

Hell Hole Pipes and Doorway

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Upper Pipe with Plaque

N 36° 58.832'

W 118° 58.808'

Elev 6400'



Looking back at the Knoll from Top Pipe - Elev 6460'



The Crevice

It starts the descent just to the south of the Upper Pipe.
3 benches break off to the North as it descends. The first obviously leads nowhere. The second peters out. The third bench descends north almost directly to the Doorway.



The Doorway

N 36° 58.826'
W 118° 58.850'
Elev 6300'

The Doorway is 2/3 of the descent of the main bluff from the Upper Pipe to the creek. (100 ft down and 200 ft west from upper pipe)

From here, continue down to the creek and cross it. Continue West or swing a little north to find easier path to the Lower pipe



Lower Pipe

N 36° 58.854'
W 118° 58.981'
Elev 6190'

This view looks south, down river. The tree lined ravine is the path of the creek to the lower end of Hell Hole pool. Beyond that is Granite Gorge.

This marker lies on an open and relatively flat granite bench. It is directly above the Hell Hole Pool but with no obvious path



down.

Two alternatives to descend further:

- 1) Swing South and descend via the creek ravine (seen behind me in this picture).
- 2) Swing North where the granite slope seems to be more gentle toward the upper end of the Hell Hole pool.



Looking back at the Knoll and Top Pipe from Lower Pipe

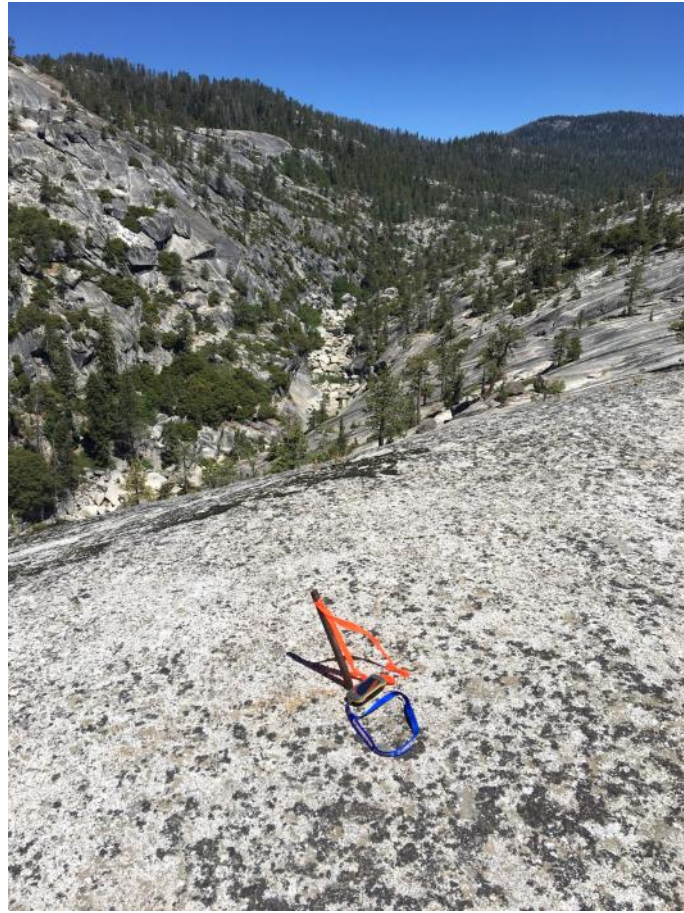
The Knoll is the highest point on skyline to right of center.

The Upper Pipe is out of view on promontory behind twinned tree in upper left.



Looking up river
From Lower Pipe

In the middle distance, the granite
slopes more gently. Is this the
best route down?



The Knoll looking down at Lower
Pipe



The Knoll looking down at Upper
Pipe

