

# Call of the Wild

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## **Sequoias & Snowshoeing Weekend** *Snowshoeing in Wonderful Sequoia National Park* **February 11 – 13th, 2011**

**Rating:** Easy to Moderate

**Accommodations:** 2 Nights Hotel Lodging

**Cost:** \$695. Reservation Deposit \$250. Balance due 3 months before start date of trip.

Note: Price subject to change until your deposit is received.

Join us for a weekend of women's only snowshoeing, day hiking, and fabulous food in Sequoia National Park. Snowshoeing is easy and a wonderful way to be in the mountains in winter. If you've never tried it before, we'll teach you-- it's easy! Sequoia National Park is one of America's best National Parks with activities year round and amazing sites – including Giant Sequoia trees. Each day, we'll be outside from about 10 AM to 3 or 4 PM. We'll start each day with a hearty breakfast before heading out. After our adventures, we'll then come back to our comfortable lodging to enjoy fine food and great camaraderie.

On Day 1 we will offer a snowshoe lesson for any women looking for advice or pointers before heading out into the Giant Forest to snowshoe by the General Sherman Tree – the world's largest tree. Day 2 we will explore more areas near a beautiful meadow, all under the majestic trees. This trip is designed to accommodate beginners and there is an early turn around option each day. Join us for this great women's snowshoe adventure!

### **Day 1, Friday – Depart San Francisco, CA**

We will depart the San Francisco Area at 9 AM. We will drive south towards the park and stop in Fresno for lunch before continuing into the National Park. We expect to arrive at the Hotel no later than 4 PM for check in. After checking into your room, you are free to explore the area on your own or sit by the fire. Tonight we'll have a delicious dinner around 6:30 PM and discuss the weekend's plan.

*(Dinner)*

### **Day 2, Saturday – Snowshoeing in the Giant Forest**

This morning we have breakfast at 8:30 AM then head for the Giant Forest dressed for the snow. We'll spend the first part of the day on a snowshoe orientation lesson getting comfortable with our equipment. Weather permitting, we will have lunch on the trail, then spend the rest of the

day snowshoeing around the Giant Forest, visit such sites as the General Sherman Tree, Tunnel Log, Moro Rock, and Crescent Meadow. You'll be surprised how quickly you pickup snowshoeing – and how much fun it is to move through the dry Sierra powder! Before leaving the Giant Forest we will stop at the Visitors Center to see the exhibits on the Giant Sequoia Trees and stop by the gift shop for souvenir shopping. Then we'll return to the hotel for hot showers and enjoy sitting by the fire before our 7:00 PM dinner as a group. We'll also plan to attend the evening's program on the biology of the Giant Sequoia Trees offered by the Rangers (as available).

*(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

### **Day 3, Sunday – Snowshoeing in Sequoia National Park**

This morning we enjoy a hearty breakfast at 8 AM before heading back out the snow. Today we explore another part of Sequoia National Park and snowshoe through open meadows and under pine trees and giant sequoias. We'll also spend time identify animal tracks in the snow such as chipmunks, rabbits, foxes, and other native animals. After lunch, we'll return to the hotel and begin our drive back to San Francisco. We'll plan to arrive back into the San Francisco Area no later than 7 PM.

*(Breakfast, Lunch)*

**Note:** Itinerary subject to change at leader's discretion due to weather, road conditions, and other contingencies.

### **WHAT YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Experienced leadership
- Return Transportation from San Francisco Bay Area to Sequoia National Park
- Excellent food, (provided meals are noted on itinerary)
- Two nights lodging (double-occupancy)
- Snowshoe Orientation lesson
- Snowshoes

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Trail snacks
- Personal gear (see equipment list)
- Optional tips for your guides

**About tipping:** People on our trips often ask us about gratuities, so here are some guidelines: Each person usually tips \$8-\$10 per day for each guide depending on the level of service and the number of guides assigned to the trip. Tips at the end of the trip are optional and a way of showing your special appreciation if you feel that your guides have given very good service to you. Tips are optional, but always appreciated.

### **DAILY ACTIVITY AND MILEAGE OPTIONS**

The distance we travel will depend on snow conditions. We may travel as far as five miles. Including our orientation lesson, we will snowshoe from about 10AM to 3 or 4PM and may have two groups, one fast group and another group for those who prefer a slower pace. An early turnaround option is available on both days and all snowshoe excursions are optional.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

No previous snowshoeing experience is required. Our trips are designed for flexible, energetic people who like to be active and have a spirit of adventure. We expect trip participants to be in good physical condition, aerobically fit. You must have your own health insurance. Our best trips are those where everyone is equipped with a positive attitude, the sensitivity to recognize the needs of the group, and a sense of humor!

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

**First**, call (650 265 1662) or fill out our quick reservation form on our website at [www.callwild.com](http://www.callwild.com). We accept Check, Visa, and MasterCard to hold your place. **Next**, send in your completed and signed Trip Application. You'll receive your trip application via email and also in your trip packet 3 – 5 days after you place your quick reservation.

## **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

*We strongly suggest that you take out trip cancellation insurance.* Call of the Wild does not issue cash refunds, whatever circumstances may cause a cancellation. Depending on the time of your cancellation, you may or may not be eligible for a credit for another trip; please read our refund and cancellation policy at [www.callwild.com](http://www.callwild.com). We also include a copy in our trip packets; or you may phone our office. You may be committed to going on your trip, but people have been forced to cancel due to circumstances beyond their control or because of a completely unexpected misfortune. To sign up for Travel Guard insurance call us for a brochure or 1-800-826-4919. For certain coverage, you must purchase insurance within 14 days of making your initial deposit with Call of the Wild.

**Please Note:** Call of the Wild provides Travel Guard insurance brochures and a link to their website for your convenience, but there are many other travel insurance companies. It is your responsibility to know the restrictions and provisions of your policy.

## **AIR TRAVEL AGENT**

For air travel, please contact Wendy Fazio at Skyline Travel 510-530-1100 or e-mail [wendyatskyline@aol.com](mailto:wendyatskyline@aol.com). Let her know that you are traveling with Call of the Wild. You need to fly into San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to meet the group.

## **ACCOMODATIONS**

Deep inside Sequoia National Park, we stay at the comfortable Wuksachi Lodge. Located near the Giant Forest in Sequoia National Park, Wuksachi Lodge is the perfect place to base ourselves for the weekend. This 3 Star AAA Lodge has rooms with 2 queen bed, attached bathroom and mission style furniture. Each room also has a hair dryer, coffee maker, mini fridge, and WiFi is available in the lodge common areas. Single Rooms may be available for an additional fee. Please email [trips@callwild.com](mailto:trips@callwild.com) to inquire about single room availability.

## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PLANNING**

We will depart from the Hilton Garden Inn San Mateo (Airport Hotel near SFO) at 9 AM on Day 1. For those flying in, please exit the airport terminal and take the free hotel shuttle to meet us at the hotel. You may wish to stay at the hotel the night before or after the trip. You can contact

the hotel at 650-522-9000 for reservations or additional information. For those joining locally, we will meet you at the Millbrae BART Station at 9:30 AM. Long Term Parking is available at the Millbrae BART Station for \$6/day for those needing parking.

We expect to arrive back into the San Francisco Area no later than 7 PM on Day 3. For those flying out, please plan flights after 9 PM. We will provide a departure to the San Francisco Airport, in addition to the Millbrae BART station and the Hilton Garden Inn upon our return.

### **DIRECTIONS**

We will be meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in San Mateo, CA. From San Francisco, Take 101 South to Hwy 92 east toward Hayward/San Mateo Bridge. Exit at Foster City Blvd and turn left at the end of the off ramp. Turn left onto Foster City Blvd. Turn left at Chess Drive. Go 1/2 mile and the hotel is on the right side next to Home Depot.

For those meeting in Millbrae from San Francisco, take Hwy 101 South to the Millbrae Exit. Turn Right onto East Millbrae Avenue, then right again onto North Rollins Road.

In the event you are not running on time, we ask that you contact your guide to let them know of your delay. We will not be able to wait for clients who aren't on time and don't provide an update.

### **ABOUT OUR GUIDES**

Call of the Wild guides have extensive experience and bring proven leadership to your trip. We pride ourselves on giving women safe opportunities to venture out and do something they've never done before. Our guides are certified Wilderness First Responders and they'll go the extra mile to make you feel comfortable. They all share a love of the wilderness and an enjoyment of people's company. You may read more about our guides on our website at [www.callwild.com](http://www.callwild.com).

### **ABOUT OUR FOOD**

We will take our breakfasts and dinners in the restaurant adjacent to the Wuksachi lodge. This restaurant focuses on California cuisine and vegetarian options are available. We will eat lunches on the trail. You can expect a variety of sandwiches, nuts, fruit, crackers, cookies, and other tasty treats ready for the snow. You won't go hungry this weekend – but you'll have earned it!