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## **Earl Shaffer's Appalachian Trail Hike Diary, 1948**

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they offered to feed me. Had tough time finding trail from Frosty Mt. north. Ranger showed me but still had difficulty.

Got back and I dry camped on slope of Springer Mtn. under large fallen tree. Very tired, began to rain lightly in night. I ~~hunted slabs~~ by flashlight and made shelter.

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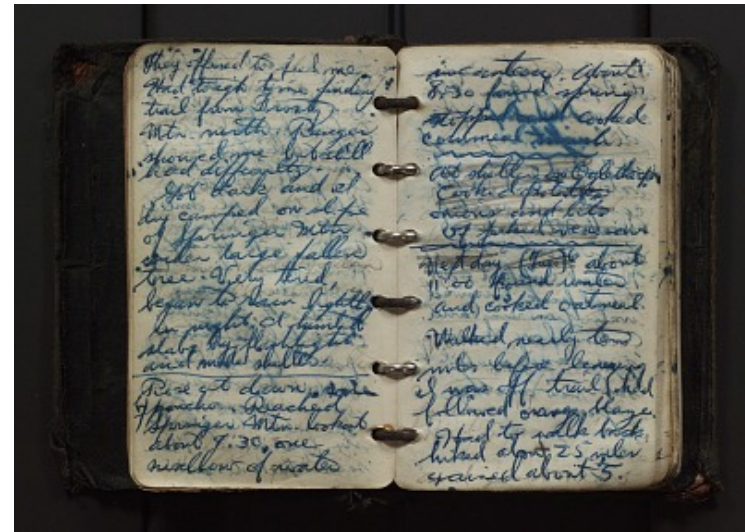
5/ rose at dawn. ~~wore~~ poncho. Reached Springer Mtn. lookout about 7:30. one swallow of water  
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in canteen. About 8:30 found spring stopped and cooked cornmeal mush.

~~At shelter on Oglethorpe~~ cooked potatoes onions and bits of jerked venisons

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Next day (Tues) 6 ~~about~~ 11:00 found water and cooked oatmeal. Walked nearly ten miles before learning I was off trail (had followed orange blaze. Had to walk back hiked about 25 miles gained about 5



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