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Forbidden Plateau Crossing (hiking)

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This trip was a reverse of a Plateau crossing which the club did in 2012 and when reviewing that stroll, I had forgotten that Sylvia was with us.

This year, the elevation gain increased to about 1250 M as we were rising from Mt Becher to Mt Washington and basically covered the same distance of around 27 K.

Also, the temps were a tad warmer, this year, reaching a high of 31 degrees and our crossing time, including a lovely lunch at the Mckenzie Meadow Lookout plus a refreshing dip in Croteau Lake, was a tad more at 10 hrs.

Our adventure took us high on the Becher complex to catch the old summer route down thru Ash Pond & Slingshot Meadows whereby a bushwhack ensued to catch the new summer route into Mckenzie Meadows - from here we followed the regular route across Forbidden Plateau with one minor route finding exercise, at the western end of Mckenzie Meadows, to pkup the trail from a massive washout.

I was in a bit of a dash, at the end of our journey, to catch the beginnings of Christine's 70th with dinner out & fireworks - however Claudia, much to my surprise, admirably got this report going in lieu of my tardiness!

The crossing crew was a pleasure to be with and with their fitness plus youth, worked the old man mercilessly - great day in the backcountry.



Navigation 101
[Claudia Greenaway photo]



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First Glimpse of Johnston Lake
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Western Reach of Panther Lake
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Deserved Dip
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