

# Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

*Everett Mountaineers*

**Destination:** Esmeralda Peaks **Date of Trip:** Oct 18, 1997  
**Map(s):** Mount Stuart **Scramble Rating:** R-3/3  
**Guidebook:** Teanaway Country by Mary Sutliff, page 79 **Summit Height:** 6,763'  
**Trailhead:** DeRoux Creek Trail #1392 **Elevation Gained:** 3,250  
**Miles Round Trip:** 8

**Driving Instructions:** Take I-90 east to Cle Elum. Take Exit 85, go across the freeway and turn right (east) onto Highway No. 970 (also Hwy 10) (approx 70 miles from Issaquah Park & Ride). In approximately 2.5 miles, take left fork onto Highway 97. After approximately 4.5 miles turn left (north) onto Teanaway Road. After 13.5 miles (at 29 Pines Campground), take right fork #9737 — dirt road starts here. After 1.4 miles take left fork (Teanaway River Road #112). After 2.5 miles, take left fork (right fork turns towards Trail #1391). After .3 miles, pass Beverly Campground on left - restroom available here. After 4 miles, stop at DeRoux Campground on left. Trailhead is here.

**Ascent Route:** Follow the DeRoux Creek Trail past the meadow area @ 5,200', and at the 4<sup>th</sup> switchback at approximately 5,600' (there is a large house-size boulder here) continue another 100 yards or so, then follow the ridge up in a NE direction and over talus slopes to the saddle between the two west peaks. We first scrambled the west one, then the next one to the east. The 2<sup>nd</sup> summit is the one marked on the map as 6,763', but the west one is a few feet higher. The west one is a walk-up, the east one has a short rock scramble.

**Descent Route:** We scrambled straight down SW until we hit the trail at 5,200', then took the trail back to the trailhead.

Leader: Lewis Turner

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Elapsed Times / Mileage</u>
<u>/Elev Gain</u>		
Trailhead (3,800', 9:30 am)	Trail @ 5,600' (11:30 am)	2 hours / 3.6 miles / 1,750'
Huge Boulder (11:40 am)	W. Summit (12:50 pm, 6,780')	1.2 hours / .6 mile / 1,360'
W. Summit (1:15 pm)	E. Summit (1:30 pm, 6,770')	.25 hours / .2 mile / 90'
E. Summit (3:10pm)	Trail @ 5,200' (3:45 pm)	.5 hour / .6 mile / 0'
Trail @ 5,200 (3:45 pm)	Trailhead (5:20 pm)	1.5 hours / 3 miles / 50'

**Trip Narrative / Comments:** We met Roy & Ruthanna Metzgar, and two of their friends, Chris & Bill, at the trailhead, and saw them at various rest breaks along the trail, as well as on the summit. Although it had snowed heavily the previous weekend (up to 15" at 6,500' per Mike Beeman who went to Ingalls Lake), there was not a lot of snow left this weekend. We ran into mostly solid snow around 6,000', with about 8" on top. This was a relatively easy scramble with few technical difficulties. The west peak is a few feet higher than the next peak to the east (this east peak is the one marked on the map as 7,663'), and the summit register is also on the west peak. Spent two hours on top of the two summits, and had a good trip.