

Everett Hiking Committee – How to Become a Hike Leader

Mentee Steps:

1. Attend a 2.5 hour [hike leader seminar](#) through one of the Mountaineers branches. Pre-requisites for the seminar are as follows:
 - Current Mountaineers member.
 - Completed 3 club day hikes. Exceptions can be made if you have participated in courses such as Climbing, Scrambling or Backpacking. Please reach out to hiking@everettmountaineers.org to request an exemption.
 - *Please note that urban hikes cannot be used to meet the day hike requirements.*
2. Complete the [Low Impact Recreation Skills eLearning course](#).
3. Complete a [Hike leader application](#).
4. Identify a mentor and request temporary hike leader status by sending an email to: hiking@everettmountaineers.org. If you need assistance identifying a mentor, send an email to hiking@everettmountaineers.org with the mentored hike you'd like to lead and the pace at which you intend to lead it.
5. Post and lead a mentored club day hike. The hike must meet the following criteria:
 - Hike must not be associated with a course.
 - Hike may not be an urban walk or hike.
 - Hike must be a minimum of 4 miles and 800ft in elevation gain.
 - Hike leader candidate must post the hike as the primary leader and register the mentor as the co-leader; hike should be posted under the Everett Hiking Committee.
 - Hike should be open to a minimum of 8 participants.
 - Hike must have a minimum 10-day sign-up window.
 - Hike should enable demonstration of the skills presented during the seminar.
6. Close the activity after completion.
7. Receive positive recommendation from mentor to be granted permanent hike leader status.
8. Everett hiking committee will inform you that you've met the requirements to become a hike leader and ask you to confirm that you'd like to be added to the active leader roster.
9. If you do not have a current Wilderness First-Aid (WFA) or Mountaineering Oriented First-Aid (MOFA) badge, you must earn the badge or be signed up for a course within 1 year of earning your hike leader badge.

Mentor Requirements:

Mentor selected must be a current hike leader and have led a minimum of 4 club hikes.