

Tower Peak (attempt)

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In this third backpacking trip of the summer in the Sierra Nevada, Judy and Dave left Twin Lakes, outside of Bridgeport, CA, in an attempt to repeat a climb of Tower Peak, in northern Yosemite National Park, that Dave did with Rob Wesson some 38 years ago. The route includes a significant amount of cross country in scenic country. Although Judy and Dave turned back 800' shy of the summit because of developing weather (and old age?), they did climb an easier peak the day before and spent some wonderful time in beautiful surroundings---a great way to celebrate the end of summer and the start of fall.



Barney Lake



Upper end of Barney Lake



Peeler Lake, where we spent the 1st and 3rd nights

Home, sweet home





We followed a beautiful small stream during the second day's cross country



Some fall color

Water, granite, and plants



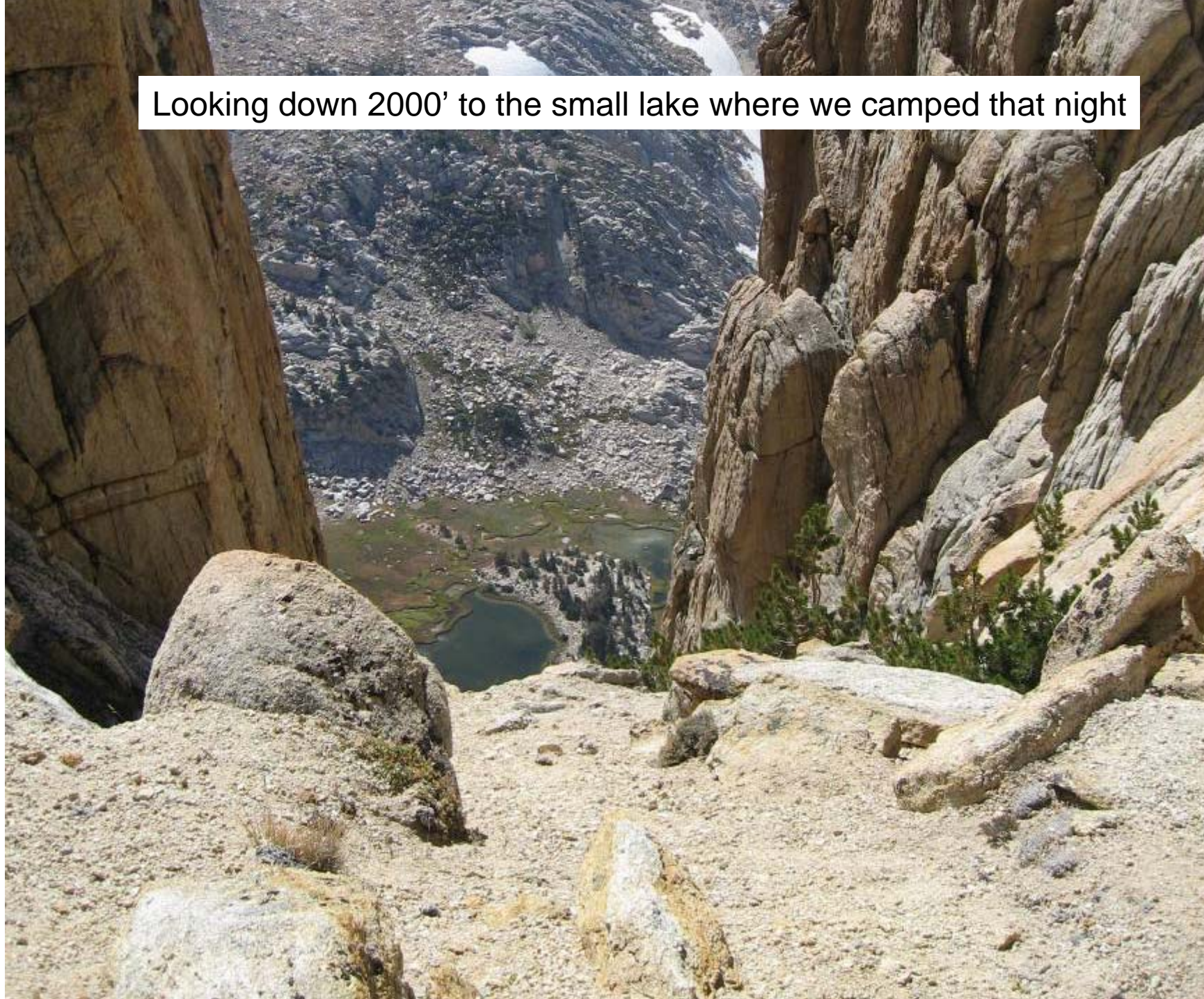


Hawksbeak Peak, which we climbed the second day



Luckily, there was an easy route to the top (only a small bit of class 3)

Looking down 2000' to the small lake where we camped that night





Looking down the other side at Kirkwood Lake

Tower Peak, our destination for the next (third) day



Judy and Dave on top of Hawksbeak Peak.



We spent the second night here



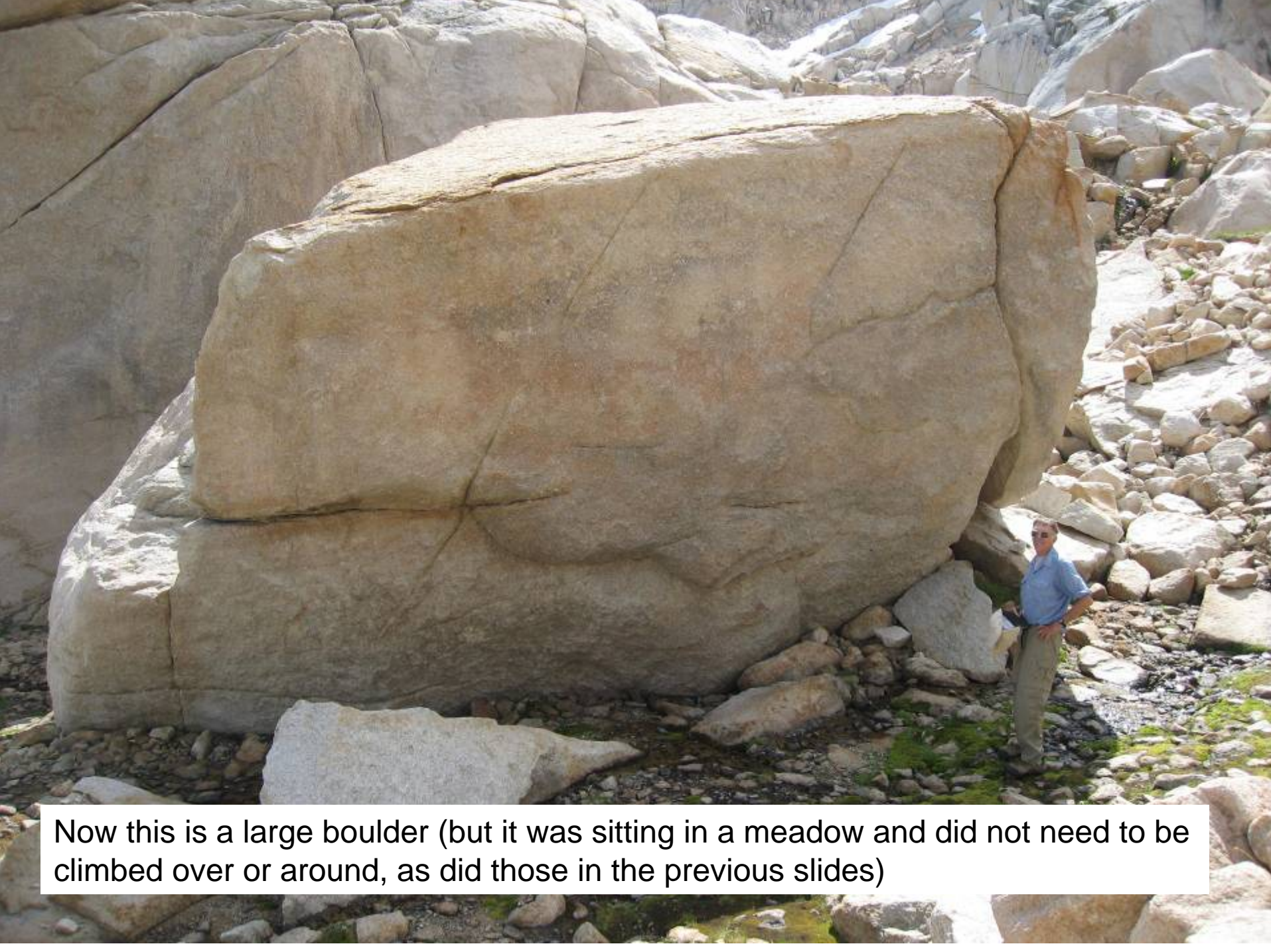
Tower Peak from Hawksbeak Peak; the line shows our route (dashed for the part we did not do)



Some large boulder fields had to be traversed







Now this is a large boulder (but it was sitting in a meadow and did not need to be climbed over or around, as did those in the previous slides)



Out of the alpine zone and into the forest





Near the end of the trail; these Aspen trees will be a beautiful yellow in a few weeks