

Cliff Camp Log Sheet

Sht # 18

Names: Who was in your party? Steve Kliever, Neil Campbell

Dates: What days were you here? Friday afternoon 6/14/96 - Sunday 6/16/96

Number of people in your party? 2

Comments: How was the weather? What animals did you see? Any problems - or funny anecdotes?

We are the first group in this year (except for Mitch's walk by checkout). There has been no bear damage. The weather great: cool in the evening, warm (but not hot) during the day. No rain but some afternoon thunderclouds seen in the distance. When we arrived the stove pipe was ^{undamaged} set up, the cables were up, all of the bedding was in the tool shed (no mouse damage but covered with ants), no food was in the cabin (I later found some in the tool shed). Thanks to all who helped clean up or haul out trash last year. Even though it is painful seeing Cliffcamp in its "new minimalist" form, it is paying off.

The wildflowers are particularly beautiful & profuse this year. Just coming in I saw many: Pussy Paws, Mountain pride penstemon, golden brodiaea, ^{golden} blue-eyed marguerite, Red Indian Paintbrush, Queen Anne's lace, & Mountain Shooting Star.

All three streams were running across trail. The spring was connected but plugged (to within 6 inches of the top of the dam) with sand & debris.

The rest of the water system was clean
and unplugged. However, wherever the pipe
is not buried it is creeping downhill and is
subjected to animal bites. I buried large
parts of the pipe but others have mistakenly
pulled it back up in search of plugs.
Plugs can only occur at splices. I suggest
that each of us works to bury the pipe
as soon as possible to minimize animal damage
(and therefore more splices), creeping downhill, &
to keep the water cool. I suggest that
existing splices be flagged and not buried.
So that they can be easily picked.

Thanks to Jeff & Dick for making the new
cabinets. Thanks to Dan & Jeff for digging the new
outhouse pit. Thanks to Gwen for the
new screening. Thanks to Steve (Widdell) for
reshingling the shed. Thanks to Scott & Judy for
varnishing the doors. Thanks to the Entire Collins crew
for the neat barbeque.
And thank to everyone for all of the
work. Last year was a busy one

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Sht # 19

Names: Who was in your party? Steve, Judy, Michael, Linda,
Jason & Christopher Careful

Dates: What days were you here? 6/20 - 6/23/96

Number of people in your party? 6

Comments: How was the weather? What animals did you see? Any problems - or funny anecdotes? The weather was just beautiful, Sunny and warm during the day, cool at night, and stars stars, Stars - Michael and the boys took a trip thru the meadow, where they encountered a bear - from the rear - Mike estimates the bear was about 1000 lbs. Water was flowing and plentiful. We sat around a great campfire on the last night telling stories round-robin style. Judy had a lot of work to do and wished she had a laptop - Steve told her maybe they can find one with megabyte battery power. Steve and Christopher Careful flew a twirly Copter. Jason & Mike cut fire wood rounds. And Steve, Jason, Mike & Christopher hauled in the new cabinets that Dick Kiewer designed and will put together on another trip. I (Linda) slept and read and enjoyed the magnificent views from this little corner of the world, of course as always I dread the climb out, but it is always worth the place & calm you feel and of course the almost forty years of love that surrounds this truly special place. I am sure for Steve and Mike they feel closer to the family members no longer with us to share our daily lives. Dad Kiewer, Aunt Betty. And of course the enjoyment of making new memories. Well I come to the end of this entry so from this part of the Kiewer clan we say good bye - until the next trip on. With our love and admiration to all our past present & future friends.

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Sht # 20

Names: Who was in your party?

Scott, Judey & Willy Miller
+ Steve Kliever

Dates: What days were you here?

7/24 - 7/28/96

Number of people in your party?

4

Comments: How was the weather? What animals did you see? Any problems - funny anecdotes?

We hiked in on Wednesday - very warm. Thursday we helped Steve put up the Texan on the east-facing side. Even Willy helped drill in the fasteners. We had to make some adjustments.

Friday we hiked down to the river for a picnic. Saw about 13 pack horses in the meadow - they followed us for a while. We watched as they rolled in the dust. We ducked through the barbed wire fence as the horses were so friendly. (click)

Caught a beautiful elaterid beetle and a scorpion. The click beetle kept trying to hop out of the jar - it sounded like popcorn. Also caught a garter snake.

Saturday morning we worked on repairing the floor - always a bigger job than anticipated. Willy, Scott & Steve went over to the old cabin to say hello to Little Phil & Cooper while Judey made cinnamon rolls. It started raining so we did not have a campfire.

Lots of water and thankfully, few mosquitoes.

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Sht # 21

Names: Who was in your party? Stew Klierer & Judy Guamera

Dates: What days were you here? 8/31/96 - 9/2/96 labor day wk

Number of people in your party? 2

Comments: How was the weather? What animals did you see? Any problems - or funny anecdotes?

Hot & Sunny. Blue Skies. Fresno is over 100°F and the valley skies are full of smoke from the fires. In the afternoon the valley's dirty air rises up the canyon but doesn't become too bad.

The moon is gibbous (about 3 days past full). This gives a magnificent dark sky with the stars and especially the milky way in all their radiant glory. Later in the night the moon rises providing plenty of light for any nocturnal trips. Venus is a brilliant morning star. Jupiter is almost as bright in Sagittarius. It is easily seen to the south each evening. Interestingly the next great comet Hale-Bopp is currently about 5° above Jupiter but is still only visible in a telescope as a hazy star.

We haven't seen any bears or any fresh sign of them. However, we did see several deer, squirrels, gophers and the usual lizards & birds.

The fall creek is still running well at the trail. The spring is slow but adequate. However the water at the cabin is barely sufficient. We really do need to come up with an improved system. Burying the hose to prevent more puncture & break is one of first items needed!

About 7 head of horses in the meadow.
The meadow is well trampled by the horses. It
is clear of all the grass. Wouldn't it be
nice to clear all of the brushy aspen
and open up the meadow again?