

Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Silver/Tinkham/Albiel Peaks	Date of Trip: 9/13/2003
Map(s): GT Snoq Pass and USGS Snoq Pass and Lost lake	Scramble Rating: R4-3
Guidebook: Beckey's Vol 1	Summit Height: 5605(Silver)
Trailhead: Windy Pass	Elevation Gained: 3200'
Miles Round Trip: 9 miles	

Leader: **Hal Watrous**

Driving Instructions: **Take I90 to Exit 54 or Hyak Exit. Follow road through Hyak estates, that road becoming a Forest Service Road maked on maps with destination Ollalie Meadows. Trailhead marked just inside clear cut marked Silver Peak.**

Ascent Route: **This was a loop trip with three summits done in this order: Silver, Albiel, and Tinkham. Follow PCT from trailhead to cutoff for Silver Lake, marked by large Cairn and tape. Trail is an unimproved climbers trail to saddle between Silver and hilltop which sits right in the middle of all three peaks. This hill acts as the center of a triangle between all three peaks. At Saddle pickup a well marked trail to Silver summit. The ascent route for Albiel is to return to the saddle and pickup a climbers trail running around the hilltop over to saddle at Albiel , which is between Albiel and Annette lakes. Navigation is required on last 50 yards to brush bash to the narrow saddle. Pick up a climbers path again and follow it to summit for Albiel. Path does disappear now and then behind rocks and trees as you ascend. The ascent route for Tinkham was the NW ridge route. To get there return across narrow saddle and side hill around the hilltop to pickup the trail to Silver peak. Turn right toward Tinkham and follow back down to an intersection in a small open meadow. There you'll find the climbers path that follows the NW ridge route to Tinkham.**

Descent Route: **Return to PCT via NW ridge route off of Tinkham to intersection described above and follow trail back to PCT**

Weather conditions: **superb, 65 degrees and clear skis.**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool: 700 am	Trailhead: 830 am	1 1/2 hours
	Trail head: 900 am	Summit: 300 pm	6 hours
	Summit: 330 pm	Trailhead: 515 pm	13/4 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):

Trip Comments: We triple peaked today !! Beautiful clear day to use peaks themselves for map orientation. No summit registers on Albiel or Silver. Tinkham has one. Caution should be used on NW ridge route for Tinkham as there is class 4 moves below summit block. The further south or right side approach facing the summit block you take, the less exposure you experience as you get tree protection somewhat. Should other leaders wish to avoid the class 4 exposure, they can take the other ascent route up the East side past Mirror Lake described in Beckey's, which is basically a walkup. As to time it took to do all three, we had a moderate to slow group because they took their time, and it still only took 8 hours including numerous breaks and stops on each summit. Everyone agreed the loop trip for all three was a great experience.