

1947 High Trip

(The 42nd High Trip)

High Trip 1 – Lake Ediza country– June 29 – July 11

High Trip 2 – Bear Creek, French Creek country– July 12 – July 26

High Trip

To take full advantage of what snow we have this summer, the High Trip will enter the Sierra at Agnew Meadow on June 29 (Sunday), pause in the Ritter region, and then head south, so that High Trippers will always be looking ahead toward the north, snow-bearing slopes. The first two-weekers will camp successively at Lake Ediza, Devis Postpile, Purple lake, Lake of the Lone Indian, and near Second Recess.

Second two-weekers will drive to Little Lakes Valley on July 12 (Saturday) and come into the High Sierra over Mono Pass. Subsequent camps will be on Bear Creek, below lake Italy, at Marie Lake, Senger Creek, and finally in French Canyon below Pine Creek Pass, the route of egress on July 26 (Saturday).

The trip as a whole will be essentially the same as in 1938, but the earlier expedition followed one of the heaviest of recent winters, and was more arctic than Sierran. This announcement goes to press far too early to include a reliable forecast of summer depths of snow and pass openings, and the management is not yet advocating that those who go on the trip trade in ice axes for canteens; according to the best information, however, this summer will be unusual. In all probability, the present itinerary can be followed to the letter; it is, nevertheless, only the fifth proposal so far, and veteran high-trippers know that the itinerary which is eventually worked out is normally numbered in the 'teens.

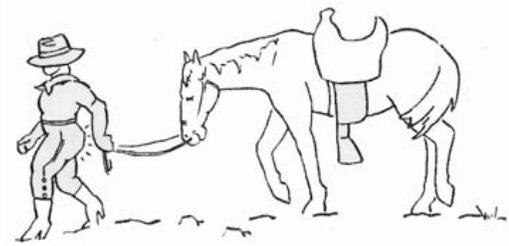


As a conservation measure the High Trip will this year be strictly limited to a maximum of 125 members. This is essential in order to reduce the number of pack stock so as to minimize the very serious grazing load upon the high mountain meadows. For the same reason, few saddle stock will be available on a long-term basis; some will be on hand for emergency use at daily rates.

Partly because of this limitation in number, and partly because of the rise in cost of food and packing, the outing deposit has increased to \$60 for two weeks, and there can be no reduction in rate for four weeks. Two-week and four-week reservations will be accepted in the order of receipt.

Leadership will include Dave Brower as Manager, Charlotte Mauk, Jim Harkins, Bill Blair, Ted Ginno, Howard Koch, Howard parker, Joe Wampler, Barbara and Toni Bristow, Ted Grubb, Helen Smith, Nance Wale, and Jack Heyneman.

Saddle Trip



This year's Saddle Trip will follow part of the Muir Trail south, starting over Bishop Pass on July 29 and ending over Kearsarge Pass on August 8.

What the Trip is Like

A riding trip will appeal to many Club members – both those who have had previous riding experience, and others who have not. Seeing the Sierra from a saddle offers the Sierra enthusiast many attractions, to wit:

1. The scenery can be enjoyed continuously. The riders find that they can appreciate the scenery all the way, while their mounts worry about where to walk.
2. Riding is less tiring than walking.
3. Riders are allowed 50 pounds of dunnage.
4. More country can be covered by riding than by “foot-burning.”
5. Excellent opportunity is afforded for learning riding and horsemanship.
6. The party is relatively small in size.

Riders with guides start out soon after breakfast. There is no attempt to keep riders in close formation on the trail. They ride at whatever pace and with whom they like. Usually, however, all riders and horses are bunched at noon for rendezvous with the lunch mule. The pack trains pass riders during the lunch hours so that dunnage is available for fishing, reading, boudoir-making, etc., by the time riders reach camp.

Previous riding experience, although helpful, is not at all necessary. Guides and packers will always lend a hand. Any person in good health can enjoy this trip, but it is not recommended that those expecting a “soft” trip should make application. The high cost is made necessary by the small size of the party, and is not an indication of luxury alone. Riders are expected to help with camp chores on a friendly volunteer basis just as is the case on all Club trips.

The party will be organized by Ike Livermore.

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