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The whistle is an excellent suggestion. Can hear the whistle from a further distance and much easier to whistle versus yelling out. Didn't think too much about this stuff at times during my younger days but I can now look back and be thankful nothing real bad ever happened while out in the wilds.

If I may; since it is the dead of winter, here is a story of one of my good buddy's outdoor misfortunes.

My bud was climbing on a rock formation alone about a half a mile or so from a remote parking area, when he had a fall. This was pre-cell phone days and he was not roped up (being a complete hard head) while practicing a move that he had done multiple times that evening. He became too tired to make any additional moves. He was about 20 feet up with a rock jumble below him. After some deliberation, he made the decision he could no longer go on and was about to take his chances with dropping out. Well, that did not go well; as his ankle hit a rock and was shattered.

Could not fathom the pain he was enduring and the fact that he still had a long way to go before this episode was to conclude. He could not stand and was already tired from the climbing but I guess he was working on adrenaline. He realized that his only option was to crawl his way out to the car before total darkness. To make matters worse, after he crawled some distance he realized he had left his keys at the rock and had to turn back to get them. Uuggh! He told me his foot would hit the ground every time he moved and the pain was excruciating. The worst part was he had to crawl down a bank of a small creek, cross and up the other side holding on to everything he could grab.

He did eventually make it out to the vehicle before complete darkness but his coup de grâce was that he had a stick shift-ha. Finally he managed to pull into the Connellsville hospital and honked his horn till someone came out. He now walks with a very pronounced limp and a cane some 20 years later. I think some of the true life emergency shows have contacted him but he never followed up on those. Unreal.