

Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Mount Ann (Peak 5869, SW of Lake Ann)	Date of Trip: 6/5/2003
Map(s): GT Mount Shuksan, USGS Shuksan Arm	Scramble Rating: S-3-3
Guidebook: NONE	Summit Height: 5869'
Trailhead: Heather Meadows/Mt. Baker Ski Area Upper Lot	Elevation Gained: 2600' in, 900' out - total 3500'
Miles Round Trip: 8 miles	

Leader: **Andy Boos**

Driving Instructions: **Hwy 542 east from Bellingham for 55 miles to Mt. Baker Ski Area, end of plowed road.**

Ascent Route: **From big lot at upper ski area, hike Heather Meadows, more or less on route of road, to the Austin Pass trailhead for Lake Ann. Drop down into upper Swift Creek Basin, following the trail route until it begins climbing again at 3900' NNE of the peak. Ascend mostly open snow slopes south-ward to the ridgeline east of the summit. Climb steep snow to the top.**

Descent Route: **Reverse of ascent**

Weather conditions: **Sunny, warm, 70°**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool: am	Trailhead: am	2.5 hours
Trail head: 8:15 am	Summit: 12:30 pm	4.25 hours	
Summit: 1:20 pm	Trailhead: 5:15 pm	4 hours	

Overall Pace of Party: Leisurely Moderate Intense
 Steepness Can't Fall Could Fall Don't Fall
 Terrain Encountered: Rock Snow/ice Brush Other:
 Equipment Recommended: Hardhat Crampons Rope Snowshoes
 Was a handline used: **No** (If yes, describe circumstances):
 Accident Involved: **No** (If yes, submit an accident report):

Reached Adequately Comments

Trip Comments: This is an outstanding snow scramble, in a spectacular area, that we got to do on a beautiful day. Unfortunately, because it's not an officially named peak, Mount Ann is pretty much ignored. But if you want a great view of Shuksan and Baker from a scramble-able peak, this one can't be beat. The route is interesting, with a down-and-up-again section to it, tricky stream crossing, and great open snow slopes for the last hour or more of the ascent. The summit has a short rock section followed by a final steep 200' of snow.