

Wilcox Pass Aug. 2



Five people met at Tim's west at 5:45. We joined up with the other five, who had camped, at the trailhead for Wilcox Pass. A decision was made to shuttle two vehicles to Tangle Creek so they would speed up departures at the end of the traverse.

As the group started up the trail at 10 a.m., the terrain was a steady uphill climb. We emerged from the trees onto a scenic outlook which was furnished with two bright red Adirondack chairs. The valley, Icefield Visitor Centre and Athabasca Glacier all provided multiple photo ops. We continued to gain elevation just past Wilcox Pass. Shortly after that we enjoyed an extended lunch and siesta in the sun. The next section was an easy traverse banked by short peaks. There is a special feeling involved in hiking along something so open, so vast and up so high.

Down we went into the shade of the trees. Tangle Creek was crawling with long weekend tourists when we found the vehicles to pile into for the trip back to the trailhead. All in all, it was a wonderful day enjoyed by Tricia, Janice, Peggy, Anne, Kari Anne, Caroline, Chiho, Marilyn, Nancy and Don. By the way, the ten dollars' worth of gas we put in at Saskatchewan River Crossing was the most expensive gas any of us had ever bought, in any country!

