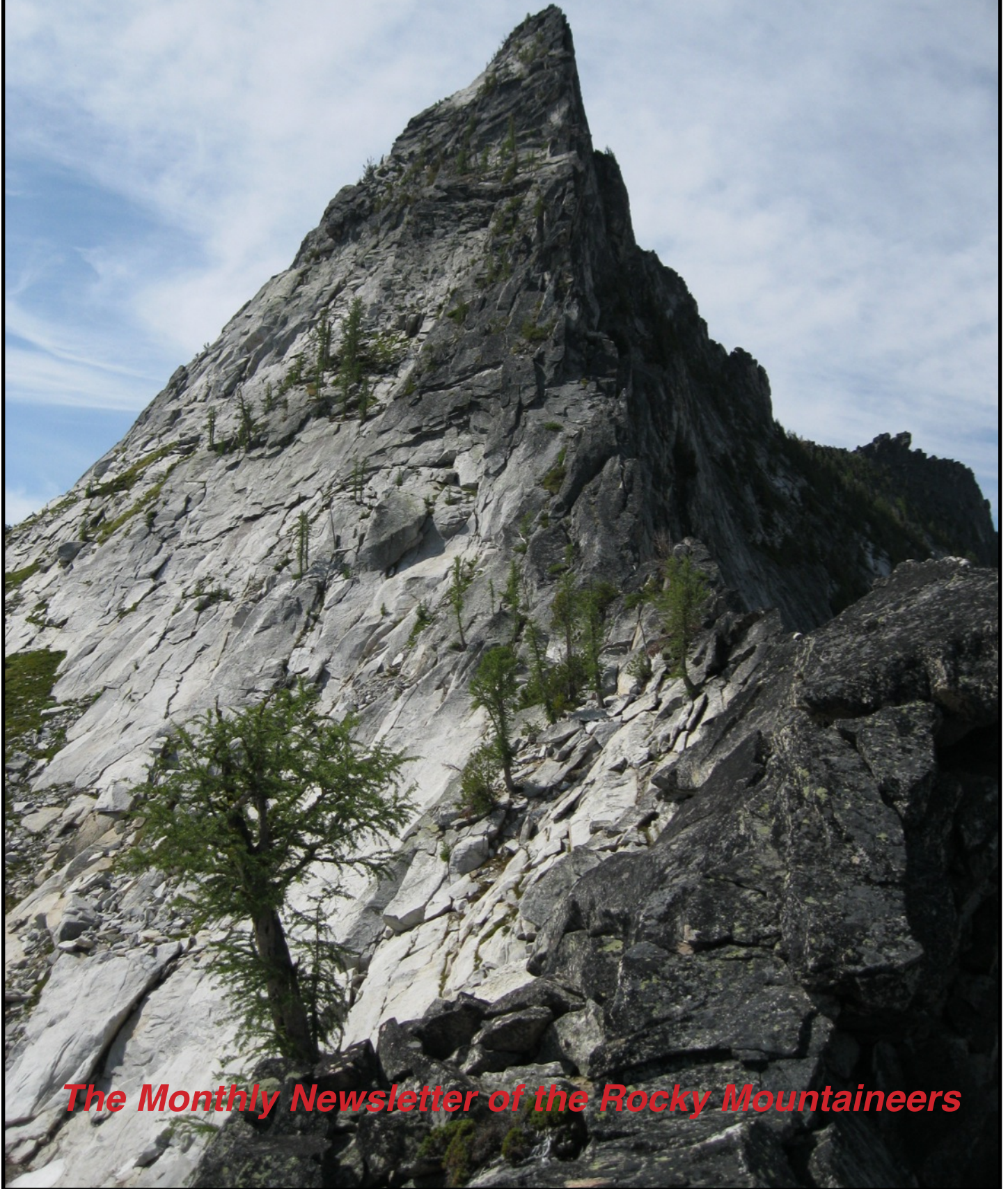


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ABOUT THE CLUB:

Mission Statement:

The Rocky Mountaineers is a non-profit club dedicated to the enjoyment and promotion of responsible outdoor adventures.

Meetings and Presentations: Meetings are held the second Tuesday, September through May, at 6:00 PM at the Trail Head. Each meeting is followed by a featured presentation or speaker at 7:00 PM.

Please be sure to check out our **Facebook group** to receive the latest up-to-date news and post short-notice trip proposals:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockymountaineers/>

Cover Photo: The intrepid arete of Canyon Peak's north ridge, Bitterroot Mountains. Photo by Dan Saxton.

TRIP REPORTS

Friday-Sunday, June 26-28, 2015 - Mount Merritt (10,004') and Natoas Peak (9,476')



On top of the north summit of Mt. Merritt (10,004'). Photo by Forest Dean.

This trip was somewhat of a last minute idea but I listed it anyway a few days prior thinking I might find a partner. Nobody bit. With hundred degree temps predicted for the valleys on this weekend, I simply had to get into the high country, so decided to head out solo. I drove up to the far NE part of Glacier (Chief Mountain Customs) on Friday afternoon and got started about 2:30pm. The trail descends about 700' to the Belly River over the first mile and a half. I hiked 13 miles to a backcountry camp at Glens Lake (Head). There was very little elevation gain (actually a net loss). With a very light pack, the hike in took 4 hours. I set up camp, had some dinner and visited with the other campers at this particular campground.



Traversing along the east side of the NE ridge of Merritt while heading back to saddle. Natoas Peak is the spire in distance. Photo by Forest Dean.

Saturday morning I awoke about 5:30am and was on the trail by 6:00. I hiked up to and a bit south of Mokowanis Lake. From there, the climbing began. A bit of a bushwhack got me to a steep talus-filled gully which in turn took me up to some cliffs on Merritt's west side. Then I began an ascending traverse around to a large cirque on the north side of the mountain. Contouring across this cirque was tiring as it was rather steep scree/talus. I reached a series of three couloirs that all extend to the saddle on the NW Ridge of Merritt (between it and Point 9448' to the north). Having been here before, and following the wisdom of Edwards and Caffrey, I ascended the right-most couloir. It was all class 3, but I needed to take my time in a couple places. The scree was quite bad on the upper half as well. I made the top of the couloir about 10:00am. From there, I headed up the NW Ridge of Mt. Merritt. The ridge is fairly steep and a bit exposed in places, but it was always easy to bypass those areas on the west side (Old Sun Glacier side). There were lots of scree shelves and cliff bands. No breeze and very warm temps made for a tiring ascent. I went first to the middle summit, as that is what the map shows to be the summit, and arrived there about 11:15. While there was a cairn, there was no summit register, so I headed over to the north summit

(it took about 15 minutes to get from one to the other). Here was the register - just not sure which summit is higher? Merritt is listed as 10,004' officially. I took in the views and relaxed on this hot June day.



Relaxing on summit of Natoas Peak while looking back at Mt. Merritt. Photo by Forest Dean.

I departed the summit at 12:15ish and headed back down to the saddle. From there I traversed down and across a snow field to get to the west face of Natoas Peak. Natoas (9476') is merely a walk-up from here, but an interesting one indeed! The west face turns into a ridge which in turn leads to a summit only a couple yards wide. On three sides the vertical plunge is frightening! But it was also exciting (on a nice day such as this)! I arrived there at about 1:30 and again relaxed a bit before beginning the long descent back to camp. I ran out of water here, so it promised to be a grueling affair. I took it easy and slow and eventually was back down to Mokowanis Lake with no major problems. Water never tasted so good. I arrived back at Glenns Lake where I happened to run into a fellow climber whose partner had earlier in the day taken a long nasty fall while attempting a new route on the Lithoid Cusp. *(Unable to offer him any real assistance, we parted ways—within a few minutes he wound up finding a woman who had a sat phone. His partner was rescued by helicopter that evening*

and is recovering well!!) I hiked back to camp (5:30pm), packed up, and hit the trail again at 6:15 (my permit was for the Cosley Lake campground on this night). Four miles back down the trail and my long day was finally done. I took a swim in Cosley, had some dinner, visited with my fellow campers and then hit the hay.

I was up and on the trail by 6:00am on Sunday morning. The 9 mile hike out took almost exactly three hours. *Forest Dean*

P.S. For the report of the climbing accident, see <http://skinningwithbearspray.com/2015/06/29/glacier-national-park-climbing-accident-report-june-27-2015/>

Monday, July 13, 2015 - McDonald Peak (9,820')



The summit ridge of McDonald Peak. Photo by Dan Saxton.

Anticipation was high as I set out to climb one of the mightiest mountains in Montana! Leaving home at the quite early hour of 4:15am, I met Christopher Jauquet at the north end of Missoula, and we rendezvoused with Lindsay Campbell at the junction of US 93 and Red Horn Rd, right across from the 44 Grill restaurant. We took my Tacoma up to the Ashley Lakes road which crossed the canal and headed up.

The Missions tested us immediately. The first mile of the road beyond the canal was the worst, with lots of rocks and high clearance needed. Beyond the Grizzly closure signs, the road thankfully smoothed out, though it was very narrow so that my side mirrors brushed the branches. I was able to drive the road past the lower trailhead, which has a metal box post, to just below the upper trailhead at about 4,800'. The road looked a bit dicey there, so I parked at the last switchback. But the upper trailhead was only a couple hundred yards above, and I could have driven that section with some care.

We set out at 6:30am, and immediately turned left off the Ashley Lakes Trail about a hundred yards from the trailhead onto the old Sheep's Head trail. Right away, fallen logs began to cross the trail in many places, though it was decently followable for the first mile or so. After that, it faded in and out of blowdown and deadfall and we found it impossible to stick right to the path. We made good progress for the first couple hours under an overcast sky, which was welcomed since it provided shade and cooler temperature. Along the way, I managed to flush out a few flocks of spruce grouse!



The "Upper Traverse" from its south end - it goes along the lower slopes here. Photo by Dan Saxton.

Passing the place where most people traverse above the Ashley Lakes to Duncan Lake at about 7,000', we intended to go further up the ridge and make a higher traverse to avoid lots of nasty brush and cliffs on the lower route, at the price of more vertical gain and loss. It was relatively easy to stick to the ridge to 8,000', and a faint path led us most of the way. We started the "Upper Traverse" at about 9:30am.



Chris and Lindsay high above the Ashley Lakes on the traverse. Photo by Dan Saxton.

The traverse took us about an hour, and was mostly across grassy slopes, with some rockier sections, but no bushwhacking or steep cliff scrambling. Along the way were fantastic views of the crags of the Sheep's Head above and far down to the Ashley Lakes. The sidehilling was tedious as it usually is, but was not super difficult. There were many little goat paths to help us, which was a great blessing, and high above two mountain goats ambled along the steep cliffs.

We went through a small notch at the end of the ridge to the left of a prominent rock outcrop, and came upon our first view of Duncan Lake - what a beautiful sight! We had to drop down about 500 feet to get to Duncan, but that went quickly and without a hitch. We were at the lake at 11am.



The rocky upper Ashley Creek valley below Peak 8,893', aka "Flattop." Photo by Dan Saxton.

Beyond Duncan was one of the nicest sections of the climb, with several gorgeous meadows filled with green grass and flowers with actually a little easy walking here and there - a rarity on this climb! We then climbed up through the bouldery headwaters of Ashley Creek to reach the slabby upper basin below McDonald Peak.

A small shower moved through at this time, worrying us a bit to the extent that we put on our rain gear, but five minutes later lots of blue sky began approaching. That was our window to get to the summit. It was merely a long slog from there, 95% scree and only one 25-foot wide ribbon of snow to cross - easy to kick steps in. We patiently worked our way up, and reached the top just before 2pm under mostly sunny skies - the best part of the day!

Slogging up the last section to the summit of McDonald Peak. Photo by Dan Saxton.





Looking west down at the Sheep's Head (Peak 9,417') and the Mission Valley from the summit of McDonald.
Photo by Dan Saxton.

It was so refreshing being up there, a place I've wanted to be for a long time, yet we had a long descent ahead of us. After about 45 minutes on top, we began retracing our steps. I used my ice axe to slide down that 25-foot long section of snow, otherwise it was not needed at all. After filtering water in the basin below, we returned to Duncan Lake and began the traverse again.

However, the skies were slightly graying up by the time we got to Duncan, and when we reached the ridge above, a storm hit us with all its fury - lightning, thunder, and heavy rain at about 5:30pm. Thankfully, the top of the Sheep's Head and some of the ridges to the south received the worst of it. But after waiting 10 minutes, we saw the storm was not letting up, so we started out on the traverse. This began a long ordeal, our boots quickly filling with water. After about 15 minutes, a huge fog bank crashed into us, reducing visibility considerably for about 20 minutes. In the center of the traverse, my partners heard some rockfall from high above and became concerned, but we kept pushing on, since there was no choice. Thankfully, we saw no further rocks slide by. Even though everything was now

wet, for some reason it didn't seem as bad as I thought it would be. We completed the traverse in approximately the same time as we took on the way in, and the rain let up a little bit, although it did not stop.

From there on, it was just a long miserable journey down the ridge, over the wet grass, brush, and slippery logs, beginning to stumble from exhaustion - yet we knew, having gotten to the peak, that this was merely the last step to victory!

We returned to my truck at 8:30pm, making for a 14-hour day, about 12 miles, and around 6,500 feet of vertical gain. Christopher and I got back to Missoula at 10:30pm - truly a dawn to dusk venture!



The south slopes of McDonald Peak. Our route crossed the thin horizontal finger of snow left of center, immediately to the right of the larger area of snow, and scrambled up to the summit ridge, and then left to the top. Photo by Dan Saxton.

McDonald Peak is one of the most relentless climbs that I have ever done - the peak simply does not give any breaks. There is always rough footing, except for a few small stretches above Duncan Lake - which last 25 or 50 yards. When there is essentially no snow, basically anyone with lots of endurance and stamina can do it, although this is not the norm - ice axe and crampons being needed the majority of the time since the peak is closed from July 15-October 1.

We took an "Upper Traverse" at 8,000 feet which is a less common route because of the extra vertical gain, but based on what I've heard about the "Lower Traverse," I feel it has better footing and is less bruising to the body and spirit, overall. The "Upper Traverse" does not save any time, however, based on the trip reports which I have read, which all were on the "Lower Traverse" - i.e., 13-14 hours. But I would definitely recommend that it be used more often. One caveat is that it would hold snow longer than the "Lower Traverse," so take note of that if going at an earlier date.

McDonald Peak definitely met my expectations, both in adventure and in beauty! I'll be back up it via another route at some point, most likely from the east side..... *Dan Saxton*



Peak 9,328' (aka "Icefloe Peak") from the attractive basin below McDonald. Photo by Dan Saxton.

Sunday, July 26, 2015 - Gibbons Pass



Looking northwest towards the Bitterroots and Trapper Peak. Photo by Julia Kahl.

Discussions on this trip before we did it, mostly about other opportunities in this area, turned this into a scouting trip. Lois C., Steve S. and Julie and David K., went down the Bitterroot the day before, expecting to camp. We checked out the Indian Trees Campground by Lost Trail Hot Springs, it is a nice campground back in off the highway that had a lot of nice sites for RV's but none that would really work for us as a tent site. There was also a chance of rain so Lois, David, and Julie went to the Sula store, and just as it was closing got a cabin. Steve stayed in the campground in his van, with his dog Sandy, and it did rain a bit overnight.

In the morning we met at the Chief Joseph Ski Trails parking lot. Then we went back to Lost Trail Pass where a road that snowmobilers use in the winter goes east from the pass to Gibbons Pass (a sign on one end says 8 miles, on the other end it says 7 miles). The road starts on the Bitterroot side but soon crosses over to the Joseph Creek (Missouri River) side where it stayed until the Pass. There were no good views as trees were growing along the road. Puddles indicated it had rained up there also, the night before. A section of the actual

Nez Perce Ne-Mee-Poo trail crosses the road just to the south of the pass -one of the things we were here to scope out. There is a cutoff trail to the Ne-Mee-Poo trail from Gibbons Pass as well, and the Continental Divide Trail camping area with a pit toilet.



White harebells. Photo by Julia Kahl.

We hiked north on the trail from the pass around two miles. It was a nice trail, first up the brow of a ridge in tall trees with lots of beargrass and whortleberries -this year's crop is the lushest we've ever seen, lots of "large" berries. We saw a drift of white harebells growing right next to a few of the "normal" blue colored ones. There is an old road that parallels the trail for the two miles - after we crossed it, about 1/4 mile out, we were on the Bitterroot side hiking in the old 2000 burn. There was still a lot of standing dead trees but also a lot of head high new trees mostly lodgepole pines. It was warm with the sun overhead, but it got progressively cloudy with the expected rainy weather coming in. The trail was going uphill but was never strenuous - eventually we topped a ridge where the trail switched over to the Joseph Creek side. Here the fire had burned less intensely and there were tall trees, maybe even some whitebark pine. We found a sign for the old road saying that it had been closed for restoration, it worked as we couldn't see the road anymore. We went back to the Bitterroot side and found a good view point to have lunch and sit down with maps and compass and figure out what peaks we were seeing. Trapper Peak was the most obvious. After lunch we went back up the trail hoping to get a view down on the east side, but the trail just turned to cross a saddle to the next high point in burned trees too thick to see anything. It was getting seriously cloudy, and we turned back, even getting a few rain drops before making it back to the cars. We scared a momma and baby grouse up when we stopped to pick whortleberries from a particularly thick patch.



The reclaimed road. Photo by Julia Kahl.

We took the same road back to Lost Trail Pass and down Hwy 93, stopping by Lost Trail Pass Hot Springs where on the east side of the highway is the lower end of the Ne-Mee-Poo trail head. Steve and David were curious about finding the three little hot springs also on the east side of the highway that feed the resort below. We ended the day at the Bitterroot Brew Pub in Hamilton. Future adventures in this area include hiking down the Ne-Mee-Poo trail, and a 6-7 mile hike south from Gibbons Pass to the Chief Joseph ski area. *Julia Kahl*

UPCOMING TRIPS AND ADVENTURES

Trip Notes:

Please contact the trip leader for more information regarding any listed trips. Mileage listed is round trip mileage. Elevation listed is gain only. For information on Class Rating see below:

Class Rating System:

CLASS 1 – HIKING Mostly on trails, but may also include some easy cross country travel.

CLASS 2 – EASY SCRAMBLING Rugged off trail hiking, no hands required.

CLASS 3 – SCRAMBLING Use of hand to ascend some sections of rock. Little to no exposure; a fall would not likely cause serious injury.

CLASS 4 – CLIMBING Easy climbing, great exposure; a fall would quite possibly cause serious injury. Use of a rope and protection at times possible.

CLASS 5 – TECHNICAL CLIMBING Use of rope, protection and belay are a must.

CLASS 6 – AID CLIMBING Use of equipment to support your weight as you climb.

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - SWAN PEAK (9,289')

Distance: at least 15 miles RT

Class: 3+ (the last part to the summit)

Vertical: 5,500'

Equipment needed: Good boots, scrambling expertise, stamina

Description: The second highest mountain in the Swan Range, but its most grand peak of all, this summit throws up its formidable walls at the end of long Squeezer Creek valley. What adds to Swan's mystique is the lack of detailed, published accounts of how to climb it, leaving one to glean through a few trip reports and occasional news articles and blog posts.

We all owe a debt to James Valentine for maintaining the Squeezer Creek path that leads up this otherwise formidable valley to the slopes of the peak. According to him, the trail is brushier this year than in past years, but is still in decent condition. We'll park at wherever we find ourselves along the approach road, walk the path, and then forge straight up 4,000 vertical feet past the two Squeezer Lakes, to the final pitch to the summit from the interesting hanging valley below it. From what I hear, this last pitch is Class 3+.

It'll be an arduous day, perhaps not as much as with McDonald Peak, but it's basically a gradual long trek in, and then one huge "stairway slope" of 4,000 feet. All partners should have good stamina and scrambling skills. On the top, our reward will be unparalleled views

of the Bob and the Swan Glacier below, and a sense of well-earned accomplishment at having scaled one of Montana's most significant "unpublished" peaks. We're starting at 5am from Missoula - contact me right NOW if you're really interested in going (this trip was already advertised via Facebook and email).

Leader: Dan Saxton - apologist497-at-yahoo.com

Sunday, August 2, 2015 - MORRELL MOUNTAIN (8,161')

Description: Sunday, August 2 I'll head to Morrell Mountain, 8161'. It's about a mile and 600' up from the last saddle before the lookout. If people want more it's about another mile to the line of peaks around Blind Canyon, but I'm not sure how much my old joints will let me do. We can also visit the lookout and get refreshments in Seeley Lake before heading home. I have mixed emotions about the peaks around Blind Canyon - come along and I'll tell the story.

Leader: Steve Schombel - stephenschombel@yahoo.com



Cory Frankovich rappelling the north ridge of Canyon Peak, Bitterroot Mountains, after we turned around due to iffy weather near the top. Perfect conditions are required to summit the sharp spire of the Bitterroots' most difficult major peak. Photo by Dan Saxton.

Looking ahead.....

The 11th Annual Glacier Classic - Friday, August 28- Sunday, August 30



Ready for some climbing? In last year's Glacier Classic, Sarah and Jannah Caffrey descend the main gully on the south face of Mount Siyeh. Photo by Dan Saxton.

This year will mark the 11th installment of The Rocky Mountaineers' signature event - The Glacier Classic. This year we will be basing our activities out of Apgar Campground near the west entrance to Glacier National Park. We have a number of good hikes and climbs planned (see below) but as always, we encourage any of you to lead a trip if you have something else you'd like to do. Or, do nothing at all - just come to hang out with old friends or friends you haven't yet met!

We have two group sites reserved at Apgar for the event. Let us know if you would like a spot- we should have plenty of room. Feel free to bring anyone interested - just let us know so we can get a good head count. Alternatively, you are certainly free to get your own campsite (or stay elsewhere) but still join us for the activities and socializing.

Itinerary:

Thursday evening/Friday - For those interested in a “pre-Classic” climb, head up to Bowman Lake for an ascent of Numa Peak or to Two Medicine to climb Rising Wolf and Flinsch Peaks.

Friday afternoon/evening - arrive in Apgar. Eat, drink, be social. Bring your own food and drink.

Saturday - Hikes and climbs during the day. Tom Hanou and his Heavenly Burritos make their glorious return this year- not to be missed! Tom will provide dinner - bring your own drinks. Keep our fingers crossed - we'll be able to trade stories on the day's activities while gathered around a fire.

Sunday - More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire.

Trips:

Friday

NUMA PEAK

Rating: Class 3-4;

Distance: 5 miles round trip;

Elevation Gain: 5000'

Description: For those wanting to extend their Glacier Classic weekend! Will plan to meet at the Northern Lights Saloon in Polebridge on Thursday evening for a pizza and beer. Then will head over to Bowman Lake Campground and spend the night. Friday morning we will boat about 6 miles up the lake to an obvious drainage on the south side of Numa Peak. The route follows this drainage (bushwhacking) up the south flank of Numa for a long way and eventually requires some solid third class or fourth class moves to get to the summit ridge. Numa Peak (9003') is the lowest of the 9000'+ Peaks in the Park. Return the same way, boat back to the campground, and head for Apgar.

Leader: Forest Dean, mtnear1@gmail.com

RISING WOLF MOUNTAIN (9,514') AND FLINSCH PEAK (9,226')

Class: 3

Round Trip: 13.5 mi.

Elevation Gain: 5,500-6,000'

Description: Stretch your legs on a classic climb of a couple of Two Medicine's most striking peaks! We'll ascend the south face of Rising Wolf to its eastern ridge - a long slog but not technically difficult. After we pass over the summit, we'll descend the west ridge and make it up Flinsch Peak before returning via the Dawson Pass Trail. There are several Class 3 sections throughout the day, so be comfortable with basic scrambling and have good stamina. The reddish rock scenes of the Two Medicine area should be breathtaking to take in.

Leader: Dan Saxton, apologist497-at-yahoo.com

Saturday

MOUNT BROWN LOOKOUT (and beyond)

Class: 1

Round trip: 10 miles (all trail).

Elevation gain: 4300'.

Description: We will car pool to the Sperry Trailhead, hike up the Sperry trail approximately 1.6 miles to the Mount Brown trail junction and from there hike 3.7 miles to the Mount Brown Lookout. A steep hike with an average grade of 18 percent, it is described as one of Glacier's more strenuous hikes. There is no water along this trail so carry plenty. Hiking through nearly of all of the forest tree species growing in the park finds old cedar and hemlock on the early trail to subalpine fir and whitebark pine at the lookout. We should find some fine huckleberries provided the bears haven't eaten them all. This is bear country and bear spray should be carried. Rascal ground squirrels, golden mantle squirrels, marmots, and an occasion grey jay will be seen and likely wishing to gain access to our pack snacks. A few goats frequent the lookout area. The ascent reward described by previous visitors is spectacular views of several Glacier peaks, Sperry Glacier, and the McDonald Lake valley.

Leader: Vick Applegate: 549-0027 k7vk@arri.net

HEAVENS PEAK

Rating: Class 3

Distance: 6 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 4500'

Description: This will be an ascent of the East Face Route of 8987' Heavens Peak. Trip will begin about 6 miles up the GTTS road from head of Lake McDonald. We will ford McDonald Creek then bushwhack and hike up a major drainage on southeast side of Heavens Peak. Mostly class 2 ascent with a little class 3 scrambling higher up.

Equipment: Ice Axe.

Leader: Forest Dean, mtnear1@gmail.com

AUTUMN CREEK

Description: Autumn Creek makes a hook on the west side of Marias Pass, and has a nice hiking trail along its 2 1/2 - 3 mi length, that starts at Marias Pass (around 4500 ft). The ridge to the north has two summits on either end, Little Dog Mt. (8601'). and Elk Mt (7838'). The low saddle of the ridge is at 6400 ft. The idea here is to explore the ridge, and anyone interested in climbing either summit is welcome. Figure about 8 mi round trip for the saddle.

Leader: Julia Kahl - jawkal@rockymountaineers.com

MOUNT GOULD

Rating: Class 3

Distance: 8-10 miles RT (depending on exact route)

Elevation Gain: 3,000'

Description: We'll be climbing Mount Gould from the Highline Trail, starting from Logan Pass (a good way to see the trail for the first time!). I am contemplating a loop by first going up to Gem Glacier, climbing the NW ridge of Gould, and then coming back down the SW slopes. It should be nothing worse than Class 3 as long as the proper way is followed, but be comfortable with steep scrambling. This trip should present some astounding scenery!

Leader: Dan Saxton - apologist497-at-yahoo.com

Sunday

SUNDAY SURPRISE!

Description: Glacier Classic Sunday trips usually change to the mood of the attendees on Saturday night. Thus, I won't put anything definite here at this time but I would like to throw out the following options: CLEMENTS MOUNTAIN, PIEGAN-POLLOCK-BISHOPS CAP TRAVERSE, or REYNOLDS MOUNTAIN. All would start from the Logan Pass area and all are half day type trips. Cast your vote!

Leader: Forest Dean, mtnear1@gmail.com

*** Please feel free to propose more trips! ***

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