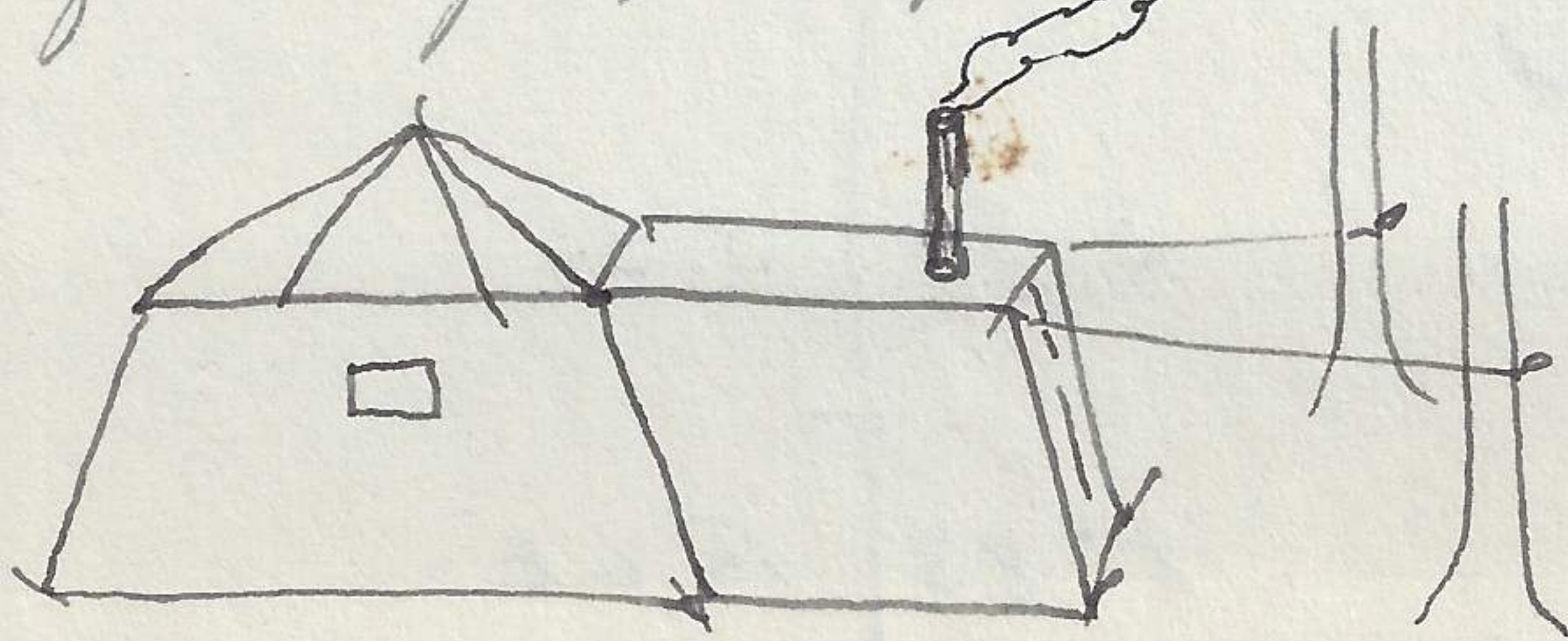


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10/19/38. Left home today at 11:20 A.M. for hunting grounds at the head of Indian Creek. ^{dad and I} have hunted deer in this area for several years and plan on giving it another year. Prospects of gaining our old hunting grounds at Indian Spring appeared to be very discouraging, for the weather of previous days had been inclement and there had been several inches of snow deposited upon the higher elevations. A premature storm had also been experienced several years ago and we knew what would be involved in travelling over the high divide between Sheep Creek and Indian Canyon. Arrived at divide of Sheep Creek at 2:05 P.M. Snow on divide 1 1/2 inches deep. No doubt there had been considerable melting before our arrival. At 2:05 the upper few inches of ground in road had melted and produced a very slippery course to travel upon. Even with chain on, there were several hills that almost checked our invasion into our hunting ground. Fortunately we did not tarry long below because the warmth from the sun had already penetrated the first inch of frozen mud and within another hour or so the frozen line would be too far below the surface to assist in offering traction for the tire threads of car. The proper time to travel this road is during early morning, at least when course is in this condition. The condition of the road this year kept many cars from entering the head of Indian Creek, and therefore permitting greater privacy. This storm generally comes about a week later. Arrived at camp at 5:50. The course down Indian Creek was problematical but by putting car in reverse we kept from sliding. By driving slowly and cautiously we finally arrived at old camping grounds at Indian Springs without disaster. There quite surprised to find another party already camped here but later found that they had arrived earlier in the morning and had come from the Strawberry road. They found however that the road were very muddy even at that time. Located camp about 150' up canyon from where road crossed creek bed after leaving spring. After clearing five inches of snow from ground at camp, set up tent. By 4:30 we were organized and ready to cook supper. Used regular umbrella tent with walls supported from flap top. Had stove completed accommodations.



While setting up camp the *Tamiasciurus* called from the north side of Canyon where sun still lingered.