

The 1971 High Trip

(The 66th High Trip)

The High Trip and High-Light moving trip, but don't want knapsack. Mules carry the food is largely of the limited to 20 pounds. Moves are usually followed by a layover day with camp and cooking chores; on the meals and attends to most camp duties. types of trips, although some High-camp chores are at a minimum, is children. Both kinds of trips provide ample layover days to allow trip members to fish, climb, or pursue other individual activities.



Trips are designed for people who desire a to be burdened by the heavy load of a dunnage and the emphasis is on going light – lightweight variety and personal dunnage is between camps range from 5 to 15 miles and On High-Light Trips, trip members take turns High Trip, a commissary staff prepares the This is the primary difference between the two Light Trips are smaller. The High Trip, where recommended for families with younger

Sierra High Trip – Northern Yosemite – August 14 – 28

Leader – Marsh Pitman

The 1971 High Trip will loop through the northwest part of Yosemite National Park, entering via Buckeye Pass (9,600) from Twin Lakes roadhead near Bridgeport. We will explore alpine meadows, glaciated valleys, and numerous lakes and streams. Climbers will find peaks of interest, especially during a two-day layover near Sawtooth Ridge, Matterhorn Peak (12,264), Finger Peaks (11,390), and Whorl Mountain (12,029). Our trip will range between 7,000 and 10,600 feet with campsites between 9,000 and 10,000 feet. Moving days will vary between five and ten miles with a maximum climb of 3,000 feet.

High-Light Trip – Woodchuck Country – July 10 - 17

Leader – Chuck Schultz

Located in the Kings River area of Sierra National Forest, Woodchuck Country offers a mixture of dense forests, mountain lakes, meadows and the high alpine life zone; elevations vary from 6,500 to 10,000 feet. A layover day every other day will allow plenty of time to enjoy the coming of spring in the middle-Sierra elevations. The 35-mile loop will begin and end at the roadhead near Wishon Dam, and we will hike through parts of the John Muir Wilderness. This trip is a natural tie-in with the Bench Valley-Red Mountain Basin High-Light trip for those who want to enjoy a full two weeks in the Sierra back country.

High-Light Trip – Bench Valley – Red Mountain Basin – July 18 - 25

Leader – Chuck Schultz

The springtime beauty of the western Sierra is ours to enjoy as we amble along a gentle trail to our first camp on the North Fork of the Kings River. The following day we move up to Horsehead lake at 10,400 feet, where a layover day enables us to become acquainted with Le Conte Divide and Blackcap Basin. Pleasant July weather will make our cross-country hike to Devils Punchbowl a memorable off-trail travel experience. With two layover days at Devils Punchbowl we will have time to explore Red Mountain basin and its sculptured granite, test our skill on some fine Sierra trout streams and climb a peak or two. A companion trip for the Woodchuck High-Light, our 40-mile tour can be mapped on the Blackcap Mountain quadrangle of the USGS series.

High-Light Trip – Mineral King – July 17 - 25

Leader – Donald Parachini

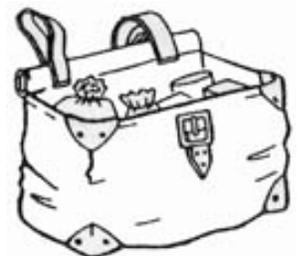


Starting and finishing at historic and controversial Mineral King, this eight-day circle in Sequoia National Park swings east to Big Arroyo via Soda Creek, Lost Canyon, and Big Five and Little Five lakes. On our first day we will climb from about 7,600 feet to 11,600 feet; this move from the Yellow Pine belt to the alpine zone passes through an area of varied plants, animals, and mountain terrain, which make the climb well worth the effort. Once over the Great Western Divide, we will spend most of the trip at the 10,000-foot elevation, where lakes and streams abound. We will move five days and layover three, averaging about eight miles on moving days.

High-Light Trip – Kings-Kern Divide – July 24 – August 7

Leader – Norton Meyer

This moderately-paced trip circles from Horse Corral to Cedar Grove via Colby pass and Forester Pass in sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks. We will spend several days in a gradual ascent through the open forest and meadowland in Sugarloaf Valley and the Roaring River country. From Cloud Canyon we cross the Great Western Divide, and head from the vast alpine region of the upper Kern River. Here our true high-country experience begins in an area surrounded by the peaks and ridges of the Sierra crest, the Kings-Kern Divide and the Great Western Divide. We will explore Milestone Basin and Lake South America before heading over Forester Pass into the Bubbs Creek drainage on our way down to Cedar Grove. While our route involves a total distance of 70 miles in eight moves, we will have six layover days and two short moves.



High-Light Trip – Monarch Divide – August 21 - 28

Leader – Jerry South

Our late-summer High-Light Trip will explore the spectacular lake country of northeastern Kings Canyon National Park. Commencing at Cedar Grove, we will follow the Lewis Creek Trail to a campsite in Frypan Meadow before crossing rugged Monarch Divide over 10,000-foot Kennedy Pass. After enjoying the unforgettable view of the Black Divide from the layover-day camp in Kennedy Canyon, we will proceed in short moves to Volcanic Lakes and Granite Lake before the long descent down Copper Creek Trail to Cedar Grove. Although the first two days entail steady climbing, the trip is moderately paced.



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