

TRAIL BLAZED BY: Troop 29 DATE: 8-8-72  
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HIKE LOCATION: <u>Comp Pahatsi BSA</u>	NAME OF HIKE: <u>Tri-Trek-Trail</u>
NEAR: <u>Soda Springs</u> MILES FROM SACTO. <u>80</u>	LENGTH OF HIKE: <u>58 Mile</u> DAYS: <u>6</u> HIKE NO. <u>1</u>
TOPO. MAPS: <u>Emigrant Gap/Donner Pass 15'</u>	AWARD: <u>Tri-Trek-Trail Patch</u>
TRAIL GUIDE: <u>This Sheet</u>	SEASON: <u>J F M A M J (J) A S O N D</u> (Circle)
JURISDICTION OF: <u>Tahoe National Forest</u>	TERRAIN <u>Brush, Forest, Rocky (High Sierra)</u>
<u>Golden Empire Council B.S.A.</u>	DIFFICULTY: SCOUTS: <u>Moderate</u>
REMARKS: <u>Hike begins at Pahatsi, goes to</u>	EXPLORERS: <u>Easy</u>
<u>Marin Scout Camp, Buttes Council, Pahatsi.</u>	MOUNTAINEERS: <u>Easy</u>

NOTE: Before you start the hike, know trail signs and symbols. The TTT orange blaze denote trail location. All elevations are above 5,000 feet; Therefore, poison oak and rattle snakes are extremely rare.

TRI-TREK-TRAIL is unique in that every two days of travel brings you to another Scout Camp belonging to a different Scout Council (Pahatsi= Golden Empire Council, Marin Sierras= Marin Council, Glacial Trails Scout Ranch= Buttes Area Council). Each camp has a lake where swimming can be enjoyed. Each camp has a Trading Post where goodies can be purchased. Food drops can be arranged ahead of time and picked up as each camp is reached (fresh food, meat, etc.)

The Trail covers much of the High Sierras from Soda Springs, Yuba Pass, Hartley Butte, many lakes and numerous mountain ranges and peaks. The Trek is not so difficult that eleven-year old Scouts need be excluded if proper training is held. Water and firewood is plentiful. Swimming is available at all overnight stops. Evenings are cool; but, not usually freezing. There is snow at higher elevations (snow-ball fights). The elevations range from 5400 feet to 7200 feet with year-round snow at higher elevations.

In addition to the regular 15' quadrangle USGS maps of Emigrant Gap and Donner Pass, there is available the 7.5' series of Soda Springs, Cisco Grove, Emigrant Pass and Donner Pass. Also available are Foresthill & Big Bend District Tahoe National Forest Maps and Tahoe Trails Map Publications.

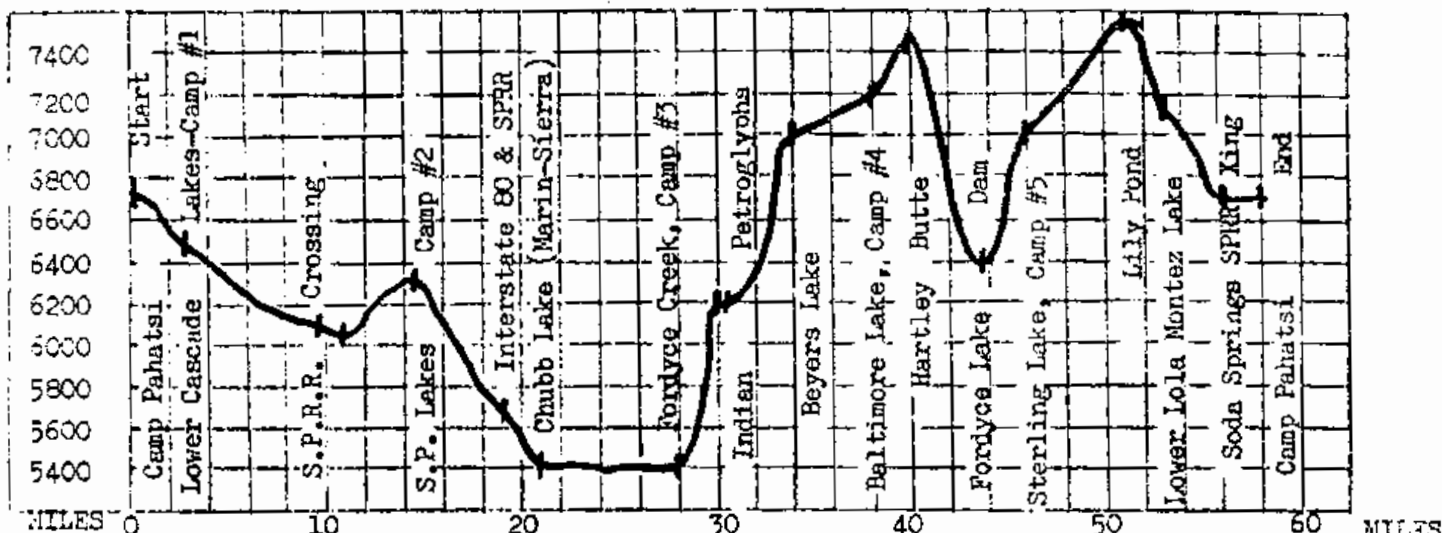
Orange paint, surveyor's tape, and forestry blazed trees mark the trail. Terrain is such that deviation from marked trail is possible in many areas to take advantage of individual desires. Along this trail are the remains of many 49'er campsites and gold diggings. Panning for gold is definately a must if interested. (thars gold in them thar hills). Water is plentiful; however, a canteen is recommended.

The trail starts from the lodge at Pahatsi and goes along the old Donner Trail (Historical Trail) to a campsite at Lower Cascade Lakes for the first evening a distance of (2.5) miles. (This could be driven by truck if desired).

Following either the blazed trail or dead-reckoning by map, travel in a Westerly direction until old road (4-wheel drive) is reached. Continue along this road following TTT blazes for (9.75) miles to S.P.R.R. Crossing. Take Big Bend Ranger Station trail (1.00) mile again to S.P.R.R. Crossing and continue along the Loch Leven Lakes trail to S.P. Lakes (3.75) miles, and make camp for second night on Trek.

Continue along trail past Kelly Lakes and travel (4.50) miles, then cross old highway and cross S.P.R.R. tracks under Interstate Highway 80. Travel along road (2.00) miles to Marin-Sierra Scout Camp at Chubb Lake. Swim, eat lunch, etc. Now pick up trail and travel in a Northerly direction crossing Yuba River (2.00) miles and Pierce Meadows picking up Grouse Ridge Trail near Eagle Lakes. Travel along this trail and cross Fordyce Creek Bridge and make third evening camp (5.00) miles.

Fourth day on trail takes you to fork leading to Grouse Ridge and Beyers Lake (2.00) mile. If side-trip of ancient Petroglyphs (Indian writing) is desired, take left fork leading to Grouse Ridge and travel for only (0.50) mile. (Look for a large area of Granite outcropping in a Southerly direction off of trail to Grouse Ridge).



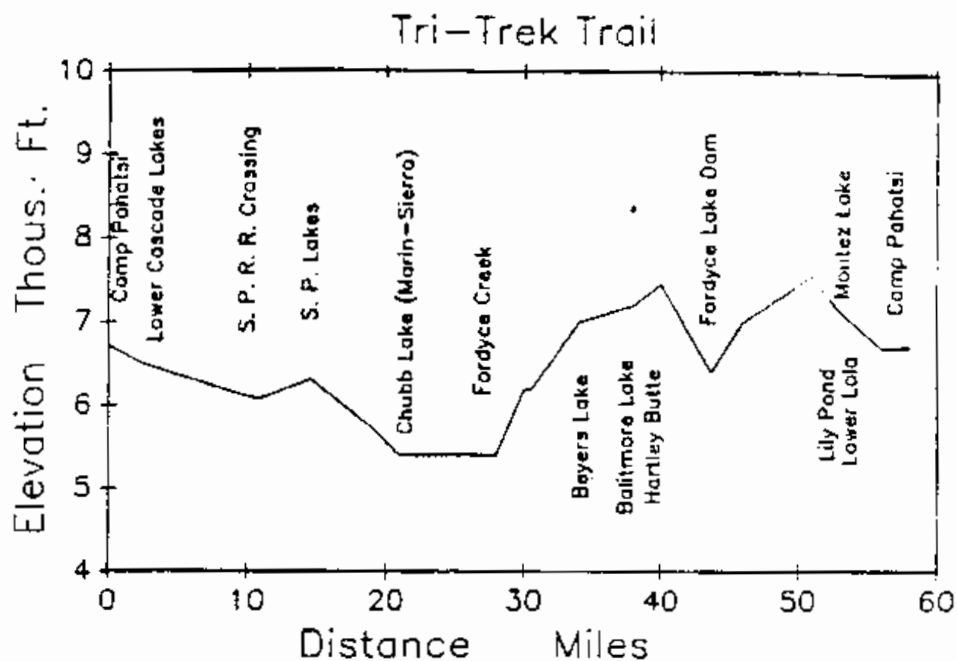
RECOMMENDED TRAIL SCHEDULE	ELEVAT. IN FEET	HIKE HOURS TODAY	MILES BETWEEN POINTS	MILES TODAY	MILES FROM START	MILES FROM FINISH	GRADE FT. PER MILE
Camp Pahatsi...Start of Tri-Trek-T.	6720				0.00	58.00	0
Lower Cascade Lakes, Camp #1	6500	1.5	2.50	2.50	2.50	55.50	-200
S.P.R.R. Crossing-downhill	6120		7.25		9.75	48.25	-175
S.P.R.R. Crossing-uphill	6080		1.00		10.75	47.25	+50
S.P. Lakes, Camp #2	6320	5.0	3.75	12.00	14.50	43.50	+100
Interstate 80 & S.P.R.R. Tracks	5720		4.50		19.00	39.00	-200
Chubb Lake, Marin-Sierra Scout Camp	5400		2.00		21.00	37.00	-100
Fordyce Creek, Camp #3	5400	7.0	7.00	13.50	28.00	30.00	+150
Brouse Ridge/Beyer Lake Fork (Trail)	6200		2.00		30.00	28.00	+500
Indian Petroglyphs (not on Topo map)	6200		0.50		30.50	27.50	+25
Beyers Lake	7000		3.50		34.00	24.00	+500
Baltimore Lake, Camp #4	7200	7.0	4.00	10.00	38.00	20.00	+50
Hartley Butte (Old gold mining site)	7450		2.00		40.00	18.00	+500
Fordyce Lake Dam	6402		3.75		43.75	14.25	-500
Sterling Lake, Glacial Trails Camp #5	6987	5.0	2.25	8.00	46.00	12.00	+700
Lilly Pond	7560		5.00		51.00	7.00	-100
Lower Lola Montez Lake	7140		2.00		53.00	5.00	-200
Soda Springs - S.P.R.R. Crossing	6700		3.00		56.00	2.00	-175
Camp Pahatsi...End of Trek (Back end of Pahatsi along ridge)	6720	7.0	2.00	12.00	58.00	0.00	+50

After looking at the Petroglyphs, retrace and return to Fork and continue along the Beyers Lake trail to Beyers Lake (3.50) miles. Make fourth night camp at Baltimore Lake (4.00) miles. Swim and have a snow-ball fight. (Side-trip to Baltimore Townsite may be interesting.) Many interesting things to see, such as gold mines of past.

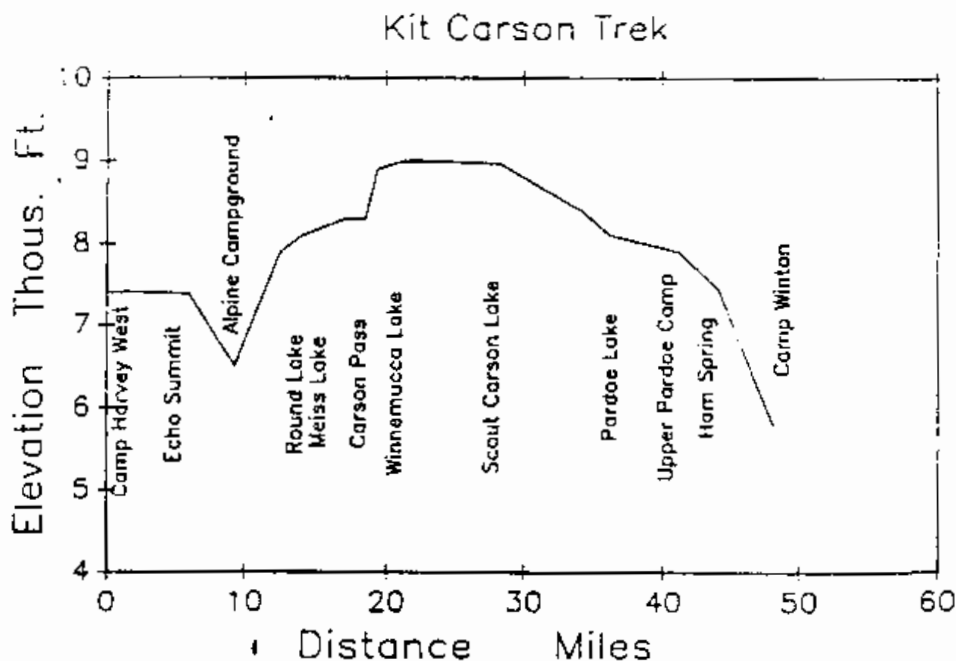
Fifth morning puts you on a steep trail upwards past old mines (safe) to Hartley Butte (2.00) miles. Now travel down trail in a Southerly direction to Fordyce Lake Dam (3.75) miles and cross dam or bypass via trail. Pick up Glacial Trails (also TTP Trail) and continue upward to Glacial Trails Scout Ranch on-Lake Sterling (2.25) miles. Camp fifth night courtesy of Buttes Area Council, or make overnight stop outside of Scout Camp. Swimming and trading post privileges available.

Six (last) day on trail leads to Lilly Pond (5.00) miles, then on to Lower Lola Montez Lake (2.00) miles. Traveling downward to S.P.R.R. tracks at Soda Springs (3.00) miles, across tracks and along ridge leads backpackers to the back-door of Camp Pahatsi (2.00) miles distant for a grand total of less than 60 miles.

Camera "Bugs" should find much on this Trek to take pictures of. Mining enthusiasts will find this Mother-Lode Country exciting (mines are safely collapsed) and gold panning opportunities abundant. Many opportunities for return to this area for various trips to other sites can be made. This area is criss-crossed with old "Jeep" trails. The beginning of this Trek is along the Historic Donner Trail for this award if desired.



Difficulty: Beginner  
 Location: NW of Tahoe  
 Maps: Emigrant Gap, Donner Pass  
 References: Golden Empire Council brochure, Tahoe Sierra  
 Road: Loop from 180.  
 Scenery: Lakes, brush, forest, some peaks  
 Remarks: Visits three Scout camps. Four-wheel and motorcycle country.



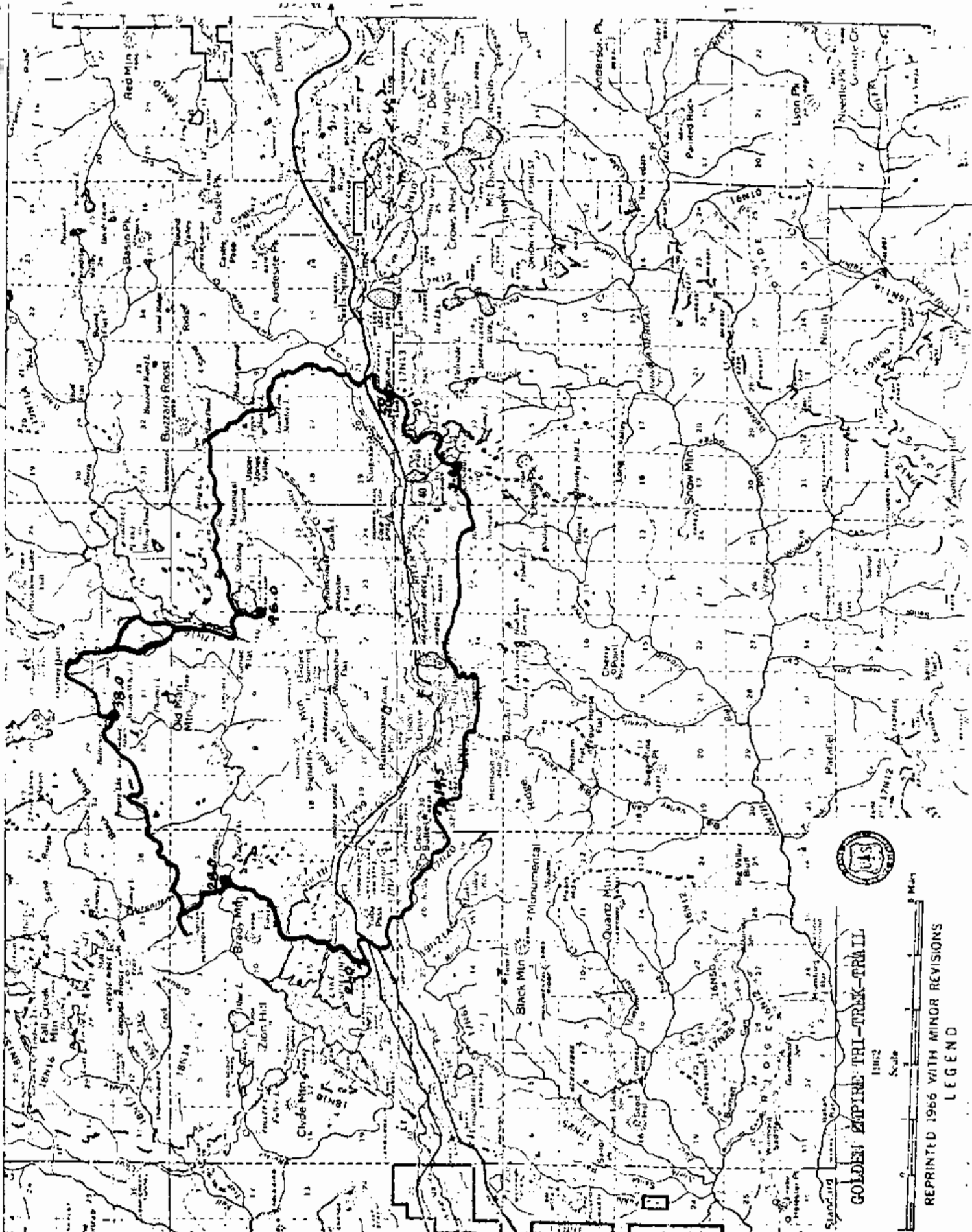
Difficulty: Beginner  
 Location: Between Tahoe and Yosemite  
 Maps: Fallen Leaf Lake, Markleeville  
 Reference: Tahoe Sierra  
 Road: From north of Highway 50 to road 8N04 heading S from Highway 88  
 Scenery: forest, brush, some peaks.  
 Remarks: Some of this trek is in wilderness, some in 4-wheel drive country.

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R. 14 E

R. 13 E

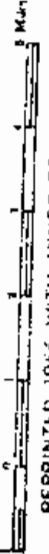
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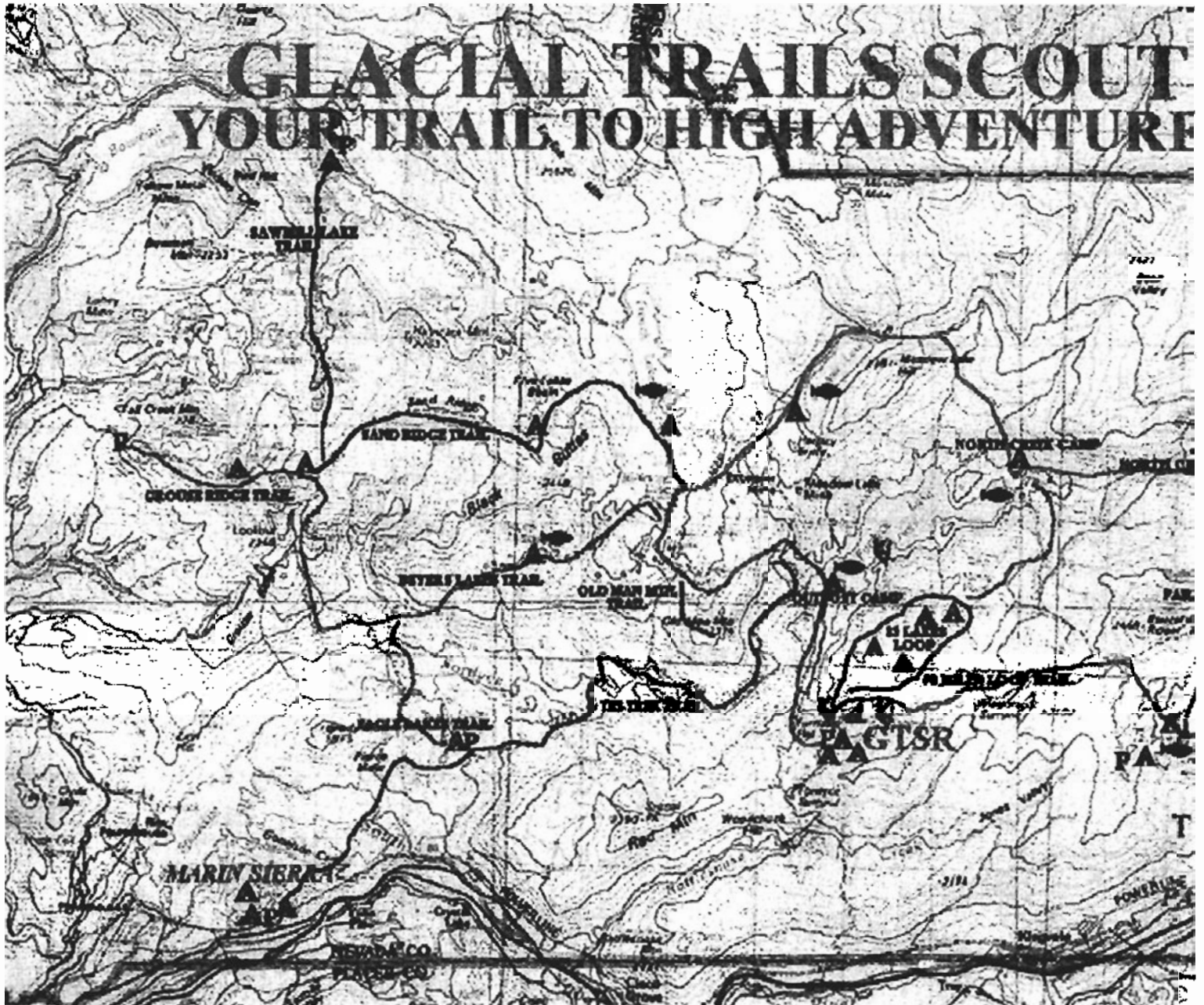


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