

# Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: <b>Lichtenberg Mtn. (PRIVATE)</b>	Date of Trip: <b>3/19/2003</b>
Map(s): <b>USGS Labyrinth Mtn. and GT Benchmark Mtn.</b>	Scramble Rating: <b>WS</b>
Guidebook: <b>Beckey's</b>	Summit Height: <b>5,844'</b>
Trailhead: <b>Hwy 2 and Smithbrook Road intersection(park on hwy)</b>	Elevation Gained: <b>2700'</b>
Miles Round Trip: <b>8 miles</b>	

Leader: **Hal Watrous**

Driving Instructions: **Hwy 2 East 4 miles past Steven's Pass to Smithbrook Rd**

Ascent Route: **Follow Smithbrook Creek to creek drainage below Lichtenwasser Lake. Turn uphill and ascend on East side or right side of drainage which is less steep. From creek outlet on North side of lake, follow the ridgeline at about 230 degrees all the way to summit. This is one potential WS route and comes in from opposite side of Summer route.**

Descent Route: **Same**

Weather conditions: **Partly Cloudy, high winds, whiteout conditions at times, 32 degrees**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool:6:30 am	Trailhead:8:15 am	13/4 hours
	Trail head: 8:30 am	Summit: 1:45 pm	51/4 hours
	Summit: 2:15 pm	Trailhead:4:45 pm	21/2 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):

<u>Party Members</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Reached Destination</u>	<u>Adequately Prepared</u>	<u>Comments</u> <u>Below</u>
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Trip Comments: Super trip; walking up S side of Smith Creek drainage offers best Wilderness experience vs. taking the road. drainage up to lake is steep at times but not impenetrable. Lake frozen solid; Ridgeline heavily corniced running all the way E. to West. Ridge route at 230 degrees is easy to follow. Summit is at this bearing and on snow at least you can ascend through the cornices to summit. Exposure is not great with long runouts; Cornices have rotten spots, but not dangerous for us. We staked ice axes in final 30' of gain. Avalanche danger moderate below 5k'. We all agreed that this was best and only safe route. We did get below rock bands on North side, but cornices too unsafe. On return, there are several places to cross Smithbrook creek. One is at first switchback off road at 2.0miles should you decide to follow the road up a ways.