

Alpine Scrambles Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Bald Mountain 4795'
 Map(s): Green Trails Silverton
 Guidebook: Becky, Vol 2, Pg. 107
 Trailhead: _____
 Carpool at: Granite Falls High School

Date of Trip: 8/23/93
 Scramble Rating: R3
 Summit Height: 4795'
 Elevation Gain: 2000'
 Miles Round Trip: 3

Ascent Route: Not recommended: From switchback in Deer Creek Road at 2800', hiked into basin staying high & turning west into first gully on Bald's NE side. Stay right (North) at fork in gully, ascending to ridge (some class 4, good granite). Turn left on ridge, continue SW to summit staying on (cross over to sidewalk slabs on E. side near 4500').

Descent Route: Becky route: Descend granite slabs on E. side then cross over to W. side of ridge - follow ridge, down to rock gulch, cross Deer Creek to midway point on Lake Kelceena trail. Follow trail then road to cars.

Party Members

1) Ginger Decker Phone _____ (Leader)

From:	To:	Elapsed Times	Student	Potential Leader	Reached Destination	Adequately Prepared	Comments Noted Below
<u>Carpool</u>	<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>1 hr</u>					
<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>4 1/2 hr</u>					
<u>Summit</u>	<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>3 1/2 hr</u>					

Overall Pace of Party: Leisurely Moderate Intense
 Steepness/Difficulty: Can't fall Could fall Don't fall
 Terrain Encountered: Rock Snow Brush
 Equipment Recommended: Hardhat Crampons Rope
 Weather Conditions: 60-70°, clear until summit then fog for short while
 Was a handline used? Yes No (If Yes, describe circumstances)

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

Trip Narrative/Comments (about skills and conditioning of students):

Original destination was Long Mountain, but brush was very heavy. We moved up high onto Bald, hoping to find a traverse across Bald's N. flank above brush. Many cliffs and continued brush encouraged us to change destination to Bald which proved a challenging and rewarding scramble. We followed a rock gully up to 3700' where it became too exposed to stay on rock. We cut North under cliffs then made way up brush & rock to ridge to summit. Long can be reached from Bald, but there had been too much time & effort spent on Bald and we were content with Bald. Stayed the night on Bald & scouted Long the next day. He followed E. ridge down to saddle. 100' under Long's summit, it became too
 (Continue on back)

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exposed to proceed without a rope. He descended from saddle down to basin North of Long, encountering 3 cliffs. He reported that the brush was very heavy throughout the Basin floor.

Long This short route via the Basin to the Saddle was our intended route. I'd recommend that Long be climbed this way in Spring only and that a rope be carried for summit.

Bald I do not recommend our route up Bald for a scramble, We did carry a rope, & although we did not use it, there was exposure at places & class 4-5 climbing in short sections. I would recommend this North side of Bald for a basic climb. It had wonderful, solid granite, much in long, continuous slabs and seemed fairly clean (moss free) with narrow horizontal cracks.