

The 1967 High Trip

(The 62nd High Trip)

The traditional Sierra High Trip is a roving pack trip on which stock carry the loads while you hike to a series of camps. We intentionally shun the low-altitude, easy routes along the canyon bottoms, in favor of the high passes, the spectacular view-points and the timberline camps. On moving days, after breakfast, you start on the trail, at your own pace. All you need carry is your lunch and a poncho. There is no need to hurry or reach the next camp until dinner time. Layover days, when we remain at the same camp, are yours to enjoy as you please – fishing, rambling, or just lying in the sun and letting time drift by. Activities you may join could include rock climbing, campfire stunts, cross-country hikes and nature walks. A veteran cook and a commissary crew set up camp and do all the cooking. Our staff will include a doctor.



The High Trip pattern was developed sixty-five years ago when the club offered its first Annual Outing. We wish that somehow, once in his life, every Sierra Club member could go on a High Trip. For from it have evolved all the variations and off shoots that now make up our outing program.

The 1967 two-week High Trips circle the western high country of Sequoia National Park, the grand country between the Kaweah Range and the Great Western Divide.

Family High Trip, Sequoia National Park – Timber Gap, Big Five Lakes, Lost Canyon – July 9 - 22

Leader – Phil Berry

Last year's first Family High Trip, a variation on an old theme, proved highly successful. The youngsters found that one of the most exciting activities was working with the commissary crew, believe it or not; they worked hard and loved every minute of it. We follow the High Trip pattern described above, except that we will not go as far away from the roadend, and distances between camps will be only four to seven miles. We hope you will interpret family rather broadly – we welcome grandparents and aunts and uncles who want to bring their grandchildren and nieces and nephews. It is most important that all applicants have some camping experience.

High Trip, Sequoia National Park – Franklin Pass, Big Arroyo, Sawtooth Pass – July 23 - August 5

Leader – Gordon Benner

Our five camps will be at elevations up to 10,500 feet. Moving days will average eight miles. We will be in the high country typical of the upper Kern River – the jagged Kaweahs towering above us, our camps in groves

of foxtail pine. Our itinerary: Franklin Pass to Foerster Lake; Lost Canyon, below the spire of Sawtooth Peak, and an easy hike to multi-colored Columbine Lake; that tremendous glaciated canyon, the Big Arroyo; camps near Nine Lakes Basin and on the east side of Black Rock Pass.



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