

Troop 354's One Day Hike 2000

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On the day hike to Nellie Lake. This is a partial list of what we did.

1.1 The Start

On 11JUN00 we all got together at the American Legion Hall in downtown Clovis. After some discussion we started out for Huntington Lake at about 6:30 a.m.. The following were with us:

Scouts	Kevin Clayton	Jason Conrad	Brad Dawson
	Chris Done	Tyler Gilman	Kyle Hamilton
	Tyler Hamilton-Graves	Phillip Lancaster	Mat Richardson
	Ben Zastovnik		
Leaders	Ed Clayton	Jim Conrad	Henry Graves
	Eric Hamilton	Mike Lancaster	Bret Richardson

We traveled in several vehicles, getting to the trail head at Huntington Lake around 9 a.m.. It took us about a half an hour to get everyone together and ready for hiking. Some of us had problems in finding the trail head. Around 9:30 a.m. we started off for Nellie Lake from a starting altitude of about 7,200 feet.

It was cool when we started up the well-marked trail and after a while we started to get into snow. Actually, it was mostly ice, but a few weeks/months before it had been real snow.

After a few rest stops, I declared that, by my reckoning, the turn off to Mary's Meadow should be "within the next $\frac{1}{4}$ mile". This caused much merriment as several people pointed out a sign post, about 20 feet directly in front of me, (that I hadn't seen), marked the turn off to Mary's Meadow!

After crossing longer and longer snow patches, some of them in the 200 to 300 yards long range, we crossed over the pass (9,300 feet) and proceeded on down to Nellie Lake.

1.2 Lunch at Nellie Lake

After walking about five miles and climbing about 2,000 feet, we arrived at Nellie Lake (9,200 feet) at noon time. We then had lunch. While there I had Kyle and Ben, show the other Scouts how to use the water pump to get clean water from the lake (Tyler G. helped, too.).

We had a nice lunch, which involved a normal amount of "horse play". (For some reason Jason didn't like getting a fat lip when he was hit with an ice/snow ball!)

At about 1 p.m. we headed back to the cars.

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1.3 The Trip Back

On the way up we took many breaks. After all, going up about 2,000 feet and traveling about five miles into Nellie Lake took a lot of effort. However, on the way back, it was all down hill and we took only two or three breaks. We got back to the cars in about two hours (not the three and a half hours that it took us to get up to Nellie Lake).

After all of us were back with the cars, we returned home. On the way back we stopped at the Huntington Lake General Store for some nibbles and drinks.