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Trip Report

Mount Becher (snowshoeing) [return to Reports list](#)

Sun Jan 13, 2013

Leader: **Bob St.John**

Co-Leader: **Carol Hunter**

A good thing about Mt Becher is that you get a good workout right from the get-go. This was especially true today as it was a tad cool at the Forbidden parking lot, but by the time we got to the top of the ski hill most of the warm layers had been shed.

The mountain was busy... we passed a throng of young snowboarders on the ski hill, watched two ice climbers being filmed on the ice wall above Boston Lake, met a party of 6 or so Alpine Club skiers on the summit, as well as sundry shoe'ers and skiers on the trail. All this traffic, and the lack of recent snow, made the packed trail easy to follow all the way to the top. We noted the trail did not follow the usual gully route, but switch-backed up the snow slope on climber's right. This is a better route to take, in my opinion, as long as the snowpack is solid, which it was this time out.

I was somewhat bummed-out at first when the promised sunshine did not appear, instead hiding behind high hazy clouds. But as the photos show, they blew away just as we reached the summit. After a quick lunch, we wandered around the frozen gargoyles, with Carol's and Glenn's cameras busy capturing the sights.

Three hours up, an hour on the summit, then two hours down... returning at 3:30. I had a great day with fine companions.



Approach walk
[Glenn Ord photo]



Sculpted snow
[Carol Hunter photo]



The gathering



Becher lunch-time cafe
[Glenn Ord photo]

[Carol Hunter photo]



Bob surveying the summit area
[Glenn Ord photo]



Group shot at the top
[Carol Hunter photo]



Silent sentinels
[Glenn Ord photo]



The snow mouse cometh
[Carol Hunter photo]



*Climbers on the ice wall
above Boston Lake*
[Carol Hunter photo]



Return journey
[Glenn Ord photo]

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