

A WALKING REPORT 07 – Part B

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Cheers, Sean

For the record, here is the text on the information plaque near the teahouse, which includes a picture of Charlotte the Marmot.

Life At The Top

“Teahouses are comfortably furnished buildings built for trail hikers or riders to relax for short periods while on the trail.. .they are located at vantage points of unusual interest and beauty...”
(CPR 1932)

This tea house was built in 1926 by Swiss Guides employed by the CPR. The first operator was Martha Feuz, wife of guide Edward Feuz. In the early days, she slept on the floor to keep the two cabins available for paying guests. Joy Kimball and her husband Peter bought the tea house in 1959. Joy ran it for 45 years, raising her two daughters in a mountain meadow surrounded by glaciers. Her family still runs the tea house today.

Imagine life as a tea house operator — serving guests, packing in supplies and assisting lost climbers are all in a day’s work.

Charlotte was a large pet marmot that Joy’s daughters carted around for eight summers- don’t try this yourself!

3 Replies to "A Walking Report 07"

1. Richard Lang says:

2020-08-11 at 18:39 Edit

Great leading lines in photo # 2208 – drawing the eye to the distant lake. Photo 2205 has powerful diagonal lines, creating a more interesting image.

2. Keith says:

2020-07-12 at 09:57 Edit

I had taken a look at these, and meant to come back to comment. It's my rule that I really must look at these on the main computer and take my time.

The walk up to the teahouse used to be one of our favourites, but it's been many years since we've been there. It was getting so crowded it wasn't any fun.

The first set are all well done, nice lines, and, and, I don't know how to say this. They are what they are. I think of these as well done documentary photos. There I was, this is what I saw. I do lots of these, and they're kind of hard to do well, as you've done here. I've been finding that mountains as such are not especially interesting for me, but my eye did linger over several of the photos, especially the ones with strong leading lines.

You know I'm a sucker for water and reflection shots, so the middle set interested me much more. The still water shots were contemplative, and the reflections quite wonderful. The little waterfall shot intrigued me, since it took a minute to sort out what I was looking at. Nicely done there.

In the third set, the black and white images were by far the most striking for me. It does interesting things with the sky, and the textures of the rock.

1. spd_wp_admin says:

2020-07-12 at 11:13 Edit

Thank you for visiting, commenting, and your kind words. You're correct about that first set being purely this is what the trail looked like, and they don't have a lot of depth to them. I don't always share photos of that genre. In this case though I got such a kick out of the walk, I felt like sharing them. The other sets are composed of images which I hope encourage some viewers some of the time to linger. Cheers