

Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Liberty Mt.	Date of Trip: 4/24/2004
Map(s): GT Granite falls (109), GT Silverton (110)	Scramble Rating: 5/5
Guidebook: Green Becky Book, page 108	Summit Height: 5688
Trailhead: FSR 4130 to large washout	Elevation Gained: 3700
Miles Round Trip: 7	

Leader: **Jack LaMont**

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Driving Instructions: **Marysville to Granite Falls on to Mountain Loop HWY. Turn left on to FSR 41 (Green Mountain Rd) then right on spur road 4130 to large washout.**

Ascent Route: **West Ridge, which is a steep rib between two drainages.**

Descent Route: **Reversed ascent route.**

Weather conditions: **Partly sunny**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool: 5:45 am	Trailhead: 6:45 am	1 hours
	Trail head: 7:10 am	Summit: 2:40 pm	7.5 hours
	Summit: 3:10 pm	Trailhead: 9:10 pm	6 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: **Yes** (If yes, submit an accident report): **Leader (myself) cut my right index finger. Applied first aid. No rescue needed.**

Trip Comments: We carpoled from Albertson's off of 4th Street in Marysville. STRENUOUS BUSHWACK! From the washout we hiked to the end of 4130, which is heavily overgrown. Headed SE through timber and devils club flanking the right side of Canyon Creek. Found a freshly fallen fir log to cross over the wide stream. Fought our way through stands of brush and devils club in to the timber on the east side of canyon Creek. One hour in to our ascent I (Jack) stumbled on a moss cover log and stopped my fall with a machete I brought along to cut through the devils club. Fortunately, I was wearing leather gloves. Unfortunately, my right hand slide off the handle on to the sharp blade slicing in to my index finger. With assistance from Jim, I stopped the bleeding and wrapped my finger up. I told the group I was ok and we continued on. (I sought medical attention the next day). We did a rising SE traversed through the timber until we came to a high ridge (don't continue on, will lead you on a dead end to the north side of the summit block). Dropped down off ridge, across first large drainage and back up to a narrow rib on the west side of Liberty. There is another drainage on the south side of this rib. We fought our way up easterly through thick brush and wind fallen trees on this rib and reached snow at 3500 feet. I found my pink ribbon marker around 4000 feet from last year's attempt. We climbed up steep snow and topped out on the west ridge. We then traversed SE and E on steep snow slopes until we were below the summit block. The snow was melting out in spots on the upper slope so we scrambled on rock and hard

vegetation. We topped out on the snow and did an "upper" fourth class scramble on the south side face, which we chose not to descend down. The 360 degree views were spectacular. We down climbed an open book on the SW face, which had an old faded green rappel sling attached to a tree. Recommend bringing a rope for a hand line, which we did not have. I lead the group back down through the timber and "nailed" the exact location for our log crossing on Canyon Creek. Unfortunately, we got off route on the west side of Canyon Creek by going too high, too early and lost the "overgrown" road. With headlamps on (8:30 pm) we followed a drainage (small stream) downward, which intersected the road. We were very happy to make it back to the truck without "bivying". This is a trip you only want to do once!