

Looking directly at Opabin Pass, with Mount Biddle on the left and Wenkchemna Peak on the right. There is actually some glacier underneath all the rock visible in the lower left part of this photo, so it probably isn't as easy or safe to walk along that terrain as it may look from here:



The views from here are incredible, and it would have been nice to have more time to explore this area (since it's a long hike from Moraine Lake, however, there generally isn't much time for a day-hiker to explore the pass and surrounding area). The prominent pass just left of center in the photo is called Misko Pass:



Looking down on the two tiny glacial lakes on the western side of the Prospectors Valley:



I climbed down towards the valley a short distance to get another panorama looking along the Prospectors Valley:



I think the valley which contains Kaufmann Lake joins the Prospectors Valley just around the bend in the upper left of this photo:



One last view looking up at the impressive Neptuak Mountain:



This small glacial lake and nearby snow-patch looked interesting to check out, but we were short on time and decided to head back the way we had come. Note the windbreaks to the left in this photo, which I'm guessing are probably used by climbers or hikers who are camping here for a night:



Looking back along the ridge at Wenkchemna Pass (below center in the photo), with Wenkchemna Peak above it:



Again looking over at the peaks on the northern side of the Paradise Valley. I think this addition to the Wenkchemna Pass hike is certainly worth the extra effort for the spectacular views:



Looking over at the potential route down into the Upper Prospectors Valley which I had noted earlier; this reminds me of particularly nasty Death Valley scree/talus:



Another strange rock I found along this ridge:



Panorama from our return hike along the ridge towards Wenkchemna Pass, with Mount Biddle on the far left, Opabin Pass just going out of view behind Wenkchemna Peak, and Eiffel Lake coming into view below Eiffel Peak (left of center):



Another panorama from just below Wenkchemna Pass on the trail down, showing the ridge route we'd taken to the far right in this photo. With this afternoon sun angle, we were getting spectacular views down the Valley of the Ten Peaks:



We had missed seeing this split rock on our hike up to the pass:



This small stream had some surprisingly green plants growing around it:



The melting snowpacks above us fed multiple small streams coming down from the pass; here the water was shooting off this rocky outcropping, creating a miniature waterfall:



Panorama looking down the Valley of the Ten Peaks, with Wenkchemna Peak on the far left and Neptuak Mountain on the far right, and Eiffel Peak (with Mount Temple behind it) in the center:



Looking across the small lake we'd spotted on our way up, with Panorama Ridge and the lower of the Ten Peaks behind it:



Since the afternoon sun angle was making my panorama photographs turn out so spectacularly, I took many photos on our hike back:



Another photo looking down the Valley of the Ten Peaks, with Eiffel Lake visible just left of center:



Panorama with Wenkchemna Pass to the right of center:



Eiffel Lake had an incredibly deep blue color in the afternoon, as compared to the reflections of the nearby mountain peaks we had observed earlier in the day:



Looking back at Wenkchemna Pass; surprisingly, despite all the snowpacks which can be seen from here, the trail either avoided the snow or it was easy to work around the snow off-trail:



Looking across Eiffel Lake at Mount Allen (far left), Mount Tuzo (left of center), and Deltaform Mountain (right):



Panorama looking out at the upper group of peaks in the Valley of the Ten Peaks from the route down to Eiffel Lake:



There were some small pinkish-purple flowers on the hillsides along this part of the trail; they look like they could be small fireweed plants, but I'm not sure:



Panorama in the afternoon lighting with Mount Babel on the far left (in the background) and Wenkchemna Peak on the far right:



Looking across Eiffel Lake at Wenkchemna Pass, as the dark clouds are starting to form:



Looking across at the lower group of peaks; from left to right they are Mount Babel, Mount Fay (with Fay Glacier below it), Mount Bowlen, Mount Little (the top is barely visible between Mount Bowlen and Bowlen), Bowlen, Mount Perren, and Mount Allen:



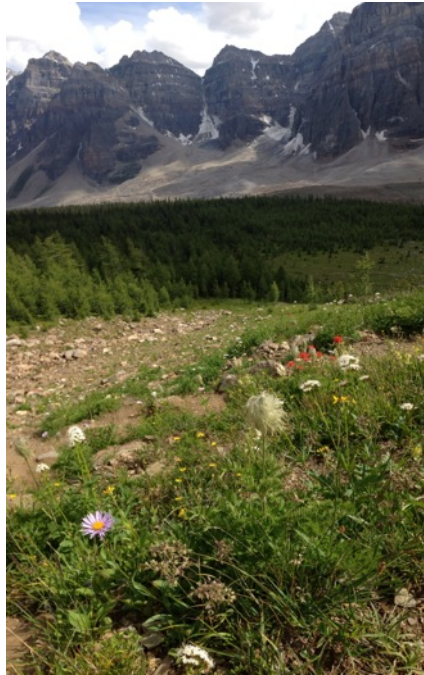
Looking up at Eiffel Peak, which no longer is in the clouds; this route to the ridge might possibly work, but it seems like the route from the Larch Valley would be much better (I only mention this because I heard that a ranger mentioned a route to Eiffel Peak from the Wenkchemna Pass trail, but I don't know any other details of this potential route):



Panorama of the amazing views we are getting as we hike back along the trail, with Panorama Ridge to the far left (the Tower of Babel is just out of view to the far left behind the trees), the Ten Peaks clearly visible in the center of the photo (the top of Mount Little is again barely visible behind Mount Bowlen), and Wenkchemna Pass and Wenkchemna Peak to the right:



There was a small, photogenic patch of wildflowers along the trail; it looks like one could walk down the grassy slope here towards the creek which drains into Moraine Lake, and perhaps even get to the eastern part of the Wenkchemna Glacier (although it may be easier to access the glacier from closer to Eiffel Lake):





Looking up towards Eiffel Peak from here:



We soon re-enter the trees, and our views of the surrounding peaks become more infrequent:



Panorama of the Ten Peaks from one of the few clearings along this part of the trail:



Moraine Lake comes into view once again through the trees:



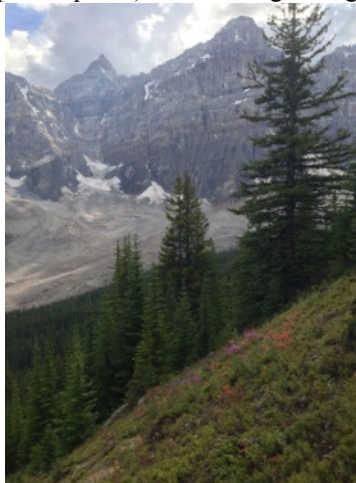
Panorama of the lower group of the Ten Peaks; Mount Babel is the one in the center of the photo, with Mount Fay to its right, then Mount Bowlen, Bowlen, and Mount Perren:



Looking down at Moraine Lake through a bunch of wildflowers; note that the Tower of Babel is visible in the upper left corner of the photo, with Panorama Ridge behind it:



Looking back at this nice patch of wildflowers (lower part of photo) which was growing on this steep hillside:



Looking directly across at the Fay Glacier, with the southern end of Moraine Lake visible in the center left of the photo:



Another one of the fairly infrequent views of Moraine Lake that we were getting; this part of the trail is fairly flat and straightforward walking, so you can enjoy the view:



Looking back at the clouds coming in over Mount Tuzo (left) and Deltaform Mountain (right):



This nice butterfly landed on the trail in front of us:



Near the Moraine Lake trailhead I noticed this very oddly shaped mushroom (?) growing out of the ground:

