

Alpine Scrambles Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Destination: Ruby Mtn.
 Map(s): USGS Ross Dam
 Guidebook: 75 Scrambles in WA.
 Trailhead: SR20, 2-8 mi. E, Colonial Crk. Campground.
 Carpool at: 615 Everett PUD Calif/Virginia

Date of Trip: 6-8-02
 Scramble Rating: RS 5-2
 Summit Height: 7408'
 Elevation Gain: 5600'
 Miles Round Trip: 7

Ascent Route: 150° to 4800', 140° to 5700', 175° to 6200', 140° towards summit.

Descent Route: Reverse of above.

Party Members

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1) <u>Lyle Harvey</u>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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From: Carpool
Trailhead
Summit
6540'

To: Trailhead
6540'
Summit
Trailhead

Elapsed Times
2 1/4 hr.
6 1/4 "
4 "

Student
 Potential Leader
 Reached Destination
 Adequately Prepared
 Common to Noted Below

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: 30°~50° Clouds, some sun breaks, calm to 50+ winds, snowing, light rain.

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):

From the parking area on SR20, we walked 100 yards to the eastern edge of the boulder field, and proceeded at 150° for approx. 2700' through steep, open forest, negotiating occasional rock bands. New snow in the trees melting (dripping) made the middle 1000' of this section quite wet. At approx 4800' we readjusted our compasses to 140° for the next 1000'. The forest has become more open starting at about 5200', and we have been traveling on snow since about 4100', clouds have begun thickening, and it has started snowing lightly since 5000'. At 6200' we readjust our compass reading to 130° and continue descending the last ridge to the summit. The terrain drops steeply on both sides, and the vegetation is occasional trees scattered about. The weather has deteriorated to moderate snow and wind, with 6" of new snow on the old snow surface, and drifts up to our knees. At 6540' we find ourselves on a knoll that drops away in all directions. The wind we estimate to be no less than a steady 50 mph, with the snowing, and the
 (Continue on back)

blowing snow, visibility has dropped to only a few yards in a sea of white. With compasses in hand we proceed a short amount farther, at which point, I explain to the team, all surfaces about us seem to slope down. That with the old hard, warmed & refrozen, and windswept snow surface, that now has new snow on top, and is being loaded with blowing snow. to travel by compass, and not be able to visually select our route carefully, I believe avalanche potential on such steep terrain, is a concern, and we will return another day to finish off this last 900' of vertical. So at 3:00 we retreat by our same route, discovering our footprints in the snow, to be almost completely covered.