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Fri Dec 30, 2016

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 Co-Leader: **Susan Osso**

Today, as eight of us trekked in our backyard Winter Wonderland I thought of Lewis Carrolls words, "I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again." We left a busy Raven Lodge shortly after 9:20, and made our way to the backcountry via Paradise Meadows. Snow plowing was required after the two-day snowfall on the mountain, however a faint dip guided us along the trail that had been previously trekked. A quick break at the edge of Battleship found us all praising the bright sunshine, and the fair temperatures. Although most of us played the 'layer on, layer off' clothes game, the weather posed no problems. We encountered other CDMC members along the way and together we shared the snowplowing necessary to make it to Lady Lake, and then beyond to Croteau Lake. Due to light winds the snow stayed where we thought it should, up in the trees! Following a snack at Croteau we snowshoed across the lake, and up the hill to be rewarded with exquisite panoramas of our majestic mountain range. Deciding it was a tad too windy to have lunch on this low summit, we returned to the other side of the lake where we feasted on our edible treasures. With the winter sun low in the sky we completed the 15 km snowshoe trek. Cars were parked well down the road from the lodge as many sought to create memories in this Winter Wonderland.



On Our Way
[Susan Osso photo]



Group Snap
[Susan Osso photo]



Winter Wonderland
[Susan Osso photo]



Friendly Shadows
[Susan Osso photo]



The View
[Susan Osso photo]



Brilliant sunshine
[Julianna Wells photo]

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