

Panorama from next to this creek, with the route up from the parking area just out of view to the far left, and Mt. Tupper visible in the far right:



Looking over at the end of the trail, across the creek. In past years this creek has always been relatively easy to cross, but there was way too much water for us to comfortably cross it this time (rocks which I think had previously been used to cross the creek were quite a ways under the water at this time, August 2016). I'm not sure in which direction the trail might have continued past this point at one time:



There were a few small patches of dense wildflowers in this part of the meadow:



Panorama with the creek on the left, Mt. MacDonald in the center, and the peaks above the Illecillewaet campground visible on the right side:



Another panorama, this one with the peaks above the Illecillewaet campground on the left and what I'm thinking must be Mt. Sifton just right of center:



Panorama with Mt. Tupper just left of center, from a viewpoint some distance east of the camping area, at the top of a small waterfall:



Looking down towards the road from the top of this small waterfall:



Looking over at all the waterfalls in the rocky area below and to the left of Mt. Tupper; notice that although this rocky area doesn't look particularly steep from here it must be steep enough for these waterfalls to form. It appears from this viewpoint that the best route over to these waterfalls might be to descend into the lower meadow seen in the bottom right of this photo, then cross the creeks there rather than further up where terrain is steeper, and finally regain the elevation below the rocky area:



Looking towards the collection of peaks above the Tupper and Swiss Glaciers; the small ridge in the middle of this photo must have some good views into the small valley below these peaks:



Looking towards what I think might be Mt. Sifton, and what would be the Rogers Glacier below it (these should be more visible from the middle ridge in this photo):



Looking across at the topmost point of the ridge to the west which was mentioned earlier in this report; unfortunately, it looks like this ridge is now quite some distance away and it would probably be quite difficult to get up on it:



Two more panoramas from this very nice viewpoint of the surrounding mountains:





Another nice patch of flowers I spotted along the use trail back from this viewpoint; there were numerous yellow, red, pink, purple, and white flowers here—although the flowers along the Hermit trail were not the densest patched of wildflowers we'd seen on this trip, I think they might be the most colorful:



Taking a closer look at these fluffy white cotton-like flowers:



Yet another panorama from the camping area :



This photo shows many of the places in this area that I'd like to explore in the future, including the ridge towards Mt. Tupper on the right side, the valley below the major peaks seen in the center of the photo, and the rocky ridges to the left and towards Mt. Sifton:



Looking back across the lower camping area and the meadow towards the mountains on the other side of the valley:



The scenery at the end of many of the trails in the Rogers Pass area is incredible:



Looking back at Mt. MacDonald:



Heading down the trail, as it is starting to get late:



Looking down at the Rogers Pass Visitors Center, with the Abbot Ridge visible in the background center:



This is the view straight down the last steep stretch. It really isn't much faster going down this trail than it is going up, because one has to be very careful not to slip and take a nasty fall. Back when the trail wasn't as well maintained, we saw another hiker slip and tumble near here:



Luckily it wasn't raining at this time, as the rocks do get particularly slippery when they are wet:



Looking down the steep stretch of stairs:



The sun angle was good on the way back for taking photos of flowers with the mountains in the background:



Looking back at what is probably an avalanche chute, with some red flowers on the bottom left (I'm not sure what these flowers are called):



Panorama with Mt. Tupper on the left, Mt. MacDonald in the center, and the Illecillewaet area to the right:



Looking east towards the Beaver River area:



Looking south at the Asulkan Glacier and the Bonney Glacier:



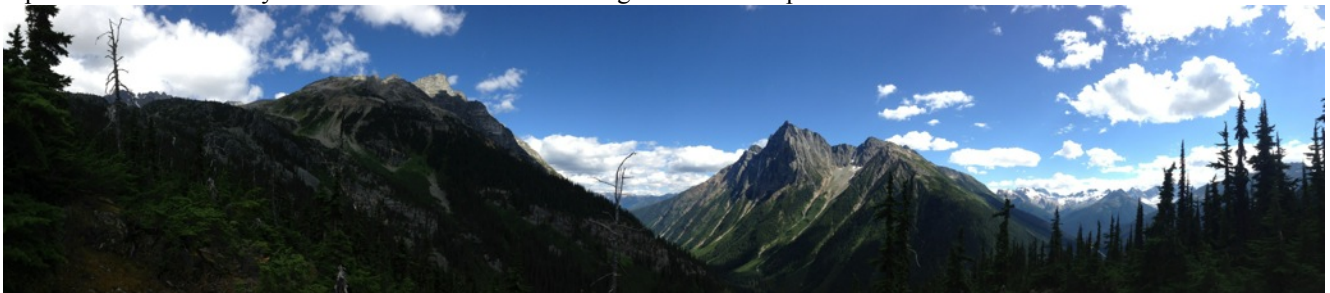
Panorama of the probably hard to access ridge which has always interested me to hike to:



Looking across at Cheops Mtn. once it comes back into view:



Yet another panorama as we slowly descend towards the trees through a not-so-steep section of the trail:





The sun angle on Mt. Tupper was excellent at this time of day, and we were able to get good photos of the diverse terrain on the mountain's slopes:



Panorama from a viewpoint near the trail that we hadn't seen on the way up:



Upon re-entering the trees, we began the remainder of the steep descent:



This was a very interesting looking mushroom:



These red berries were not quite perfectly hidden under the leaves of this plant beside the trail:



More odd looking mushrooms we spotted further down the trail:



This trail sign is located near where the old trail over from the visitors center used to join the main trail; I remember that trail used to be very overgrown, and now I can't really find much of a trace anymore of where it joined the main trail (and I'm not sure how it used to cross the nearby raging creek). This is essentially where the trail begins to get very steep:



From here, we drove back to the Rogers Pass Visitors Center to get some photos looking up at the area in which we had just been hiking. Mt. Tupper is the highest point in the photo (to the right), and the valley to the left of center is where the Hermit trail goes up:



Another view looking back towards the Hermit trail from the Summit Monument exhibit (just south of the visitors center), which shows a better view of the nearby peaks, and also the rivers that must be crossed when hiking towards Mt. Tupper from the camping area:



Panorama from the Summit Monument, with the Hermit to the left, Avalanche Mtn. in the center, and the Illecillewaet Glacier barely visible to the right (the distortion is from the 270-degree panorama):



Another view looking towards the Hermit and Mt. Tupper:



Looking towards Glacier Crest (center), with the Asulkan Glacier to the right and the Illecillewaet Glacier barely visible behind the trees to the left:



Another view of the Illecillewaet Glacier and the rock below it which must be crossed after the end of the Great Glacier trail to get to the actual toe of the glacier. Note that from here the rock looks very steep, but it isn't quite this steep when you're actually hiking on it. I was very surprised at how much the glacier appears to have receded in the past 5 years, since our last trip in 2011:



This turnout near Cougar Brook, just past the Sir Donald camping area and before the Rockgarden trail, is a good spot to look back and photograph Mt. Sir Donald (rightmost pointed peak), Uto Peak to its left, Eagle Peak left of Uto, and Avalanche Peak just visible on the far left:

