


Left Libby Creek area and returned to Bellarmy Lake area where I left at 11:25 for the Sugar Loaf mt area and the Medicine Bow Peak, the objective was to gain sufficient height on the slope of Medicine Peak to photograph the Snowy Range Curques to the south. Clouds increasing and not much prospect for good light for photography. Enroute from the last switchback on road to Medicine Bow Peak observed several white-crown sparrows, 2 pine grosbeaks, 4 Canada jays, several gray headed juncos.

Route N thence W to ridge leading into cirque between Sugar Loaf and Medicine Bow Peak. In the meadow at head of canyon N of switchback (SE Sugar Loaf Peak) observed several runways of *Microtus montanus* in heavier grasses (brownish of last years growth and these runways in areas free of the flooding and superaturated soils of the meadows. 

nests of grasses undisturbed and not being used currently by the microtines. Coyote droppings in the area. Occasionally marmot tracks across snow fields, as well as deer tracks. Several pairs of robins were at base of Sugar Loaf Peak. Some wide tracks as if mt sheep.

The cirque just south of the Medicine Bow - Sugarloaf Peak is one of the most interesting valleys of the area, suggesting arctic conditions. Photo 750724-36 of the most eastern lobe near the SW base of Sugar Loaf Peak showing the reflected ridge of the Snowy Range. The grasses and sedges on the N side of this lobe are formed as hummocks as is so typical of the arctic vegetation. Continued N to pass between Medicine Bow Peak and Sugarloaf Peak. A sign here: Lake Marie via Medicine Bow Peak 4 7/10 mi; Lewis Lake 1 1/2 mi; Medicine Bow Peak 1 mi; Mirror Lake via regular route 2 mi. Photo 750724-37 from this pass and toward the N with divide between South Gap Lake and North Gap Lake. The only granite in the area is ^{a localized area} to the right of South Gap Lake. Ordinarily in August the snow on talus to left meets the lake at a straight angle but now the snow angles and runs out onto the lake. The krummbolz in foreground is suitable for trapping.

Photo 750724-28 to 5 along east exposure of the N-S axial remnant of the Snowy Range. Light unsatisfactory for photography this P.M.

Photos 750724-29 to 750724-45 as above but with varying foregrounds and amount of ridge in pictures. This area would be good for photo of this range under proper lighting conditions

Photo 750724-46 to NE showing the dome shaped mountain (Brown Peak), South Dope Lake to left and glaciated platform to right. This area is excellent for hiking.