

# Alpine Scrambles Trip Report

Everett Mountaineers

Date of Trip: 10-10-92

Destination: Ruby Mtn.  
 Map(s): Diablo Dam GT  
 Guidebook: CAG 2  
 Trailhead: Colonial Creek CG  
 Carpool at: Frontier Village

Scramble Rating: R-1  
 Summit Height: 7408  
 Elevation Gain: 6200  
 Miles Round Trip: 16

Ascent Route: Thunder Creek + Fourth of July trails to Fourth of July Pass, then locate way trail leaving to the north. Way trail is fairly easy to follow until the last 500' of gain, but by then you're on open slopes so just follow your nose upward. Reach summit ridge, then do easy ridge walk to the W to actual summit.

Descent Route: Reverse of Ascent

Party Members	Phone	(Leader)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1) <u>Forrest Clark</u>					
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From:	To:	Elapsed Times	Student	Potential Leader	Reached Destination	Adequately Prepared	Comments Noted Below
<u>Carpool 5:00 AM</u>	<u>Trailhead 720</u>	<u>2:20</u>					
<u>Trailhead 730</u>	<u>Summit 145-230</u>	<u>6:15 - 7:00</u>					
<u>Summit 300</u>	<u>Trailhead 745</u>	<u>4:45</u>					

Overall Pace of Party:  Leisurely  Moderate  Intense  
 Steepness/Difficulty:  Can't fall  Could fall  Don't fall

Terrain Encountered:  Rock (very little)  Snow  Brush  Rope  
 Equipment Recommended:  Hardhat  Crampons

Weather Conditions: Overcast, but became partly cloudy in the afternoon. Temps -50's

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):  
This is a LONG, but technically easy trip to an outstanding summit viewpoint.  
There is very little route finding involved, but the way trail can be hard to spot in a few places. Although we chose to make this a day trip, it could be done in 2 days by using the camp area just before 4th of July Pass.  
The group was strong and travelled together well. We did the last 2 miles by headlamp, but that was mainly because we spent so much time on the summit, and for good reason.

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Summit views included Ross Lake, the Pyramid/Colonial/Snowfield group, Ragged ridge, Mt. Logan, portions of the Boston Glacier, and dozens of peaks to the east. The scattered clouds blocked out maybe 30% of the views (namely of the Pickets) but in spite of that this was one of my favorite summit vistas EVER.

\* \*\* The crux of this trip is finding the way trail at Fourth of July pass. On the 1991 attempt of Ruby, the party couldn't locate the path and was slowed down enough that the summit couldn't be reached in time.

On this particular day, the path was flagged and was obvious to spot. It takes off about  $\frac{1}{3}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile beyond 4th of July Camp, in a fairly flat, heavily timbered area, and about 100' before a foot bridge. Just keep in mind that if you start heading significantly down the other side of the pass, you've gone too far.