

"Madagonia" (8460)

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{ Jaci and I, and Maddie (Jaci's Golden retriever) climbed an un-named peak west of Lick Creek Summit. Actually, only heretofore un-named; we named it "Madagonia" - as it was Maddie's first climb. }

Initially we wanted Beaverdam, but we ended up high to the north, and didn't want to drop down.

So we went, swung up through beautiful basins and shelves, and eventually on top on the un-named peak of elevation 8460 - above (very much) Burnside Lake to its southwest,

From the ascent we spied a number of small lakes between the summit and Lick Creek Summit - which we explored on the way down.

Just as Jaci and I got off the summit - Maddie - still on top, started barking, hair on end on her neck. Jaci asked if I should go look. "No."

We saw a lot of elk sign, and quite high. It appears they are high perhaps to avoid the wolves. We did see two nice male deer, also high - in fact, one doe up nearly on the final ascents of the high points.

Maddie's feet were in places worn down to bleeding, which did not surprise me, ... but since she would still chase rolling rocks - her feet were evidently not too sore.

I swam in the highest of the lakes perched on the benches west of Lick Creek Summit -

actually on a ridge not far from  
Madagonia summit. It was  
wonderful... the lake the perfect  
temp, soft bottomed, and at  
its deepest up to my chest.

a lake on a ridge... fascinating.

Jaci did great, I need to do more  
of this.