

Pratt Mountain Scramble

Date: May 3rd, 2019

Meeting Spot: Granite Mountain Trailhead @ 7:00 AM. [Directions from Issaquah Transit Center](#). Approx 40 min.

Carpooling: Encouraged. Suggested contribution for drivers **\$8** (based on 66 mi RT from Issaquah TC).

Passes Required: Northwest Forest Pass (or National Parks pass).

Gear:

- Crampons
- Mountaineering boots
- Ice Ax
- Helmet

Itinerary:

Time	Leg Description	Distance	Speed
07:00	TH to base of ridge	3.4 mi	2.5 mph
08:30	Summit (round trip + break)	1.3 mi	1.5 mph
09:45	Ridge to TH	3.4 mi	2.5 mph
11:15	Cars		

Following this plan, we should be past the section of Pratt Lake trail with any avy potential by 10:30. If we are delayed or anyone is concerned we can always take the high route. Our turnaround time based on reaching the cars before sunset is 3 pm.

Forecast:

- [NWAC](#) - No forecast due to shoulder season, but I expect loose-wet to be the concern of the day.
- [Windy.com](#)
- [NOAA](#) - Partly sunny outlook for Friday.
- [Mountain Forecast](#) - Forecast is for Bandera Mountain since Pratt is not in their database. The are close and Bandera is taller, so it should be a decent (or at least conservative) approximation (and really any forecast is an approximation!).

Map: [Topographic Map](#). Please print a hard copy if you don't have one already. We have two approach options: one from the Talapus Lake trailhead [7mi, 2,500ft gain] and the seemingly more preferred approach from the Pratt Lake (Granite Mountain) trailhead [8mi, 3,300ft gain]. Since the goal is to get some quality mountain time, I'm opting for the Granite Mountain trailhead.

Avy Discussion: Map [here](#). By going up the southeast ridge, we avoid nearly all potential avy slopes. There is a section along the Pratt Lake trail (starting at about 1.8 mi in) that cuts across some steep forested slopes. This shouldn't be any problem in the morning, but if folks are nervous about it in the afternoon, we do have the option of traveling up above the trail, over the steep sections and then back down the other side.

GPX File: [GPX Route](#). Feel free to import this into your favorite GPS app. I use GaiaGPS.

Trip Reports:

- [Pratt Mountain \(WTA\)](#)
- [Pratt Mountain \(SummitPost\)](#)