

# Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: <b>Seven Fingered Jack</b>	Date of Trip: <b>10/5/2002</b>
Map(s): <b>GT Holden #113</b>	Scramble Rating: <b>??</b>
Guidebook: <b>Cascade Alpine Guide #2</b>	Summit Height: <b>9100</b>
Trailhead: <b>Phelps Creek/Spider Meadow</b>	Elevation Gained: <b>5600</b>
Miles Round Trip: <b>12</b>	

Leader: **Larry Ingalls**

Driving Instructions: **Take Hwy 2 east to the Lake Wennachee turn off at Coles Corner (SR 207). Drive north to Fish Lake turn off, then go east about 2 miles to the Chiwawa River Rd. Go north about 24 miles to the Phelps Creek turn off at a "Y" in the road. Go right and follow road to the end at the trail head. About 2+30 hours driving time from Monroe.**

Ascent Route: **Hike Sipder Meadow trail about 3 miles to Leroy Creek. Just after crossing Leroy Creek take trail to the east and up; gets steep here. The elevation at the base of Leroy Creek is about 4100'. Follow trail up to about 6000' into beautiful basin/meadow just below Seven Fingered Jack and Maude. On the east side of the basin follow a gully up to an open slope along the south side of the ridge that comes off Seven Fingered Jack to the WSW. Bare north to get on the ridge. Follow the ridge easterly to what appears to be the summit block. The summit is on the north side of the ridge that makes up the "fingers" of the mountain. The summit is the rounded area to the east and north and is much more rounded than the spires to the south. It does not look like the summit from below. We went to the saddle just to the south of the summit thinking the high point was just up from the saddle; it isn't. We climb that block up a small gully of technical difficulty of 5, then discovered that the real summit was along the top of that ridge about 100'. The ridge top is relatively flat and easy to cross. The easier route is to pass just west of the buttess about 10 to 20 feet below the saddle on a narrow (5') bench and up a board, shallow gully to the summit (level 2 tech difficulty, if that)**

Descent Route: **Retraced route**

Weather conditions: **Heavy weather to the west, it was beautiful where we were. Started out with the summit in the clouds, but by the time we got on the ridge above the basin it had cleared out for great views.**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool: 5 am	Trailhead: 7:40 am	2+30 hours
	Trail head: 8 am	Summit: 12:45 pm	4+45 hours
	Summit: 1:45 pm	Trailhead: 5:55 pm	4+10 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: Great group. Very fast pace. All did very well. Had ideal conditions. Found out that Seattle had trip scheduled for the same day. They started out about 40 minutes ahead of us. When we got up into the basin I was looking up the mountain to see what route they had taken, but I could not spot them. Then I turn around and they were coming up behind us. We maintained separation going up the mountain; we were coming off the summit at about the time they got up to summit block. I talked to the group about switching destinations, but they were set on doing Seven Fingered Jack.