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### Hanging Around

#### Wolf Rock MD, April 15, 1973

The Nagy's arrived on Saturday and camped at Crow's Nest, a private campground on the other side of the mountain from the park headquarters and visitors center. Our camp was on Big Hunting Creek which was beautiful and white and roaring. A park trail to Wolf Rock starts at the campground. On Saturday, I registered our climb at park headquarters.

I spent about two hours in the quiet sunny stillness, before anyone arrived, exploring the large area of rock and setting up a beginner's climb. Jon Larson arrived first and soon all the others showed and climbs were set up on the exterior faces which also afford good down climbing practice. Phil rigged some climbs on the interior sections. Mark braved one these rumored snake pits to practice chimneying. We had a great day.

The phone numbers trip leaders to this area should have are: Park Headquarters (301) 824-2574 or 271-7447; Public phone at headquarters: (301) 271-7891. Frederick Hospital 662-5111; Hagerstown Hospital 797-2000; Ambulance 662-6333; Dr. Callen, Thurmont office 271-2234, home 271-7263; Dr. McCorkle 271-7422. Police: Frederick Barracks 663-3101; Hagerstown Barracks 739-2101; Thurmont City Police 271-7313.

Participating were: Jim Nagy (Trip Leader), Pat Nagy, Mark Gunther, Mary Palmer, Lynn Richards, Jon Larson, Phil Eddy, Joe and Jan Wagner, Bryan Rennex. Jim Nagy

#### Little Stony Man VA, October 29, 1972

It was drizzling in Washington most of that Sunday morning which may have been responsible for that low and poor turnout. The rocks were cold, several very challenging cracks and chimneys were leaking and making climbing more difficult but it did not rain. The absence of MS climbers was more than offset by the presence of a "ranger" class of about 30 OD fatigue-clad victims of the newly developing "sport" of rappeling. (John Anderson and I were climbing over these rocks on the previous weekend and were astounded and chagrined at the same time to hear the many visitors and passersby ask us "whether we were rappeling." Perhaps we can channel off a large segment of new would-be climbers into this activity at specially designated cliffs.)

Hal and I did one 80-foot chimney-type route free and then lunched. But nobody else showed up and it looked like rain so we left shortly after 1 pm. Participating were Joe Wagner (Trip Leader) and Hal Meyer. Joe Wagner