

GEAR RECOMMENDATIONS AND RENTALS

We're often asked to recommend which snowshoes are most suitable for the Snowshoe Raid. This can be a tough question since we don't know what snow conditions we'll experience on race day. There could be light fluffy powder, deep wet snow, or even hard icy conditions. However, if someone is looking for the best all-round snowshoe, not only for racing but for general snowshoe hiking, or running, we'd recommend Atlas brand "Run", or "Race" models. They offer the ideal surface-area to weight ratio, meaning they're incredibly light, but still afford enough surface-area to traverse through deep snow. They also come with an aggressive toe and heel crampon for grip on any surface. These are the snowshoes we use during course testing and are also the snowshoes worn by most of the podium finishers in our event. More details on these snowshoes can be found on the Atlas website. They can be purchased at any of our retail partners, including Sojourn Outdoors (Barrie) and Squire John's (Collingwood).

SNOWSHOE RENTALS

South Base Lodge Rentals at Blue Mountain have a fleet of Atlas brand Series 9 Snowshoes available for rent during the event. If you'd like to rent snowshoes from South Base Lodge Rentals, please email the Event Director, Bob Miller (snowraid@dontgetlost.ca) with the quantity of snowshoes you'd like reserved. Emails must be received within a week of race day. Snowshoes being rented from South Base Lodge Rentals must be picked up and dropped off from the South Base Lodge by participants. The rental shop opens at 8:30am on the morning of the event. Payment for the rental will be made upon pick-up.

SOJOURN - "BARRIE'S LEADING OUTDOOR STORE"

Sojourn has a wide variety of snowshoes available for rent (\$15 per day), or purchase. Sojourn is in the south end of Barrie, just off Hwy 400 at the Mapleview Drive exit. Please call the store @ 705-739-9694 to arrange your rentals, be sure to tell them you're with the Snowshoe Raid. For directions to Sojourn, please visit their website @ www.sojournoutdoors.com