

# The 1967 Saddle-Light Trip

## (The 10<sup>th</sup> High Horse Trip)

**Saddle High Horse Trip – Horseshoe Meadow, Templeton Meadow,  
Little Whitney Meadow, Big Whitney Meadow – June 24 – July 1**

**L**ast year's successful saddle trip has encouraged the Outing Committee to offer another this year. Although this will be only the second Club horseback trip in the 1960's, actually it is the tenth such outing, starting with the first High Horse Trip organized and led by Ike Livermore in 1938.

We gather at the end of the new Horseshoe Meadow road, 15 miles southwest of Lone Pine, on Saturday, June 24, where horses will be assigned. First day's ride will take us over Mulkey pass to camp near "movie stringer" in Templeton Meadow, famed beauty spot where the classic western "The Virginian" was first filmed years ago. Following days' travel will be to Little Whitney Meadow, Rocky Basin Lakes, Big Whitney Meadow, and over Cottonwood pass to return to Horseshoe Meadow. There will be four moving days and three days in camp. Side trips on layover days will include the wildly chiseled upper stretches of the South Fork Kern River, the spectacular trip to the Lower Kern River via Volcano Falls, and a ride to Rocky basin Lakes. For those interested, elementary instruction in horsemanship will be offered. Riding experience, though helpful, is not essential because all horses will be thoroughly gentle. The trip covers some of the best of the High sierra but the trails are not tough and the travel not strenuous.

An important objective of the trip will be its value in publicizing the proposed Golden Trout Wilderness. This outstanding roadless area, lying just south of Sequoia National Park at an average elevation of 8,000 feet, has been proposed by the Forest Service as a formally dedicated Wilderness Area, but has not yet been so designated. A saddle trip into this great area performs a real service to the wilderness cause by helping combat threats of invasion by motorized trail bikes and helicopters.

Campfire programs are another aspect of the trip that will be emphasized. Those willing and able to play musical instruments at campfire are encouraged to bring them, and they will not be tallied in the 30-pound dunnage allowance. Other campfire talents will also be encouraged, and cultivated!

The party is limited to 25 riders. When you send in your reservation include information as to your height, weight, sex, riding experience and approximate age. Reservations will be accepted in the order received, except that those not including the above information will be placed at the bottom of the list. We must have this information, for it is the only way we can assign horses intelligently.

There will be a small commissary crew, with everyone taking turns to help.

Packer – Tom Jefferson: Mt. Whitney Pack Trains  
Leader – Ike Livermore

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