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Sun Oct 07, 2012

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Co-Leader:

A delightful Turkey Trot to our destination on Thanksgiving Sunday - this Indian Summer shows no signs of letting up and it is such a joy to still be experiencing summer in the hills, this late in the season.

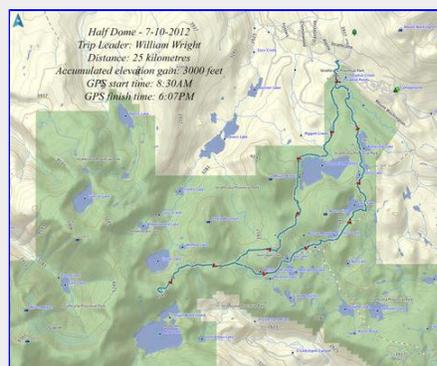
We watched the sun rise while gathering at the Courthouse, in the morning and further along in the day, we watched it set over the mountains as we arrived back at the trailhead, just after 6 PM.

Our camera apertures were constantly clicking in an attempt to capture the surrounding Fall images and the brilliance of the day is aptly depicted in the report pictures.

We arrived on the summit of Half Dome, around 1 PM and enjoyed lunch while soaking in the impressive views - the Wood Family were seemingly enjoying a Thanksgiving gathering of their own, as we spotted several boats fishing on the lake in the vicinity of their Moat Lake cabins.

As dusk enveloped our vehicle, on the return to the Valley, a beautiful black bruin crossed the road - a fitting end to a fine day.

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GPS Map
[Tim Penney photo]



Very low water levels at Helen Mackenzie Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Beautiful fall colours along the trail

[Tim Penney photo]



Climbing the gully towards the Half Dome summit

[Tim Penney photo]



Stuart Wood Island in Moat Lake

[Tim Penney photo]



Short Days Long Shadows

[Geoff Brameld photo]

Reflections

[Tim Penney photo]



Lunch break view of the Cruickshank Canyon

[Tim Penney photo]



Cruickshank Canyon view

[Tim Penney photo]



Half Dome Summit

[Geoff Brameld photo]

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