

Snoqualmie Mtn / Hanging Valley (R-3 / S-2) Nov 7, 1993

Leader: Lewis Turner

Participants:

Elev - 6,278 3,880 total gain 6 miles

USGS Snoqualmie Mtn

60 miles from N. Seattle to Alpentail trailhead (1 hour, 20 minutes)

Alpentail: Take I-90 to first Snoqualmie Summit exit (West), go left under freeway and take the "Y" to the right; stay on main road to large parking area at ski area at road end

Route: Ascended at 8:30 am NE from parking area; followed trail up to below cliff band. Hit snow at approx 4,000'. At trail junction, turned NW towards Snoqualmie Mtn. At approx 4,600' turned NE into Hanging Valley. Followed valley to end and tried to find a route to the E ridge of Snoqualmie. Route changed from R-3 to more difficult. Later (from the summit) would see that it doesn't look possible to scramble to the summit from the E ridge. Turned around at 11:50 am and approx 5,300', dropped back down to the start of the valley at 4,600'. Followed the regular summit trail up the S ridge to the summit. Summit at 1:45 pm. About 6-8" of snow in Hanging Valley and on the top of Snoqualmie.

Total gain 3,880 (700' in Hanging Valley). 5 hrs up, 3.5 miles (including Hanging Valley); 1/2 hr on top (1:45-2:15 pm); 2 hrs 15 minutes down, 2.5 miles. Total miles - 6; total hiking time w/o stops - 7.5 hours. Good weather (cold & partly cloudy) and beautiful area. Stopped for pizza in North Bend.