

sun on Thermamiter peak 7:45 A.M., arrived at Vantage Peak at 10:30 A.M., Vantage peak is directly south of the Deer Creek Dam and is gained by Crescent Ridge which leads up to it from the east, sun hit this peak at 8:30 A.M., Wallburg North Terminal Peak at 2:00 P.M., left peak at 2:30 P.M. and arrived at car at highway at 4:00 P.M. This trip makes for an interesting hike, not from the evidence of wildlife but from the grand possibilities of being on a sky ridge with alpine sites most any direction one would desire to look. However, the study of ridge activity of animals and birds is offered here in a most interesting manner. The pictures 1a-2a-3a-4a-1-19-41 will testify to the eloquence of this adjoining scenery. Certainly one would have to travel a good many miles in this state to find a more interesting section of mountainous country back from the consideration of its geology or general interest. The ridge activity of animals is of considerable interest to me so made an occasional note as the trip progressed. One never realizes the importance of ridges in animal movement. In an attempt in establishing primitive areas, ridge interference by man made trails or roads should be of special concern. Ridges are such a small percentage of a mountain that they can be considered special areas not only because of their distinction of being limited areas of ranges but because they represent a physical or topographical situation forced upon the animal or birds choice of wanderings. The transition of environment, it is true is rather abrupt at the crest of a ridge and am wondering if animals chose these areas because of the difference of habitat or because they are merely obeying to a physical passion of a mountain that demands they congregate along the crest line. The problem would be, is the ridge chosen because it is different or because they cannot reach any higher point. Surely the animals have an altitudinal craving as is the case with myself today in my desires to ascent to the highest point along the ridge.

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1/4" error of enclosure

American Fork.

Timpanogos

Provo Canyon

Cascade

Hobble Creek

