

Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Jolly and Skookum Mtns. (Sasse Mtn.)	Date of Trip: 11/15/2003
Map(s): USGS Davis Peak, Mt. Stuart; GT Kachess Lake, Mt. Stuart)	Scramble Rating: WS
Guidebook: 75 Scrambles(helpful but incomplete information)	Summit Height: 5,730'
Trailhead: FS Road #128 up to 4000' elevation and heavy snow on road	Elevation Gained: 1730'
Miles Round Trip: 6 miles	

Leader: **Hal Watrous**

Driving Instructions: **Drive State Route 93 past Lake Cle Elum past Cle Elum campground. Take FS road #128 on right up toward TH for #1325.**

Ascent Route: **Followed FS road #128 up 1.2 miles to ridge; followed ridge south then east to summit.**

Descent Route: **Followed same path back in stormy conditions.**

Weather conditions: **snowing, 28 degrees, and blowing snow. low visibility.**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool: 7 am	Trailhead: 9:45 am	2 3/4 hours
	Trail head: 10 am	Summit: 1 pm	3 hours
	Summit: 1:30 pm	Trailhead: 3:45 pm	2 1/4 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):

Reached Adequately Comments

Trip Comments: 2-3" of new snow on icy base on road caused us to and park at 4000' and turn around car for quick exit when dusk occurred. With delayed departure at lower elevation, we summited Sasse Mtn. off Sasse Ridge instead of Jolly or Skookum. Both of those were too far to do in 6 hours. We ended up with moderate paced group doing 6 miles round trip to Sasse in 6 hours. Wind and visibility were becoming a problem as storm front moved in. We experienced 1-1/2 ' of new snow on the ridge ideal for snowshoeing. This is good access ridge up to Sasse Ridge as it is reasonably gentle in Old growth forest. Otherwise, finding the trail 1325 becomes difficult under the conditions. Advice: at 4500' when rounding 120 degree SE turn on FS road #128, spot a slight ridge to your right or south side of road. Ridge starts going south, then bends around gradually to become an Easterly bearing.

All in all, a good area for snowshoeing and cross country skiing trips on road if clear cut forest conditions are ok with the party.