

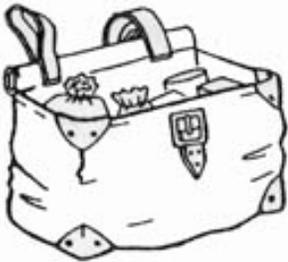
The 1965 High Trip

(The 60th High Trip)

Each two-week High Trip this summer crosses the Sierra, but one way only – the first from east to west, the second from west to east, with shuttles by charter bus.

Most of High Trip 1 is within Kings Canyon National Park, on the Middle Fork of the Kings River. Most of High Trip 2 is within Sequoia National Park and crosses the Sierra farther south, following tributaries of the South Fork of the Kings River and of the Kern River.

The tradition High Trip follows the pattern developed sixty years ago (when the young Sierra Club organized one Annual outing each summer) for enjoying the high mountains with moderate exertion on the trail and a minimum of work in camp. The skilled hands of the commissary crew set up camp, cook the meals, and pack and clean up on moving days, although everyone expects to help occasionally and share any necessary chores. Mules carry all the loads.



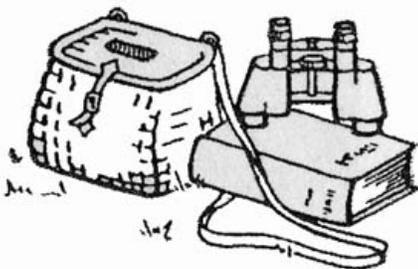
On moving days, after breakfast, you start on the trail – at your own pace. There is no need to hurry or reach the next camp until dinner time. The pack train may pass you on the trail, and your duffel bag will be in camp when you arrive.

Layover days, when we remain at the same camp, are yours to enjoy as you please – fishing, rambling, or just lying on your sleeping bag and letting time drift by. Activities you can join may include rock climbing, exploring, or nature walks.

Since the 1965 High Trip is a bit more strenuous than recent ones, it is even more important that you spend a day or two in the high country before the trip, to give your body a head start on adjusting to the altitude. Moving-day hikes will range from 7-14 miles. Your duffel is limited to 30 pounds. Young people (under 18) should be accompanied by an adult, preferably a parent.



High Trip 1 – South Lake to Cedar Grove – July 25 - August 7



From the roadhead camp at South Lake (on the east slope of the Sierra, near Bishop) we cross bishop Pass (12,000) to a spectacular camp in Dusy Basin – the Palisades behind you, and a sweeping view of the Black Divide before you to the west. Our next move follows the trail down to the Middle Fork of the Kings River and turns north on the John Muir Trail to a camp in upper LeConte Canyon. After a layover day, we retrace the trail to Dusy junction and follow the Middle Fork to Grouse Meadow, John Muir’s favorite Sierra meadow.

We follow the deep Middle Fork gorge to our next camp in Simpson Meadow (5,900). The last two moving days will have much up-and-down. First, we hike up to a camp in Dougherty Meadows; then over Granite Pass (10,650), and down, down, down to the South Fork of the Kings River at copper Creek (5,100). Buses will shuttle us back to the east side roadhead.

Leader – Bob Golden.

High Trip 2 – Giant Forest to Shepherd Pass – August 8 - 21

From our camp at the Shepherd pass roadhead (Owens Valley), we board buses for the shuttle to Giant Forest (Sequoia National park) on the west slope of the Sierra. We hike over Silliman Pass (10,000) to our camp at Ranger Lakes. After a layover, we move to a camp in Sugarloaf Meadow; then move again into the valley of Roaring River and to a favorite campsite in Cloud Canyon below the Whaleback.



After we cross dramatic Colby Pass (12,000), leaving Kings River country for the Kern, we drop down to a camp near Gallats Lake in the Kern-Kaweah basin. Our final camp, on Tyndall Creek, offers many opportunities for side trips to the upper Kern and into Milestone basin. On the last day we cross Shepherd pass (12,050) and make the long descent to Owens Valley (and our cars).

Leader – Ted Grubb.

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