

## Too Much Rain

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Mr. Lee's backpack trip was the highlight of Bob's June each year. This time the group was on a six day hike to Grass Lake. The trip would end with two full days to relax, swim, and fish at the lake. The group had a plan of backpacking seven miles each day to be at Grass Lake by Friday.

Thursday would be their longest day. They would have to hike ten miles to cross over the summit and make it to the lake.

No one expected rain. But on day two, it began to rain all day. Mr. Lee knew that there were shacks on the trail for hikers to get out of the wind and rain. He used his trail map and compass to locate the shacks.

It was good luck that the shacks were not already being used. Mr. Lee told the group to stack the sleeping bags and backpacks in one shack to keep them from getting wet. That left two shacks for the group to use to stretch out and relax.

Still, the group was upset and restless. No one wanted to spend all day waiting for the rain to stop. Bob said, "I do not mind getting wet. If we push on, we can still make our goal." But Mr. Lee said, "If our sleeping bags get soaked, our trip will be finished."

The group stared at the map and made a new plan. They had planned to hike seven miles each day on days three, four, and five. If they increased their miles to ten, they could still get to Grass Lake by Friday. The best thing to do was to relax and wait for the rain to stop.

At sunrise on day three, the group woke up. The rain had stopped. They packed up fast and began their hike.