

Alpine Scrambling Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Long Mt	Date of Trip: 2/9/2002
Map(s): GT Silverton	Scramble Rating: WS
Guidebook: Winter Climbs by Kloke	Summit Height: 5111
Trailhead: Martin Creek	Elevation Gained: 3700
Miles Round Trip: 7	

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Driving Instructions: **Take Hwy 92 to Granite Falls and then the Mountain Loop Hwy to The Marten Creek Trailhead just west of Silverton.**

Ascent Route: **Hike up the Martin Creek trail about 2 miles and turn easttraversing to the north side of the long, narrow east/west ridge that lies to the WSW of the summit. Travel up a broad basin that narrows toward the summit. Come up under the summit from the west and assend a small steep gully just to the south of the summit about 25 yards.**

Descent Route: **Retrance route**

Weather conditions: **Party cloudy.**

Trip Summary	From	To	Elapsed Times
	Carpool: 7 am	Trailhead: 8 am	1 hours
	Trail head: 8:20 am	Summit: NA pm	4 hours
	Summit: 12:30 pm	Trailhead: 2:30 pm	2 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: Hiked in Marten Creek and turn east, but went up too soon and got caught going up the west end of the east/west ridge. It got too steep for the conditions which were icy. Were unsure about just how to recover and the group decided to just head back down. Went back a week later and traversed farther north before going too far up. Worked through some brush over to the north side of the east/west ridge and then headed up along side of an open chute to stay in the trees. Came out into an open area just to the north of the saddle on the east end of the east/west ridge. Went up to the saddle, but discovered that it was too steep to run the ridge to the ENE to the summit. Went back down about 150' and headed up the basin farther straight at the summit. Check the snow conditions here and it looked stable. Continued up the gully on the west face of the peak until we were about 100 ' below and went right up a little gully that brought us up on the ridge about 25 yards SW of the summit. The slope up to the ridge approached 50 degrees at the top. We were on snow so it was fairly easy to kick steps. Took off our snowshoes to go down the steep slope and backed down it.