

Alpine Scrambles Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Mt. Roosevelt Date of Trip: 10 Sept 96
 Map(s): GT Snoqualmie Pass (peak labeled wrong) Scramble Rating: R-3-4 more li
 Guidebook: Vol 1, p. 152 Summit Height: 5835 R-4
 Trailhead: Alpental - Snow Lake T.H. Elevation Gain: net-2600'
 Carpool at: Mill Creek 6:30 am Miles Round Trip: 12

Ascent Route: Trail to Snow Lake and then Gem Lake. Then a short ascent, ridge run, and lengthy talus traverse to the major talus/scree basin SE of the summit. Ascended basin up to base of steep headwall then traversed N along base of cliffs until a steep 80' face could be ascended to the ridge. Followed ridge N to summit - LOTS of class 3, and two class 4 sections that were hand-lined.

Descent Route: Dropped down a NE-facing heather gully (very steep, but has a climbers path) and continued down scree/talus gullies back to the base of the upper mountain (5000'). THIS IS PROBABLY THE PROPER ASCENT ROUTE - The route we ascended wasn't really
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From:	To:	Elapsed Times	Student	Potential Leader	Reached Destination	Adequately Prepared	Comments Noted Below
<u>Carpool ^{Mill Creek} Trailhead</u>	<u>Trailhead 800</u>	<u>1 1/2 hrs</u>					
<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Summit 250-330</u>	<u>6 1/2 hrs</u>					
<u>Summit</u>	<u>Trailhead 830</u>	<u>5+ hrs last 1/2 hr in dark</u>					

Overall Pace of Party: Leisurely Moderate Intense
 Steepness/Difficulty: Can't fall Could fall Don't fall Other
 Terrain Encountered: Rock Snow Brush
 Equipment Recommended: Hardhat Crampons Rope handline
 Weather Conditions: Sunny and Pleasant - 70°

Was a handline used? Yes No (If Yes, describe circumstances)
Twice - (1) at the top of the talus/scree basin SE of the peak at about the 5560' level and (2) on a steep E face about 200 yards SE of the summit

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

Trip Narrative/Comments (about skills and conditioning of students):
This is a scramble for strong, small parties who are comfortable on class 3 terrain. The route finding is tricky (we ascended a more difficult route than we needed to), and the approach is fairly lengthy. I would NOT recommend doing this trip with students, or anyone not comfortable with exposure. There are many places where a fall could have pretty serious consequences. The peak seemed harder than the guidebook would lead one to believe. Do NOT expect to find a gully at the SE base of the summit rocks, as the route description implies - there ain't no SE gully! Also it talks about a South Ridge route that finishes with 100' of class 3. But, the last 100' is actually easy class 2! Go figure.
The party was pretty strong, although I was a bit slower on the boulder-hopping and other off-trail parts. I had the most difficulty on the class 3 stuff.
Conditioning - wise, everyone performed admirably on this fairly long trip.

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