzik and a couple other singers jumped up to help them out and soon the whole bar was rocking, Canzoneri's guitar and Wilson's keyboards leading the way.

"On most songs Steve and I do background vocals and we'll help out on leads for people who are nervous but really want to give it a try," Canzoneri said. His local band Plethora was known for playing a wide variety of music, a trait which comes in handy during "Beyond Karaoke."

B's Boathouse is at 350 Alden Rd. on the water. Call (909) 866-5400.

Bullwheel Bar...

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"It's pretty cool that Tommi played here at the end of the day downstairs in the 50's, and now Bertorello takes over the reigns," he said.

Summit Inn has so much history attached to it, the bar even lays claim to its own cocktail, courtesy of Bertorello and longtime employee Larry Longo. "We created the Home Boy," Bertorello said of the signature drink featuring Gran Marnier, Kahlua and Irish cream in coffee.

"I was in Vail once and the bartender said 'that's an Aspen coffee and it's been that for 25 years,'" Bertorello said. "I told him that in California it's a Home Boy."

Even non skiers or snowboarders will find Summit Inn's walks fascinating, a trip back in time. Pull up a chair, enjoy the band, watch sports on TVs in every corner and raise a cocktail to the most interesting history lesson around!

Call Snow Summit (909) 866-5766.

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