

Destination: Kaleetan Peak
Map(s): Snoqualmie Pass
Guidebook: Becky #1 pg 152, Alpine Lakes pg 198
Trailhead: Denny Creek

Date of Trip: August 3, 1997
Scramble Rating: R-4-4
Summit Height: 6,259'
Elevation Gained: 4,810
Miles Round Trip: 12

Driving Instructions: I-90 east to Exit 47, cross under I-90 & turn right, follow signs to Denny Creek Campground (3 miles). Just past campground turn left, go over a bridge, and continue .2 mile to the trailhead at the end of road.

Ascent Route: Follow Lake Melakwa trail to the lake, then go up the ridge starting just left of a rock face located next to the lake's outlet. There is a climber's path that generally follows the ridge top, generally in a northwest direction. After reaching summit # , continue past the next small summit and through some trees. Take the first obvious path left off of the ridge (beyond this point the ridge becomes more than a scramble with significant exposure). Drop down about 250', then traverse across a boulder field. At the far edge of the boulder field climb back up to the ridge and follow the climber's path to the summit block, and then scramble up the gully to the top. See trip comments for info on additional routes.

Descent Route: Reverse of above.

<u>Party Members</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Potential Leader</u>	<u>Reached Destination</u>	<u>Adequately Prepared</u>	<u>Comments Below</u>
1) Lewis Turner			Leader	■	■	□

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Elapsed Times/Elev Gain</u>
Trailhead (2,300', 8:45am)	Melakwa Lake (11am, 4,600')	2.25 hours / 2,300
Melakwa Lake (12:15pm)	1st ridge Summit (12:15pm, 5,700')	1.25 hours / 1,170
1st Summit (1:30pm)	Kaleetan summit (2 pm, 6,259')	1.5 hours / 860'
Kaleetan summit (3 pm)	1st Summit (4 pm, 5,700')	1 hour / 330'
1st Summit (4 pm)	Melakwa Lake (5 pm)	1 hours / 50'
Melakwa Lake (5:15 pm)	Trailhead (7pm)	2.25 hours / 100'

Overall Pace of Party: Leisurely Moderate Intense

Total time up -5 hours; total time down - 4 hours; total gain - 4,810'

Steepness Can't Fall Could Fall Don't Fall

Terrain Encountered: Rock Snow Brush Other

Equipment Recommended: Hardhat Crampons Rope Snowshoes

Weather conditions: Hot, clear sky and mostly in 60's

Was a handline used: No Yes (If yes, describe circumstances)

Accident Involved? No Yes (If yes, submit an accident report)

Trip Narrative / Comments: This was a hot trip; flies and mosquitos were also bad until we got onto the ridge. Take a water pump—you'll need water at the lake on the way back. This was our third attempt on Kaleetan in 3 weeks. The first time we followed the ridge until it became a technical climb—this is "easy scramble" route—and then turned back. On the second attempt we continued up to Melakwa Pass, turned left and attempted to get onto the ridge past the technical portion. However, we ran into a steep 55°, hard-snow 200' slope without a safe run-out, so turned back again. On the way back, about ¼ from the end of the valley, we found the gully that is also used to get to the ridge. Again, there was hard snow - about 45° - without a safe run-out. We attempted to go up the moat, but it didn't go all of the way to the top, so we turned back from our third route. On today's successful scramble, we did meet a Seattle scramble group who did come up the gully—they said that you can now follow the moat all of the way to the ridge now.