

### **Thursday September 10, 1982:**

Started the hike to Snow Lake with my best friend Lyle; we were on the trail at about 10:30 and up, up up! It was about an hour into the hike when I realized I had forgotten all about a sandwich for lunch. Fortunately, I decided I had enough stock on hand to do okay. A very nice trail after one hour of switchbacks, and we had lunch by a real pretty waterfall. Rik kicks over his water bottle – great!

Evening in camp, and what a ball-buster it was to finally arrive at Snow Lake. My pack is unbelievably heavy, but I conned Lyle into letting me get rid of some weight by cooking dinner. Also getting rid of the bottle of wine, this should help. I'm now boiling water for us to drink tomorrow.

Very tired and ready to turn in, but still have to have dinner, which was excellent, if I say so myself. An appetizer of artichoke hearts, main course of beef stew, dinner rolls and wine. So good and too much – we couldn't even finish it all. 7 P.M. and I'm ready for bed, but will try to hang tough till at least 8. What a day!

### **Friday, September 11:**

A very nice hike today from Snow Lake to the Middle Enchantments. We hiked about 2¼ hours up some really steep trails to get to the Lower Enchantments, but they are so pretty, it was well worth it! We've been boiling all our drinking water for 5 minutes and so far have used ½ liter of fuel. That Peak I stove is sure efficient and a real blowtorch!

Night: What a fantastic moon – 90% full and almost like daylight. We watched the stars for a while then to bed by 9 P.M. Met a very nice mountain lady, Diane; she'd been here for a week already, all alone, full pack – very admirable. She was out of salt, so we gave her some tablets. A real nice lady.



### **Saturday, September 12:**

We are up at 7:30 and out of camp by 9:30 for a day hike to Little Annapurna. The most outrageous view I've ever seen. We could see Mt. Baker to the north and Adams & Rainier to the south. Lakes all around us, elevation over 8000 feet. The weather has been unbelievable, clear, hot and dry. These last 3 days have been the greatest hike I have ever been on! I Really can't wait to bring Erik and

Mark up here. Lunch on Annapurna and the smoked salmon was outrageous! We are now on our way to find some snow to eat.

Found some snow and walked all the way over to the upper Enchantments and to the top of Aasgarr Pass. What an incredibly outrageous view of Colchuck Lake and Dragontail Peak. The upper lakes are the most beautiful sight I've ever seen in my life, and I am not exaggerating. The Colchuck trail seems to be the way to come up here – next time. Tomorrow we go up the ridge to Prusik Pass. What a day today – we hiked all day and I'm not even tired, no weight I guess. Back at camp by 3:30 and not even the slightest desire to take off my boots. The little foot-dip in one of the Upper Enchantment lakes might have helped this.

Great dinner tonight – shared it with our new-found friends, Diane and Annette. A couple of very nice ladies, friendly, personable and intelligent. We spent about 2 hours with Diane's star chart picking out the constellations. New world's record, in bed at 9:30. Good food, good friends, and the most beautiful camping spot on earth.



**Sunday,  
September  
13:**

Up at 7:30 and some outrageous granola for breakfast, then on to Prusik Peak. Climbed the shoulder of the peak, some real tough class 3 climbing – a first for me and I really loved it! These lug soled boots really make it! Ran down the trail from Prusik Pass,

what a trip. The weather is again simply outrageous, it is just unbelievable. Lunch at Rune Lake camp, then onward and downward to Upper Snow Lake. Down, down, down – spent the night at Upper Snow and we are both somewhat impatient to get home to family.

**Monday, September 14:**

Again up at 7:30 and on the trail by 9. Mucho more down! Back to Helga and a bath in Icicle Creek. What a relief.

Some statistics:

- I lost about 7 to 8 pounds
- We used 1¾ liters of gas
- I brought too much trail mix

- The pack was just fine, but I need to get to know it and the adjustments
- I sunburned my nose, ears and arms

