

## 2020 Bellingham Hiking Committee: New Hike Leader Requirements

Individuals interested in becoming a designated hiker leader must complete one of the following two options:

1. Has completed Basic Climbing Course or equivalent
  - a. Hold current WFA certification
  - b. Have led 1 or more front/backcountry trips in the last year
    - i. If not, will require 1 mentored hike lead with a branch hike leader
  
2. Has *not* completed Basic Climbing Course or equivalent
  - a. Hold current WFA certification
  - b. Attend 2 Mountaineers day hikes
  - c. Complete 1 mentored hike lead with a branch hike leader

Optional but recommended:

1. Attend new hike leader seminar hosted by other branches
2. Navigation training

Once these steps are completed contact the hiking committee chair for review. If appropriate you will be given a hike lead designation through the Mountaineers website.