

1949 High Trip

(The 44th High Trip)

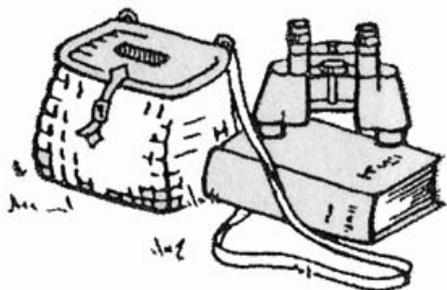
High Trip 1 – Return Creek, Pate Valley, Neall, Benson, Tilden, and Dorothy lakes.

**High Trip 2 – North Fork Junction, Peeler and Rock Island Lakes,
Upper Slide Canyon, Matterhorn Canyon, and McCabe Lakes**

To get people into the mountain wilderness, where they can explore and enjoy it – and thus come to protect it – a full series of wilderness outings has been planned for this summer. There will be eleven two-week periods in all – total capacity, 600 persons – between July 4 and August 28. A description of each type of trip that the club conducts is given in the Member's Handbook, which also contains comments and lists on outing equipment. With so much material already in print, this announcement need consist of no more than bare essentials – itineraries of each trip, the procedure for signing up, dates, deadlines, and deposits. The keynote drawings are by Milton Hidlebrand. Little effort has been made here to transform into words the fascination of the regions to be traveled this summer. The printed word doesn't convey this sort of beauty or experience very well at best. Ask someone who has been on a trip.

High Trip

Yosemite High Sierra country, some of it never before seen by the club, is the fare for this, the forty-fourth



High Trip. This country, in the northern portion of the park, is some of the least known in the High Sierra. Elevations are not so high as those farther south, and the terrain is not so rugged. The Yosemite country is friendlier, greener, and – to make Ike Livermore's mules happier – grassier. Those who like upended mountains best will not be disappointed in the Sawtooth Ridge country.

First camp will be at Tuolumne Meadows on the club's Soda Springs property. Then, every one or two or three days will bring new trails and a new camp – at a site that can be the starting point for exploratory strolls and climbs, for lazy hours in near-by meadows and lakes, or for some excitement whenever the mules and packers have their unrehearsed rodeos.

This year there will be a continuation of the not-too-formal instruction for new-comers and non-experts on how to get along well with the Sierra – how to find soft bedsites, firewood that burns, trails that follow contour lines, how to be comfortable though walking, and such Sierra miscellany. Old-timers share their knowledge.

The first two-week-period campsites, in order, will be at or near: Return Creek, Pate Valley, Neall, Benson, Tilden, and Dorothy lakes. First-two-weekers will find their cars at Leavitt Meadows.

Second-two-weekers will be truck-shuttled up Buckeye Creek (just north of Bridgeport) to a first camp at the North Fork junction, thereafter camping at or near Peeler and Rock Island lakes, upper Slide Canyon, Matterhorn Canyon, and McCabe Lakes, returning to their cars at Tuolumne Meadows.

Most of the commissary faces will be familiar – Dave Brower and pat Goldsworthy as leader and assistant leader, Jim Harkins and Charlotte Mauk watching over the menus, a Bristow or three, Jane Goldsworthy, Nancy

Heynemann, Paul Kaufmann, Helen Smith, a few other old faces and new, and Anne Brower to manage the leader. Ike Livermore expects to have most of last year's packers along.

The deposit, the same as last year's, is still higher than we'd like it to be. But even so the trip will be at a slight loss because of the cost of moving the stock all the way from Lone Pine. So we suggest our standard form of rationalization: compute what it would cost to dine out two weeks (or four), add what it's worth to have a mule carry your duffel and food, throw in what you'd willingly pay to have your weight redistributed and reconditioned, subtract the High Trip cost – and see what you save by vacationing on the trail with congenial people!

Saddle Trip

This year's Saddle Trip will start from Carroll Creek on August 17, passing through Golden Trout Camp to camp below beautiful scenic side trips will be cross Army Pass for a two considered by many the finest 21st the route leads over Guyot Meadows, base for the Mount Whitney. From this the superb high meadow country of Wallace, Wright, and Tyndall Creeks to camp at Milestone Basin. Riders may take side trips from here on the 24th, and will leave on the 25th to cross Foresters pass and camp in upper Bubbs Creek. Final day's ride, August 26, will be over Kearsarge Pass to Onion Valley.



From here the party will night's camp on Rock Creek, camp spot in the central Sierra. On the Pass to a two nights' camp at Crabtree spectacular side trip to the summit of camp riders will take the trail through

Reservations are limited to 22. The trip will be organized by Ike Livermore.

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