

T-255's 2007 HA July 28-August 12, 2007 Grand Tetons/Jedediah Smith Wilderness



How do you hike the full length of the Grand Tetons National Park? You hike the **Jedediah Smith Wilderness!** This 65+mile hike will start at the north at the John D. Rockefeller Parkway's trailhead (6700), head west into the Berry Creek drainage, known for elk, moose and bison. Then a brisk 1500 foot climb into the Wilderness. For the next 35 miles the trail climbs and drops between numerous ranges and valleys with creeks from the Tetons as we head south. We will have the option of resupply points at the 35

and 50 mile points. The last part of the trip will be a 3000 foot one-day climb and a campsite at 9600+. The hike out will be east though Grand Tetons NP (10800+). The Wilderness is a favorite of horse treks. See <http://www.dryridge.com/trips2.htm> and http://www.adventurealan.com/Tetons/teton_photos.htm (trips at these sites are about days 4-7 of our trip). For a trip report close to what we plan, see days 7/23-29 at <http://www.paullockey.com/YellowstoneGrandTeton/YGTReport/YGTReport.htm>.

This trip will be best if we have Backcountry Permits for the Grand Teton northern entrance and southern exit. I have put in for both, but I expect to lose on the southern exit. Results should be known by the 3rd week of May. Notwithstanding, this trip offers many different options not requiring any permits because of supply points and the proximity of the Wilderness (no permit required) to National Park property.

Dates: Plan on **July 28-August 12**. Because of permits, Chevy Chase origin Scouts may need to catch a 6pm flight on Friday July 27th. Because of uncertainty of the hike-out date, we target (for cost reasons) a flight return date of Saturday, August 11, but we may need the flexibility of going as late as August 12. Side-trips to Yellowstone National Park and other locations will be considered. Salt Lake City will be the flight pick-up/departure point.

Risk Advisory: There is no change in the risk advisory as a result of this changed plan. Bear spray has been acquired from REI on sale at significant cost savings.



Cost Impact: There is no change in the cost estimate (\$1000). However, due to the lower cost of flying to/from Salt Lake City, the likelihood that we will stay within budget is significantly improved. Tickets will not be purchased until the permit situation is clarified. I expect to purchase tickets the last week of May.



The next payment of **\$450 per person** is due **May 15th**.

June 12th is the next payment date for \$100 for those for whom have not made their own travel arrangements to/from Salt Lake City (total of \$800). There will also be reconciliation September 11th which will either result in an additional bill or refunds depending on actual expenses.



Shakedown: Shakedown trip is May 26-28, Memorial Day weekend, at Dolly Sods. The Scouts will discuss this at the Troop 15th and 22nd meetings.



Possible side-trip: Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park