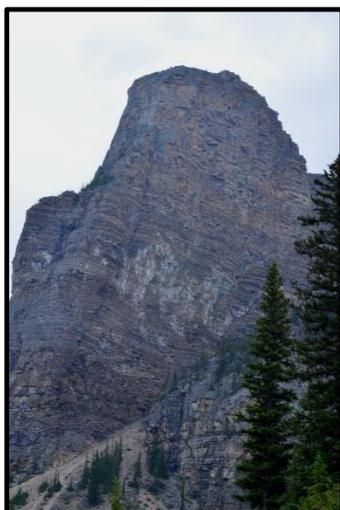


Tower of Babel

Moraine Lake



Trip participants were: Don, Jabbar, Trisha, Janice, Lisa, and Terry. We all met in the Moraine Lake parking lot bright and early Sunday morning. Well, maybe not so early, it was about 8:45 AM. If you want to do this hike, or any hike in the area for that matter, be sure to get there early. The parking lot fills up fast. They barricade the road on Lake Louise Drive and regulate the traffic flow in after the parking lot is full. If you arrive later in the morning you could find yourself walking a km or so to the parking lot; or worse, waiting 14 km down the road until they let you in.



We made our way up through the talus field that lies just below the base of the tower. Upon reaching the tower base we donned (no pun intended) our helmets and proceeded through the chute that would lead us to “guiding tree”.



It was a continuous climb up through the chute. We had to be very vigilant about any falling rock. There were several others on the trail; some more careful than others. We, of course, got very good at locating cover points and being careful where we put our feet so as to not jar any rock/boulders loose.



For the next 2 hours or so we made our way...looking to the “guiding tree”.

Moving slowly and carefully we managed to make it through the chute.



And there it was...the guiding tree...it marked the end of the steep scree slope and onto a gradual slope that would eventually lead to the summit.



From there the scenery opened up to a flood of eye popping vistas.

The cameras, and errrr cell phone cameras came out and the clicking began.



We came across a short saddle to make our way to the top of the Tower.



It was time to enjoy the views, take pictures, and eat lunch.

Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.

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