

KURT BURKE

1) Why did you sign up for the hike? How old were you?

I signed up for the Hike because it was starting in my home town, I was already a boy scout backpacker, and because I wanted to do something no one else had done...I was 19

2) What is your favorite experience from the hike?

Too many to mention, but maybe the rattlesnake eating.

3) Did you have a moment of enlightenment or “ah-ha moment” on the hike and if so, what was it?

Bruce was beating the snot out of me and Dave Backus came to my rescue and tossed Bruce around like a rag doll.

4) What was your favorite state and why?

UTAH...obvious reasons

5) What was your least favorite part of the hike?

Kansas , Kentucky

6) How did the hike change you?

It showed me that I had amazing endurance for such a young punk.

7) What do you tell people about your achievement now?

I tell people that I walked across the continent at age 19 and most think I'm bullshitting them or don't comprehend the scope of what I said.

8) What would you have changed about the hike?

I wouldn't have been such a punk that I sometimes was.

9) Did you pursue other hiking/backpacking afterwards? Long journeys or short weekends?

Yes, I did the AT in 93' solo

10) What did you learn about yourself that you are willing to share?

I learned that I was incredibly shy except within my small cliche and that I had incredible endurance.

11) Did it make you a stronger person?

Much so.

12) Are you proud of your accomplishment?

Immensely

13) What was the dumbest thing you did on the hike?

Too many too mention

14) What was your most vivid memory from the hike?

Too many to list

15) What was your funniest moment on the hike?
Making "The Tape"

16) What was your most embarrassing moment on the hike?
Making " The Tape"

17) What was your nickname on the hike?
The leader of the Daltons

18) Any other thoughts or stories you'd like to share?
Sooo Many hahahahaha