

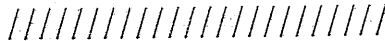
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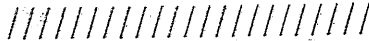
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AVAILABLE from the club - we have a copy to lend out: A Report on Research conducted by the Sierra Club Impact Study Team during 1970.

The ecological effort of Sierra Club outings on wilderness environment.

OCTOBER MEETING Wed. the 13th 7:30 p.m. W. Fed. Savings & Loan on Hwy. 93 S (Time & Temp. sign)

DANNY ON will present a program of his slides "Wildlife & Wildflowers" This will be a treat for all persons as Danny is a master photographer.

Jane Benson is planning a special treat for refreshments.

With the great attendance our meetings have had, the room about splits its seams. But it hasn't yet warranted finding larger quarters. Mainly it's a matter of chairs... could you bring a pillow or folding chair?

WANT MORE INFORMATION? The following people will be glad to help with your queries: Hiking, Backpacking - Bill Myers, 549-3606 Ski-touring, Snowshoeing - Bob Benson, 543-8629 Mountain Rescue Unit - Al Day, 258-6993 Canoeing, Kayaking - Roger Lund, 542-2747

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The Montana Wilderness Assn. hike to this mountain went well and was largely trouble free. Nineteen persons attended and were led by Bill and Lu Ballard.

Approaching the area one turns west on the Sweeney Cr. Rd. about one mile south of Florence, Mont. Follow this road straight toward the mountains, bearing right if there is no sign. The last major turn-off to the right seems to be at a housing development and the logging road which begins here starts to climb fairly steeply. However the road is generally good to its end 8 or 9 miles on. (If you don't like the looks of the roadbed after the last major switchback overlooking the canyon, park there and hike straight up rim until you meet the trail.)

The trail to Peterson Lk. which starts at the end of the road, is followed for about 3 miles. It is much used and well marked. The sign says 3 MI. to Peterson Lk. but it is more nearly 4 or 5.

At a marshy spring which can be avoided by a detour in the trail, the path goes downhill and fords a small creek and here there is a well-used camping place. Either at the spring or at the creek one leaves the trail and heads NW uphill. Bearing west follow the ridge across the saddle and then climbing up the ridge, over dead falls much of the way and snowfields in the last mile, you reach the summit. The view north is fine from a lower peak (1 mile short of the summit) and here there is a good rock-sheltered lunch spot. The splendid view from the summit includes a closeup of Lolo Peak to the NNW.

Starting to walk at 9:15 on a cool day, we were at the lunch stop around noon, to the summit at one; returned to the cars by 4 p.m. and were back in Missoula at 5. When travelling off the trail it is a good idea to keep the group quite close together especially in the area of the saddle.

Lu Ballard

(Ed. Note: See MountainEar II(5)2, 8; IX(1)5)

#### A FAST TRIP UP ST. MARY PK. (Missions)

On Sunday Sept. 19, Tom Ballard, Paul Jensen and I made the climb from St. Mary Reservoir to East St. Mary Pk. A trail starts from the north end of the dam but it is only followed for a few hundred yards. A piece of yellow flagging and some blazes mark the point where you turn up hill. A series of blazes zigzag up the ridge but they are difficult to follow and not worth the effort. We just went straight up the ridge, avoiding the denser brush as best we could. One stays on the ridge just to the southwest of Power Cr. The first 4,000 ft. is very steep but once the point of this ridge is reached you cross a rolling, very beautiful alpine meadow. The last 500 ft. gets steeper again. It is a very long climb, but worth it once the upper part is reached.

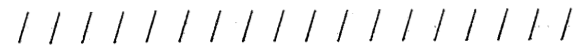
No water is on the route at any time of the year, except snow, of course. For other articles in the MountainEar see I(4)3, 7; IV(2)3; IV(5)11; IV(8)3, 5.

We left the car at 8 a.m., arrived at the top 11:40, left the top at 12 noon and were back at the car at 1:45 p.m. It is a 5400 ft. climb.  
Al Day

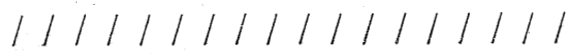
#### A LONG DAY IN THE MISSIONS

Martha Yale and Virginia Vincent made a trip into First Lake on Oct. 3, 1971. Starting out at McDonald Reservoir on the west side of the Mission Range, they worked their way up the Post Cr. drainage and around to the NE side of McDonald Peak massif. The excellent trail was left at the crossing of the creek coming out of Moon Lk. From there on it was a long, hard climb up a brushy hillside. Half the trip was on a rocky creek bed.

it was cross-country on somewhat brushy hillsides. Half the trip was on goat or game trails and up a rocky creek-bottom. Essentially we followed the route the Boy Scouts took 2 summers ago. The return from First Lk. took as long . Caught 3 1/2 miles up Post Cr. trail at dark, we weren't back to the car until 10 p.m. Without hurrying, we were enroute 14 hours, traversing 3300 ft. elevation rise. V.V.



COMING... more trips in the Bitterroots;  
meetings featuring Rick Graetz and Gra Thompson;  
watch for a new mailing address for the club;  
a schedule of activities (also announcements  
in the Missoulian and Kaimin);  
discussion of a management plan for the  
Bob Marshall Wilderness Area.....



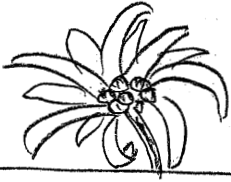
LAST HIKE OF THE SEASON TO MISSION MOUNTAIN-TOPS??

Saturday, Oct. 2, Tom Ballard, Mark Everingham, Terry McKinenny, Will Selser, and I went into the Missions from the Glacier Cr. Road. From the ridge between Island Lk. and Cliff Lk., Tom and Mark went up the ridge and over Panoramic Pk., down to Lone Tree Pass, up over the Glacier Peaks and Ice Flow Pk., then down past Ice Flow Lk. to our camp on Cliff Lake. The rest of us went down to Cliff Lk., and then climbed Ice Flow.

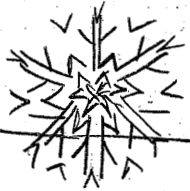
Sunday we climbed McDonald Pk. by the East Ridge. We first made the "Ballard-Everingham" traverse, which is going almost to Ice Flow and then back to the E. Ridge. This ridge has three buttresses on it which called for some FA scrambling. The upper 1500 ft. of McDonald was in the clouds during our climb. Time from Cliff Lk. was 3 hours up and 1 1/2 hrs. down. McDonald Pk. had up to two feet of new snow on it. Al Day

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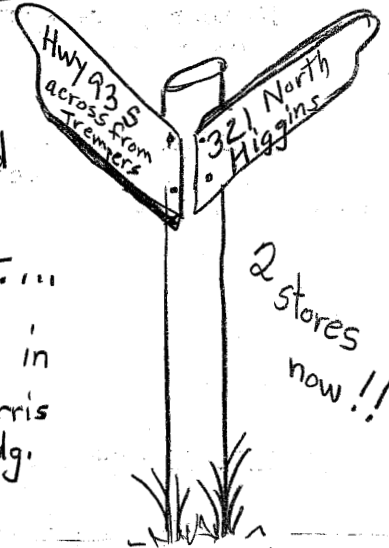


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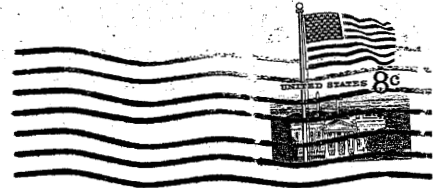
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