

# Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: <b>Kitling Peak</b>	Date of Trip: <b>5/15/2005</b>
Map(s): <b>Logan GT # 49</b>	Scramble Rating: <b>4-5</b>
Guidebook:	Summit Height: <b>8003'</b>
Trailhead: <b>Easy Pass</b>	Elevation Gained: <b>4300'</b>
Miles Round Trip: <b>8</b>	

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Driving Instructions: **Take Hwy 20 east to the Easy Pass trail head which is about 5 to 10 miles before Rainy Pass**

Ascent Route: **Hike up Easy Pass trail to Easy Pass. Head NW from Easy Pass going up ridge. Favor the west side of the ridge and stay below 6800' until passing below a minor rock buttress coming down the SW slope of the ridge; this is about 1/4 mile from Easy Pass. Once around this small buttress continue on a gradual climbing traverse, but stay below 7000' at about 300' to 400' below the ridge crest. Continue the traverse to a saddle between the ridge and the summit of Kitling. Kitling is almost directly east of Mestachie. The traverse seems like it never ends. The saddle elevation just south of Kitling is at 7400'. From the saddle traverse under the peak on the SW side to about half way across the face. There a gulley (third one?) heads straight up to just south of the summit. This is a steep gulley, but it had snow in it which made climbing straight forward. We started out in the gulley just before this one and it got to be steep and pushing class 4 rock which was getting wet about then. Transitioned to the left to get into the better gulley. It only took about 30 minutes from the saddle to the summit and about 20 minutes to get back down.**

Descent Route: **Retraced route except stayed in the good gulley on snow to the base of the peak.**

Weather conditions: **Mostly overcast with occassional sun until we headed up final summit climb, then it started to rain and sleet with gusting wind.**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool:6:30 am	Trailhead:8:45 am	2+15 hours
	Trail head: 9 am	Summit: 2:30 pm	5+30 hours
	Summit: 2:35 pm	Trailhead:7 pm	4+25 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):

Trip Comments: Needed an earlier start. There was snow in the basin going up to Easy Pass, but it was not well consolidated so we were post holing some. It is much better to stay lower and do the side hill traverse above Easy Pass. The entire west side of the ridge leading to the summit pyramid was snow free, did not expect that this early in the season. This is a long traverse. The ridge coming from the west on the summit pyramid did not look like a good route when looking down on it from the summit.