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Half an hour later we and the mules left in different directions. Layer #2 came off. The flat part of the trail coming down had definitely turned into an incline going back up.

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Incredibly it was still morning. The other incredible thing was the scenery. Occasionally we simply stopped walking so we could watch and marvel.

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Big, fat squirrels and oversized scrub jays populate the route, concentrated around the rest stops. They get aggressive. One BFS tried to grab a Ziploc of trail mix from me and got swatted with a polyethylene bag for his trouble. Please don't tell SPCA or PETA, they probably disagree with NPS.

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Yep, it's still grand.

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Some guy offered to take our picture. Good. If he's taking our picture we don't have to walk.

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Darn near at the top. It's really good for morale when you can see stuff you recognize up on the rim.

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And much later we made it to dinner.

D&S