

Alpine Scrambles Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination:	Mt Mastiff	Date of Trip:	Sep 25, 1994
Map(s):	Mt Howard, GT Wenatchee Lake	Scramble Rating:	R-3
Guidebook:		Summit Height:	6,740
Trailhead:	Merritt Lake Trail #1588 (13 miles east of Stevens Pass)	Elevation Reached:	6,740
Carpool at:	Stevens Pass Mountaineer Lodge	Elevation Gained:	3,740
		Miles Round Trip:	13

Miles one way from Bellevue to trailhead: 91 miles, 2 hours. Drive Hwy 2 to 11.5 miles east of Stevens Pass to Merritt Lake Trail access road. Turn left onto access road follow it 1.6 miles to end.

Ascent Route: Merritt Lake Trailhead #1588 (elevation 3,000') to Nason Ridge Trail junction (2 miles). Continue to Merritt Lake (1 mile). Follow trail around lake (to the right) and pick up a "blocked" trail heading N up to the ridge and on to Lost Lake (follow the E ridge above the lake). At the ridge saddle (south & above Lost Lake - 1 mile), follow the ridge W to the S ridge of Mastiff (1 mile). Then follow the this ridge to the summit (1.5 mile).

Descent Route: Follow the S ridge all the way down to the Nason Ridge Trail, and then east back to the Merritt Lake Trail, then south to the trailhead. You could also ascend to the summit via this route, but the loop trip offers more variety.

<u>Party Members</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Potential Leader</u>	<u>Reached Destination</u>	<u>Adequately Prepared</u>	<u>Comments Below</u>
1) Lewis Turner			Leader	■	■	□

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Elapsed Times</u>
Bellevue (I-90 & I-405)	Merritt Lake Trailhead	2 hours
Trailhead (8:00 am)	Ridge Trail junction (9:20)	1 hr, 20 minutes
Ridge Trail junct (4,800')	Merritt Lake (9:40)	1 hr, 20 minutes
Merritt Lake (4,950)	Saddle above Lost Lake (10:15)	30 minutes
Saddle above L Lake (5520')	SE Ridge of Merritt (10:30)	15 minutes
SE Ridge (5,830')	Across serrated ridge (11:10)	40 minutes
Ridge (6,000')	Summit - noon (6,740')	50 minutes
Summit (12:45 pm)	Nason Ridge Trail junction	1 hr, 10 minutes
Ridge Trail junction (2pm)	Trailhead (3:15 pm)	1 hour

Overall Pace of Party: Leisurely Moderate Intense
Steepness (on hard snow): Can't Fall Could Fall Don't Fall

Crossing the "knife-edge" serrated ridge to the summit block - if you follow the low trails it's R-2 but there is lots of loose rock and dirt; if you cross high just below the ridge top, the rock is very good but there several sections of R-3.

Terrain Encountered: Rock Snow Brush Other
Equipment Recommended: Hardhat Crampons Rope Snowshoes

Weather conditions: Clear, 60's, perfect scrambling weather.
Was a handline used: No Yes (If yes, describe circumstances)
Accident Involved? No Yes (If yes, submit an accident report)

Trip Narrative / Comments Good trip. Good group. This is a nice scramble with good trails and good rock and variety crossing the serrated ridge below the summitt block.