

# SCRAMBLE TRIP REPORT

DATE OF TRIP 7-28-91

TYPE:  ROCK  SNOW  OTHER

DIFFICULTY: 1  2 3 (CIRCLE ONE)

DESTINATION: Kendall Peak and Red Mtn.

AREA: Sierravalley Pass

MAP: Sierravalley Pass

GUIDE BOOK: Beckey #1

ASCENT ROUTE: new crest trail to Kendall Peak, back to crest trail, over 5720 ft + hump follow east ridge to summit of Red.

DESCENT ROUTE: Commonwealth Creek Trail.

ALTITUDE: 5784 ft and 5890 ft ELEVATION GAIN: 3000 ft MILES ROUND TRIP: 12 mi

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT REQD: climbing gear

LEADER: René van Doorn TEL# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY MEMBERS TEL#



MEETING TIME: 7AM PLACE: Trailhead ✓

LEFT TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ REACHED SUMMIT: Kendall 10:10

LEFT ROAD: \_\_\_\_\_ LEFT SUMMIT: 10:40

ARRIVED AT CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED TO CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

STARTED CLIMB: 7:10 RETURNED TO CARS: 17:10

RETURNED TO TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sun, clouds in distance 70°

STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_  
 REACHED DESTINATION   
 POTENTIAL LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENJOYED TRIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMENTS NOTED BELOW \_\_\_\_\_

ACCIDENT INVOLVED:  NO  YES (SUBMIT ACCIDENT REPORT)

TRIP NARRATION/COMMENTS (ABOUT CONDITIONING AND SKILLS WHEN INADEQUATE):  
7:10 from the car. at 8:40 made a right into new Crest Trail. at 8:30 crossed avalanche chute, at 9:00 crossed it at the start. very impressive because it doesn't look steep. 2 feet diameter trees were snapped like matches. This is where the problems started. We totally forgot to "ascend the couloir" and kept going on the crest trail. Finally near the divide we decided to head up Kendall (due south). Needless to say we got stuck on the ridge connecting the rocky summits. We settled for a false summit NW of the true summit (el. 5710). We scrambled back down to the crest trail at 10:40 and headed N through the

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divide. Becky told us to readily leave the trail and head over the 5720 hump. We did. Here we continued our struggle. The hump turned into a ridge as we headed W. The ridge became narrow & with the north side steep & the south less steep with loose rock. We chose the south side but had much difficulty. Then we arrived at the area where "minor scrambling" had to be done. I'm sorry but this wasn't minor and it wasn't scrambling. No one of our fairly experienced group felt comfortable going up this wall. We went down the scree/boulder chute looking for a chance to turn west. We had dropped down 1000-1500 feet and were close to snow & water. Being very hot we opted for a cool rest. To go up Red we essentially would have to go to the commonwealth trail & start up the normal way. We weren't motivated, sat at the water for 1 hr., took 1 hr of heavy bushwacking and riverbed rock hopping to get to the commonwealth trail and from there it took 1 hr to get back to the car (17:10).

Conclusion: fairly strong group, nice day, good workout, unexpected situations, slight disappointment about not reaching destination