# **EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS Recommended Winter Summits**

Snow and weather conditions greatly influence the difficulty of winter scrambles. Because conditions change very quickly, things like road access, avalanche hazard, strenuousness, and summit success can vary a tremendous amount. So these ratings are only a rough comparison of the peaks.

Winter scrambling can be a dangerous activity. Be a smart scrambler -- be willing to turn back if conditions are unsafe. Even a slight deviation from the surveyed routes may affect exposure and avalanche hazard considerably. The fact that a peak is listed here does not represent that it will be safe.

Exposure Rating	Avalanche Rating
A: Falling will only get snow on your face.	
B: Falling may require self arrest, but usually good	A: Usually safe in high, considerable, moderate, and low
run-out.	avalanche conditions.
I ' Falling requires self arrest linenecked falls could	B: Often safe in moderate and low conditions.
be serious.	C: Only recommended in low conditions.
Note that B-rated slopes could become C-rated	C. Only recommended in low conditions.
when icy.	

## Table of contents by region (peaks within each region listed from West to East):

Highway 542 (Mt Baker Highway): Church, Excelsior, Barometer, Herman, Table

Highway 20 (North Cascades Highway): Goat, Welker, Sauk, Lookout, Hidden Lake, Oakes, Damnation, Trappers, Sourdough, Ruby

Highway 530 (Darrington area): Higgins, Round, Prairie

Mountain Loop Highway: Pilchuck, Gordon (Anaconda), Long, Marble, Dickerman

<u>Highway 2 (west & east of Stevens Pass)</u>: Stickney, Persis, Philadelphia, Frog, Mineral Butte, Iron, Conglomerate Point, Baring, Palmer, Cleveland, Eagle Rock, Evergreen, Captain Point, Windy, Tunnel Vision, Big Chief, Cowboy, McCausland, Union, Jove, Lichtenberg, Jim Hill, Rock, Arrowhead, Natapoc, Tumwater

I-90 (West & east of Snoqualmie Pass): Teneriffe, Green, Mailbox, Washington, Web, Kent, Bandera, Defiance, Pratt, Granite, Humpback, Silver, Snoqualmie, Kendall, Guye, Catherine, Margaret, Baldy, Thomas, Amabalis, Hex, Jolly, Yellow Hill, Teanaway Butte

Mt. Rainier area & south: Mutton, Tirzah, Arthur, Norse, Crown Point, Chutla, Plummer. St. Helens, Camp Muir

Olympics: Angels, Steeple, Rock, Hurricane Hill, Blue, Ellinor

## 16 Good winter summits that can be done safely regardless of the avalanche hazard level

Amabalis	Arrowhead	Catherine	Goat	Gordon
Green	Hex	Higgins	Humpback	Natapoc
Oakes Yellow Hill	Persis	Teanaway Bte.	Teneriffe	Tumwater

(There are many others which are not in the table)

## **TABLE OF WINTER SCRAMBLES**

See last page for additional notes and key to map codes (East-side destinations are shaded)

Summit	Elev	Start*	Gain	Access	Expo	Aval	Route	Notes	Maps^
Amabilis	4,500	2,460	2,000	Exit 63 sno-park	Α	Α	logging roads	Sno-Park permit needed.	207/STM
Angeles	6,454	4,400	2,100	Hurricane Ridge road	В	В	Switchback trail	Alternate start at H.R. Visitor Ctr	135/MTA
Arrowhead	6,030	2,732	3,300	Maintenance Station	Α	Α	E ridge	Caution on RR tracks!	145/MTH
Arthur	5,465	2,100/SL	3,400	Carbon R	В	В	NE ridge		269/MOW
Baldy	5,107	2,237	2,900	Lake Kachess	Α	Α	trail	Probable short road walk to trailhead	208/KCH
Bandera	5,241	2,200/SL	3,700	Exit 42	В	В	W ridge	Probable short road walk to trailhead	206/BND
Baring	6,221	2,260/SL	4,000	Barclay Cr	С	С	NW ridge	Alternate route from FS Rd. 6028	143/BAR
Barometer	5,770	4,200	1,600	Baker ski area	В	С	Chain Lks/SW rte		14/SAR
Big Chief	5,858	4,061	1,800	Stevens Pass	В	В	SW ridge	Better when ski area closed	176/SVP
Blue	6,007	2,000/SL	4,000	road	Α	В	Road/N ridge	Good bailout if Hurr. Ridge is closed	135/MDN
Camp Muir	10,100	5,360	4,700	Paradise	А	В	Muir snowfield	Serious undertaking because of altitude, changing weather	270/MRE
Captain Point	5,724	3,000/SL	2,700	Martin Cr road	А	В	Kelley Cr or road	Need high snow line otherwise road walk is long	144/CPT
Catherine	5,052	2,600	2,500	Hyak	В	А	W ridge from Hyak		207/LST
Church (Lookout)	6,100	2,400/SL	3,700	FS Road 4030	В	В	trail	Lookout summit only. True summit not recommended scramble	13/BPW
Chutla	6,000	2,757	3,200	Longmire	В	В	Eagle Pk. trail		269/MRW
Cleveland	5,301	1,200	4,100	Money Cr	В	В	N ridge/Money Cr	Try Miller R route.	175/GRO
Conglomerate Pt.	5,375	840	4,500	N Fork Skykomish	В	В	NW ridge		143/BAR
Cowboy	5,853	4,061	1,800	Stevens Pass	В	В	NE ridge	Better when ski area closed	176/SVP
Crown Point	6,460	4,280	2,200	Crystal Mt ski area	В	В	Bullion Basin	Combine with Pickhandle Point	271/NRS
Damnation	5,635	2,245/SL	3,400	Thornton Cr Rd	В	В	SE ridge	Deep snow-pack will decrease brush	47/DAM
Defiance	5,584	2,200/SL	4,100	Exit 42	В	В	trail route	via Mason Lake	206/BND
Dickerman	5,723	1,940/SL	3,800	Mt Loop Hwy	Α	В	trail	Very long if Hwy closed at Deer Cr.	111/BDL
Eagle Rock		2,800/SL		FS Road 6514 (Eagle Cr.)	В	В	SW slope	Quite long if low snow level	143/EVR
Ellinor	5,944	2,600/SL	3,400	trail	В	В	trail	Need higher snow line—can be great in April	167/MSK
Evergreen	5,587	1,600	4,000	FS Rd 6530 (Rapid R.)	В	A/B	S ridge/shoulder	Beckler R road must be open to Rapid R road	143/EVR
Excelsior	5,712	1,827	3,900	Hwy 542	Α	В	trail 670	Peak is 5699 on Green Trails	13/BPW
Frog	4,872	2,589/SL	2,300	Jack Pass	Α	В	W ridge	Need high snow line	143/BLC
Goat	4,778	SL	2,800	Crown Pac. Rd 350 (Grandy Ck.)	А	А	S slopes	Located NE of Hamilton. May be gated at Baker Lake Road	45/GRL
Gordon (Anaconda)	5,050	2095/SL	3,700	Rds 4036/4039	В	А	S ridge		110/MLD
Granite	5,629	1,920	3,700	Exit 47	В	С	trail route	Big avalanche trap below south bowl	207/SQP
Granite	5,629	2,200/SL	3,400	Exit 47	В	С	Denny Cr/NNE ridge	Excellent ridge route	207/SQP
Green (near Mt. Si)	4,824	1,272	3,600	Mt Si road	В	Α	CCC/SE ridge		174MSI
Guye Peak	5,168			Exit 52	В	В	Commonwealth Basin / N ridge	Best not to park along Alpental Rd. Suggest ski area lot (Summit West)	207/SQP
Herman	6,285	4,200	2,100	Baker ski area	В	С	SW ridge		14/SAR
Hex	5,034			Cle Elum River Rd	Α	Α	road/trail		208/CEL
Hidden Lake				Road 1540 (Sibley Cr.)	В	В	NW ridge from	Snow line of at least 2000' is best	80/ELD

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Higgins (W)	4,849	1,450		C Post Rd	Α	В	Trail route	former lookout location	77/HIG
Summit	Elev	Start*	Gain	Access	Ехро	Aval	Route	Notes	Maps^
Humpback	5,174	1,880	3,300	Exit 47	Α	Α	NW ridge	Trail cut along ridge from 3250'.	207/LST
Hurricane Hill	5,757	5,240	1,000	Hurricane Ridge	В	В	trail	ups and downs	134/HHL
Iron (Skykomish)	5,245	840	4,400	N Fk Skykomish	В	В	SE ridge	Combine with Conglomerate Pt.	143/BAR
Jim Hill	6,765	3,000	3,800	Stevens Nordic Center	С	С	Lanham Lk/N ridge		176/SVP
Jolly	6,443	2,320	4,100	Cle Elum River Rd	В	В	road/trail		208/DVS
Jove	6,007	3,200	2,800	Smith Brook Rd	Α	Α	SW ridge	Combine with Union	144/LBY
Kendall	5,784	3,000	2,800	Exit 52	В	С	PCT	Best not to park along Alpental Rd. Suggest ski area lot (Summit West)	207/SQP
Kent	5,087	1,448	3,600	Exit 42	В	С	Alice Cr./SW slope		206/BND
Lichtenberg	5,844	3,200	2,600	Smith Brook Rd	В	В	Lichtenwasser L		144/LBY
Long	5,110	1,420	3,700	Mt Loop Hwy	С	С	Marten Cr./W slope	Avoid leaving trail too soon. SW ridge doesn't go.	110/SLV
Lookout	5,692	1,255	4,400	Cascade R Rd	Α	В	trail		47/BDV
Mailbox	4,841	1,000	3,800	Middle Fork Snoqualmie	Α	В	trail route		206/CML
Marble	5,111	1,480	3,600	Mt Loop Hwy	В	В	NW ridge	Must ford Stillaguamish R., or do nasty bushwhack from Silverton	110/SLV
Margaret	5,560	2,560	3,000	Gold Cr Sno-Park	В	В	S ridge	Sno-Park permit required.	207/CHK
McCausland	5,747	3,200	2,500	Smith Brook Rd	В	В	SE ridge	Combine with other peaks in area	144/LBY
Mineral Butte	5,255	1,040	4,200	N Fork Skykomish (Galena)	В	В	SE shoulder		143/MCR
Mutton	6,156	2,800	3,400	Hwy 410	Α	Α	trail	Combine with Noble Knob	239/NKB
Natapoc	4,204	1,958	2,200	Coles Corner	Α	Α	you pick	59er Diner!	178/WNT
Norse	6,856	4,280	2,600	Crystal Mt ski area	В	С	Bullion B. trail	not surveyed	271/NRS
Oakes	5,681	800	4,900	Road 1062	Α	Α	Road, S ridge	Road likely undrivable above 800'	47/DAM
Palmer	5,043	900	4,100	FS Rd 6030 (Lowe Cr.)	В	В	E shoulder	Possible road walk	175/GRO
Persis	5,464	1,623/SL	3,800	Rd 62 (Proctor Creek)	Α	Α	NW ridge		142/INX
Philadelphia	4,258	600	3,700	Lake Serene	Α	В	W ridge	Boulder field above lake better with lots of snow.	142/INX
Pilchuck		3,160/SL	<u>'</u>	FS Road 42	В	В		If snow line low, cut switchback on Rd 4250 at 2600'.	109/VER
Plummer	6,370	4,560	1,800	Narada Falls	В	B/C	Pinnacle Pk Trail		270/MRE
Prairie	5,678	3,100/SL	2,500	Road 2140 (Prairie Mtn Rd)	В	В	W face, S ridge	Road brushy but drivable. Alternate NE route from Suiattle R. side	79/PRA
Pratt	5,099		3,200	Exit 47	Α	В	via Ollalie Lake		206/BND
Rock	6,840	2,732	4,100	Maintenance Station	Α	В	trail		145/MTH
Round	5,320	1,850/SL	3,500	Swede Heaven/Rd 1890	В	В	S ridge		78/FRT
Ruby	7,408	2,200	5,200	Hwy 20	А	В	abandoned trail	Alternate route from Fourth of July Pass via old trail	48/RDM
Sauk	5,541	4,300/SL	1,200	Sauk Mt Rd	В	С	Road, W slope	Usually have to walk road a ways	46/SAU
Silver	5,605	1,880	3,700	Exit 47/Annette Lk Trail	В	В	Trail/N ridge	Leave trail before exceeding 3000'	207/LST
Snoqualmie	6,278	3,000	3,300	Exit 52 or Alpental	В	В	Commonwealth Basin or Cave Ridge / S ridge		207/SQP
Sourdough	6,107	890	5,200	Diablo	Α	В	trail	LO site 5,985' is typically destination	48/RDM
St Helens	8,365	2,873	5,500	Marble Mountain Sno- Park	В	В	Monitor Ridge/S slopes	Sno-Park permit required. No climbing permit necessary in winter.	364/STH
Steeple Rock	5,567	5,240	1,000	Obstruction Point road	С	В	road	ups and downs	135/MTA
Stickney	5,367	1,679	3,700	Olney Creek Road	С	В	NW route		142/STK

Table	5,742	4,200	1,500	Baker ski area	С	В	trail	East face	14/SAR
Teanaway Butte	4,769	2,560	2,200	Middle fork Teanaway	Α	Α	road		209/TBT
Teneriffe	4,788	950	3,800	Mt Si Rd	А	Α	SW ridge	Don't do the long road walk route! Take Kamikaze Falls Trail	206S/ MSI
Summit	Elev	Start	Gain	Access	Expo	Aval	Route	Notes	Maps^
Thomas	5,269	2,237	3,000	Lake Kachess	Α	Α	trail	Probable short road walk to trailhead	208/KCH
Tirzah	5,208	2,160	3,000	Carbon R	В	Α	W ridge	Ford Carbon R.	269/MOW
Trappers	5,966	2600/SL	3,300	Thornton Cr Rd	Α	В	Trail/S ridge	Very long if lower snow line	47/TRI
Tumwater	4,480	1,440	3,000	Leavenworth Ski Hill	Α	Α	E slopes	Timbered summit	178/LVN
Tunnel Vision (K9)	6,242	2,700	3,500	Hwy 2	В	С	via Pt 5567	Parking problem - may have to drop off from Scenic.	176/SVP
Union	5,696	3,200	2,500	Smith Brook Rd	Α	Α	S slope from Union Gap	Combine with McCausland	144/LBY
Washington	4,420	1,080	3,300	Exit 38	Α	В	N ridge		206/CML
Web	5,335	1,300	4,000	Exit 38	В	В	E ridge	a.k.a. Middle Defiance	206/BND
Welker	5,587	2,000/SL	3,600	Anderson Cr Rd	В	В	NW ridge/S slope		46/WKR
Windy	5,386	2,200	3,200	Scenic	В	В	S slope		176/SCN
Yellow Hill	5,527	2,640	2,900	Middle fork Teanaway	Α	Α	trail		209/TBT

#### Notes:

^ Maps: First is the Green Trails Map number, followed by an abbreviation for the USGS 7.5 –minute map. Example: if the map code is 207LST, that would be Green Trails map #207 (Snoqualmie Pass), and USGS map Lost Lake. If the route lies on two or more maps, we have listed the map on which the summit is located. Use the following key to help identify maps:

## **Green Trails:**

13- Mount Baker 14- Mount Shuksan 45- Hamilton 46- Lake Shannon 47- Marblemount 48- Diablo Dam 77- Oso 78- Darrington 79- Snowking Mtn	80- Cascade Pass 109- Granite Falls 110- Silverton 111- Sloan Peak 134- Mount Olympus 135- Mount Angeles 142- Index 143- Monte Cristo 144- Benchmark Mtn.	167- Mount Steel 174- Mount Si 175- Skykomish 176- Stevens Pass 177- Chiwaukum Mtns. 178- Leavenworth 206- Bandera 206S- Mt. Si NRCA 207- Snoqualmie Pass	209- Mount Stuart 210- Liberty 239- Lester 269- Mount Rainier West 270- Mount Rainier East 271- Bumping Lake 364S- Mt. St. Helens NW
79- Snowking Mtn.	144- Benchmark Mtn. 145- Wenatchee Lake	207- Snoqualmie Pass 208- Kachess Lake	

### **USGS Maps**:

BAR- Baring	CHK- Chikamin Peak	FRT- Fortson	LBY- Labyrinth Mountain
BDL- Bedal	CML- Chester Morse Lake	GRL- Grandy Lake	LST- Lost Lake
BDV- Big Devil Peak	CPT- Captain Point	GRO- Grotto	LVN- Leavenworth
BLC- Blanca Lake	DAM- Damnation Peak	HHL- Hurricane Hill	MCR- Monte Cristo
BND- Bandera	DVS- Davis Peak	HIG- Mount Higgins	MDN- Maiden Peak
BPW- Bearpaw Mountain	ELD- Eldorado Peak	INX- Index	MLD- Mallardy Ridge
CEL- Cle Elum Lake	EVR- Evergreen Mountain	KCH- Kachess Lake	MOW- Mowich Lake

<sup>\*</sup> When starting elevation figure is followed by '/SL', the snow line may dictate a lower start.

MRE- Mount Rainier East MRW- Mount Rainier West

MSI- Mount Si

MSK- Mount Skokomish MTA- Mount Angeles MTH- Mount Howard NKB- Noble Knob NRS- Norse Peak PRA- Prairie Mountain RDM- Ross Dam SAR- Shuksan Arm SAU- Sauk Mountain SCN- Scenic SLV- Silverton SQP- Snoqualmie Pass STH- Mount St. Helens STK- Mount Stickney STM- Stampede Pass SVP- Stevens Pass TBT- Teanaway Butte TRI- Mount Triumph VER- Verlot WKR- Welker Peak WNT- Winton