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## McClellan Butte Trip Report by Ira Rushwald

January 23, 2011

My plan during the week was to go skiing on Sunday but with no new snow and a very low avalanche danger predicted I thought it was perfect timing to go climb the North Couloir of McClellan Butte. I've been looking at this route for a number of years since it's so visible when travelling west on I-90. It looked steep and narrow, perfect for a fun snow climb.

I called Joanna to see if she was doing anything on Sunday and she only had a lunch planned; hardly anything to keep her from doing a good climb. So off we went Sunday morning getting to the McClellan Butte TH (1500 ft) at 8:30. We had read numerous trip reports from Cascade Climbers and they said to take the trail until you get to about 3400 – 3500 ft and then head up through trees and a snowfield until the obvious gully comes into sight. Seemed easy enough.

We headed up the snow free trail which at about 2500 ft turned into fairly constant snow. Continuing on we finally got to 3400 ft at 10:30, 2 hrs from the TH. We were following tracks in the snow but didn't see any heading up at this point so we just continued on looking for some tracks that were headed up since we knew someone had done the route 3 days earlier. We finally got to 3600 ft and never saw any tracks going up. So at this point it was either go back down and look more closely or just head straight up. We elected to head straight up the avalanche slope which was about 35 deg at the beginning. Going was pretty good with occasional deep steps when the crust wasn't strong enough. Joanna being



bigger than I am had a harder time but found it easier to make her own steps rather than following mine.

Higher up the slope got steeper and narrower, going to about 40 deg. Also, as we got higher up I realized we were in the wrong place. By going to 3600 ft before starting up we overshot the couloir and ended up too far east, under a big rock cliff. We were now at about 4200 ft and needed to move west. This turned out to be the trickiest part of the day as we had to traverse a 45 deg snow slope over a rock band only feet away. A self-arrest at this point was very unlikely so we were extremely careful. After negotiating that slope we headed up slightly and then needed to downclimb a steep snow slope followed by an easy traverse through trees that finally brought us to the correct gully. Yea!

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# WAC Information

## Calendar

FEBRUARY 2011	
February 6	Chicks on Sticks Ski Race
February 10/20	Backcountry Class at Cabin
February 26	Hogg Loppet Ski Tour
February 27	Annual Fun Day on the WAC Trails
March 2011	
March 5	Vegetarian Potluck Dinner
March 13	Snoqualmie Loppet 30K Ski Tour
March 19/20	Climbing Class Instructor Training
April 2011	
April 23 - 24	Annual Olympic Beach Cleanup
May 2011	
May 12/14	Alpine Climbs
May 19/21	Alpine Climbs

## Is Your Contact Info Current?

You can check these things on the Washington Alpine Club website: [www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org). If your address email address changes please let us know!

### or Moving?

Send change of address forms to:

Washington Alpine Club

PO Box 352

Seattle, WA 98111

Or email Dave Mitchell at:

[dtmitch@mindspring.com](mailto:dtmitch@mindspring.com)

### New Email Address?

To update your email address log on to

[www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org)

If you don't have an account, you can use the shared name and password:

User name: climbing / Password: climbon

## Join the WACList on Yahoo

If you want to get mail on the WAC email list, join the yahoo group at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>

Post message: [waclist@yahoogroups.com](mailto:waclist@yahoogroups.com)

Subscribe: [waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Important:** You must be a current member! We have to approve you before you can join, so please put your name in the comment section.

## Washington Alpine Club

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[www.washingtonalpineclub.org](http://www.washingtonalpineclub.org)

### Member Of

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs,  
Washington Trails Association, Washington  
Environmental Council, Washington Wilderness  
Coalition, and MidFORC Coalition

The primary purpose of this club is to encourage the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, to preserve its natural beauty and to promote good fellowship among all lovers of nature.

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# President's Corner

## February 2011

by Mike Mahanay

Hello La Nina? Where have you gone? As we do every year, this past weekend we snowshoed out to the WAC Basin to do our annual snowpack analysis. We recorded a base of 35". The snow is very heavy with high water content. The weather continues to be a bit warm, and a bit on the dry side. We should have good skiing through March, but for an extended season we will need the late winter snows to come. The WAC's friend Cliff Mass told us that we will soon be over the hump with the winter and will soon reach our peak snowpack. Good bye La Nina!

Have you renewed your membership for 2011? Our super awesome Membership Chair Kristin Kaupang says there are over 200 people who have not renewed as of Feb. 01! Are you one? The renewal period is really October thru December. Not sure if you are paid up? Just go to the website and look your name up! Also, you have received numerous emails and reminders. Please help us out and renew on line or send your check in today. Check with your friends and family and make sure they have sent theirs in. The WAC is a wonderful organization that provides opportunities for people of all ages to experience and enjoy the outdoors. To do this we need your help each year.

The widely renowned WAC Telemark and Randonee class is going strong every Wednesday night. Everyone has a great time and enjoys the challenge of learning a new discipline or improving their skills. We love to watch all the graceful telemarkers. Wednesday night is also a favorite time for folks to come up for a night of midweek skiing at Central or Alpentel, or enjoy Nordic on the

Iron Horse or Cabin Creek trails. Vivian Darst hosts Guye Cabin every Wednesday so please take advantage of her efforts and spend the night. RSVP with Vivian required. Thanks Vivian!

Both the Backcountry Class and the Climbing Class are getting ready to start. John Commiskey, Mary Strazer, and Ty Tyler's Backcountry Class will be at the Cabin February 18/20. The Climbing Class instructors will be up on March 19/20. The classes are a great way to make some new friends and new skills and experience. The WAC has some of the smartest, most helpful & patient instructors in all the outdoors! Helping instruct a class each year is a wonderful way to give a little back to our Club!

The famous Hog Loppet Ski Tour from Mission Ridge to Blewett Pass is Feb 26. March 5 is the vegetarian Potluck and March 13 is the fourth annual Snoqualmie Loppet Ski Tour. Both of these tours are about 35K with some hills. Contact me for more info.

Guaranteed fun and smiles, the WAC Fun Day will be Sunday February 27 at 10 am! Mark your calendars! On the WAC trails we'll have a ski race and a snowshoe race for kids and for adults. We'll also have a Ski/snowshoe treasure hunt. There will be hot chocolate, cookies and a fire at the start/finish line. There will also be an awards ceremony and raffle in the WAC Dining Hall. Make your plans now to attend this event. Want to help out? Contact Eli Holmes.

The WAC is cool because it has something for everyone. Do what you can to help out.



President: Mike Mahanay

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Secretary: Ira Rushwald

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Participate and attend some of the many activities going on this winter!

This is an excellent year at Guye Cabin. We have an ever growing awesome group of wonderful people keeping the Cabin in good order. A collective thank you goes to Karel Zikan, Eli Holmes, Archie Brenden, John Sargent, Aaron King, and Vivian Darst who have taken time to keep the Cabin organized and extra clean. Please be sure to help them out by keeping the kitchen & dining room clean, doing some chores, hauling the trash and recycling home, and shoveling snow. It's very important this year to keep the path to the Cabin open and the snow off both the front and back steps. Everyone should allow 30 minutes to help out. Don't know, or unsure what to do? Ask someone! The Cabin is open from Friday evening until about 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon.

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## McClellan Butte Trip Report by Ira Rushwald (continued from page 1)

We had been carrying our snowshoes all this way and never used them and clearly were not going to be using them as we went up the couloir. So they came off our packs and were firmly planted in the snow for the return.

Some pictures here: [picasaweb.google.com](https://www.picasaweb.google.com)

The couloir was about 40 deg at this location with prior steps going up. The people before us had used crampons but neither of us felt the need to put them on. It was very easy climbing as long as care was taken. As we got higher up the slope steepened to 45+ degrees but the going was still quite easy. Near the top of the couloir we spied two other climbers, the ones that had made the tracks we were following. They were roped up and attempting to scale the rock/ice band to get to the summit. I had read numerous reports about others trying this and all backed off unless it was later in the season and the ice had melted out. We elected not to even bring rock gear to attempt this although I did have 3 ice screws with me if the ascent looked promising, it didn't. It was definitely a mixed climb, ice and rock, that I wasn't prepared to do.

We headed off to climbers left at the top of the couloir, they were on the right. We stamped out a little platform to stand on, put some warm clothes on and had a quick bite to eat. We had no intention of downclimbing the route as it would have taken a long time to back down hundreds of feet of 45+ deg snow. So we set up our first rappel right near the top on the left side. We had brought along a 60m 8mm rope for rappelling and also knew that if we needed it for climbing the route it would have been fine as we were only on a snow slope and not doing anything that would have resulted in a vertical fall. This was our

first of six rappels down through trees on climbers left. The last rappel brought us back to the gully and the 40 deg slope. At this point we just plunge stepped down as the snow was soft enough to be safe. Got back to our snowshoes and then continued down the lower couloir that we hadn't been up. There were a few breaks in the snow where water was flowing over short drops. We downclimbed these areas pretty easily and continued on our way. Finally out of the gully we followed the other climbers' tracks up to get us back to the trail and on our way down.

It did get dark on us and we ran into trouble determining exactly where we needed to be when traveling along one of the roads looking for the trail extension. We lost about ½ an hour during this time and finally got back to the car about 6:00.

The other two climbers elected to rappel off the west side of the couloir from the top rather than down the couloir as we had decided to do. Their car was still in the parking lot when we returned so they were clearly still out there.

A very fun day.

Note: if you do this climb, leave the trail at 3400 ft and start heading up.

Gear taken/used:  
Ice axe – used  
Ice tool – not used  
Rope – used  
Helmet – used  
Crampons – not used  
Pickets – not used  
Ice screws – not used  
Snowshoes – not used  
Webbing for rappels – used (6)  
Rappel rings - used

## President's Corner

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Guye Cabin is a true mountain lodge, and it is evident that the WAC has a very strong winter division. Watch the kids and be careful outdoors. (There are tree wells and cornices.) Be sure to be respectful of the other folks, and follow the cabin rules to ensure everyone has a good time. Be responsible and educate your guests and they will have an even better time. Yes, all guests and kids need to do a chore too!

All of this is what makes the Washington Alpine Club special! Our little club started in 1893 advocating for the creation of a National Park at Mount Rainier and is still going strong. Many folks know almost everyone in the club! It is made up of a lot of different little parts that come together as an exceptional outdoor club. Our mission is to encourage the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, preserve its natural beauty, and to promote good fellowship among all lovers of nature. We do this through our communities, classes, activities, and fellowship.



## Snoqualmie Loppet

Fourth Annual! From Silver Fir to Cabin Creek.  
Sunday March 13 at 9 am Mass Start

Couldn't do the Hog Loppet? Here is a second chance and a easy way to experience the fun, adventure, and drama of a long distance ski tour. This is our way to introduce people to the entire Snoqualmie Pass Nordic trail system! As always, this is an informal event with no sponsors, no support, no prizes, and no responsibility! Just a group of friends out for lots of fun and a challenging ski! Cost? Free!

The course is about 35 kilometers total distance, about the same as the Hog Loppet. You can also do a Half Loppet - either Mount Catherine Loop or the Iron Horse to Cabin Creek section. The first year in 2008 there were 6 of us, and last year there were over 30 participants.

1. Silver Fir lift to the top and the upper trails at 9 am
2. Around Mount Catherine counter clockwise all the way to Hyak Lodge
3. Descend to the Iron Horse and the long fast 10K past the Stampede Pass Road
4. 3 telephone poles past the Stampede Pass Road enter the Trollhagen trail system
5. Exit Troll Hagen and ski toward I90 until you connect with the Stampede Pass Road
6. Walk the road, crossing I90, and into the DOT yard ( I'll have this marked with tape the day before)
7. Bear slightly to the right and in a couple 100' join the Cabin Creek Trail System

8. Ski the Viking course and Berg course to the end!

There is no entry fee, however, you must have a trail pass to use the Summit Nordic Trail System and if you park your car at the Cabin Creek finish you must have a SNO-PARK permit! It is recommended that you start promptly at 9 am for the best snow conditions.

We will arrange car shuttles to Cabin Creek. We will have breakfast at Guye Cabin at 7 am and then meet at Silver Fir at 8 sharp to shuttle cars to Cabin Creek. I am also willing to make a return trip after the Loppet if necessary. (cell 206.931.4713)

There is no recommended ski gear or technique suggested. Classic or skate is fine. Faster Skiers will complete in about 3 hours. Slower skiers perhaps 5-6 hours. It depends on your gear, your technique, your wax, the weather, grooming conditions, and your physical ability. Please bring plenty of snacks and water. There is no support in terms of food on the course other than Hyak Lodge. This is a good stop for a hot drink or piece of pizza, and a place to leave a drop bag. We are hoping Snoqualmie Nordic will have their Bake Sale on the Iron Horse so we can load up with treats to eat right away, or put them in our pockets to eat back at Guye Cabin sitting around the blazing stove in the kitchen reliving the day's excitement.

Keep track of your time and we'll post the results. To register RSVP to

[mikemahanay@gmail.com](mailto:mikemahanay@gmail.com)

## Snoqualmie Pass Ski Patrol Race by Lowell Skoog

Seattle P-I, 4 Mar 1940 - "Alpine Patrol Scores Ski Triumph In Upset"

The Washington Alpine Club patrol of Carlton Greenfield, Al Wilson and Grant Lovegren won in 5 hours, 13 minutes. Conditions were described as slushy. The Seattle Ski Club patrol was second and the Washington Ski Club third. The Ptarmigan Climbing Club entered a team (Calder Bressler, Ray Clough and Will Thompson) that finished sixth.

Seattle P-I, 10 Mar 1941 - "Alpine Skiers in Patrol Win"

The Washington Alpine Club team of Grant Lovegren, Al Wilson and Carlton Greenfield repeated their victory in a time of 5:27:55. The going was made tougher than expected by hard crusted snow. Second place was taken by the army ski patrol team from the 41st Division, Lee R. Zerba, Donald H. Brown and Raymond Osborn. The Mountaineers team took third. "The Seattle Ski Club, many times winner of this race, failed for the first time to enter a patrol."

<http://www.alpenglow.org/ski-history/notes/news/news-patrol-race.html#snews-1940>

"The Ski Patrol Race, Profile of Race Course"

This diagram of the course was found in the Mountaineers Ski Mountaineering Committee collection at UWSpecColl, Accession 3272, Folder 10. The course is shown to be 18 miles long, with 3300 feet of climbing and 3400 feet of descent. Way-points are indicated at:

Snoqualmie Lodge - 3000 ft, 0 mi.

Ollalee Meadows - 3700 ft, 2 mi.

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# Skiing

## Snoqualmie Pass Ski Patrol Race by Lowell Skoog (continued from page 5)

SE side of Silver Peak - 4200 ft, 3.5 mi.  
Tinkham Meadows - 4100 ft, 4.25 mi.  
Tinkham Pass - 4500 ft, 5.25 mi.  
Mirror Lake - 4100 ft, 6 mi.  
Yakima Pass - 3500 ft, 7.5 mi.

Cedar River watershed boundary marker - 3900 ft, 8.5 mi.  
Head of Meadow Creek - 3700 ft, 9.25 mi.  
Meadow Creek crossing - 2900 ft, 12.25 mi.  
Baldy Park - 4200 ft, 14.75 mi.

Stampede Pass - 3800 ft, 15.75 mi.  
Tunnel Creek Crossing - 3300 ft, 17 mi.  
Meany Ski Hut - 2900 ft, 18 mi.  
The profile shows the terrain to be 61% wooded, 21% open and 18% mixed.

## The Hog Loppet

A 21 Mile Ski Trip from Mission Ridge to Blewett Pass in the Cascades!

February 26, 2011

Okay! One more time. What is the Hog Loppet? It is Swedish for "citizen's high country ski trek".

It is a high traverse from the top of Mission Ridge Ski Area to Blewett Pass, covering 30 kilometers. This 21-mile event is not a race but a Hog Loppet, where the only idea is have fun and finish. This is the 19th edition of the annual cross-country ski event, and each year there are over 500 skiers participating without regard to conditions.

The route is up and down for the first 7 miles, then generally level for the next 7 miles, and then the last 7 miles there is a long descent to 4100 foot Blewett Pass. Along the way, there were three aid stations with snacks, oranges, apples, water, Gatorade, hot chocolate, mm's, and emergency equipment.

The route begins at the top of the Mission Ridge Ski Area, outside Wenatchee, after two chairlift rides from the base. 21 miles later at Blewett Pass there are big busses to give us a ride back to our vehicles in Wenatchee and Leavenworth. Everyone receives a really cool t-shirt as a prize. This is an intermediate ski with a few miles of ungroomed skiing at the beginning. Ages ranged from teenagers to seniors. Rated a 10.



We hope to have a large WAC contingent again this year, and every year. Want to go? Sign up soon as it sells out!

<http://www.skileavenworth.com/event/hog-loppet>

This is one of the best ski events in the Pacific Northwest. Plan on signing up and committing to the race at least two weeks prior to the event to ensure a spot on the buses as they sell out. On Friday night stay at the Travelodge in Leavenworth for the best value.

## AVALANCHE FACT SHEET

- Most avalanches **CAN** be avoided.
- Most avalanches, involving a victim, are started by that person or a companion.
- Most avalanches occur on slopes of 30-to-45 degrees, during or following a major snow event.
- Most victims have some avalanche training and consider themselves skilled in their sport.
- More avalanche fatalities have occurred this winter in Washington than any other state.
- The **Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center (NWAC)** provides daily weather and avalanche condition updates as well as avalanche education venues. [www.nwac.us](http://www.nwac.us)
- A **major snow event** is a snowstorm that produces a snowfall rate of 1-inch per hour or greater for several hours or 10-inches or greater in 24 hours. This will generally cause avalanche danger to increase significantly. Strong winds of 15 to 50 mph can elevate avalanche danger dramatically after as little as an hour – even when no new snow is falling.

Someone completely buried in an avalanche has a 90% chance of survival if they're uncovered within the first 15 minutes (absent any life threatening trauma-related injuries); someone buried 30 minutes has approximately a 50% chance of survival. The chances of survival drop dramatically after 30 minutes.

Very few people, caught in an avalanche, have been able to dig themselves out. For someone completely buried, their survival depends solely on the quick actions of the other members in their party. Avalanche beacons, shovels and probe poles are essential pieces of equipment for anyone traveling in avalanche country.

**“If my partner’s caught in a slide, should I immediately go for help?”**

**NO.** You are that person’s BEST chance for survival. Do everything possible to locate the subject, and then go for help. If you have additional manpower, have someone go for help AND call 9-1-1, while you continue recovery efforts.

## MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION TEAMS:

**Never** charge for their services.

Are non-profit all-volunteer mountain search-and-rescue teams.

Are nationally accredited by the Mountain Rescue Association.

Provide day or night mountain search and/or rescue capability.

Members:... Are on-call 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year

... Provide their own personal equipment

... Are prepared for 48 hours afield, year 'round

... Are trained for any Washington season, terrain, weather, or altitude

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Thanks to Robert Coleman and the:

Mountain Rescue Association

## Burke Museum Offers Natural History Classes for Every Budget Winter/Spring Adult Classes Series

### Mammals: From Global to Local

Wednesdays, March 23, 30, & April 6; 7 – 9 pm

Class fee: \$80; register by March 10

Class description: <http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#mammals>

### Citizens, Science, and Seabirds

Saturday, March 26; Noon – 3 pm

Class fee: \$35; register by March 10

Class description: [http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#citizen\\_science](http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#citizen_science)

### Highlights of Bird Behavior: A Three Part Series with Dennis Paulson

Thursday evenings in March & April (dates vary per class); 7 – 9 pm

Series fee: \$200; Individual class fee: \$80; register by February 20

Series and class descriptions: [http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#bird\\_behavior](http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#bird_behavior)

### Building Your Birding Skills:

#### A More Practiced Eye

Wednesdays, April 13 & 20; 7 – 9 pm

Class fee: \$55; register by April 1

Class description: <http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#birding>

### Urban Bryophytes

Saturday, April 2; 8:30 am – 5 pm & Sunday, April 3; 9 am – 4 pm

Class fee: \$110; register by March 23

Class description: <http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#bryophytes>

### Ecology of Seattle Lakes

Saturday, April 9; 8 am – 5 pm

Class fee: \$90; register by March 29

Class description: <http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#lakes>

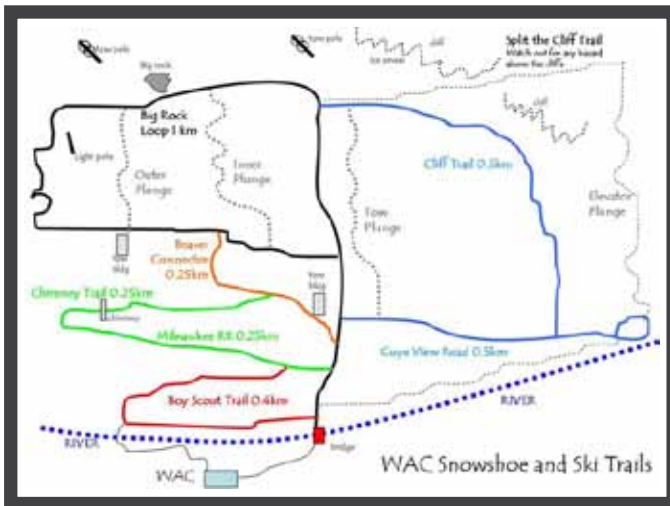
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## Guye Cabin

### Things to know and reminders!

#### Parking-

To save us the snow plowing expense, we are still working with our good neighbors Sahalie. Don't forget, Sahalie has an easement on both sides of the road, and allows us to park only on our side south of the fire hydrant, or the very far north end of their side. If we have groups, we should unload and shuttle the cars over to the hotel. Do not allow the public to park in our area! (Direct sledders to the Iron Horse Trail Sno Park. They have a great sledding hill)



#### Outside-

Do you remember that nice path that you walked to the Cabin? Some nice folks make that each weekend. Help them out. We need people to spend 20 minutes or more shoveling both the front and back stairs, cleaning access to the fire pipe at the road, and working on the path.

#### Safety -

The snow is 3' deep and there are hazards— steep banks, tree wells, deep snow, icy conditions.

Always keep an eye on all the kids, and others. Stay on the trails.

#### Inside-

We need to vacuum and thoroughly clean the floors of all the dorms. Keep the kitchen and dining room clean (like you would if your in-laws might show up) Bring tea/coffee/hot cider etc. to donate to the Cabin pantry.



#### Community-

Be mindful of others. Observe quiet times. Make some new friends!



## Have you renewed your membership yet?

### Please renew today!

We are excited to offer online renewal via Google Checkout! Memberships are based year to year, so unless you took advantage of our multi-year payment plan your WAC membership is up for renewal! Please renew today!

Click here to find out <http://www.wacweb.org/About/join.view> How to renew

We hope that you continue to support the Washington Alpine Club and take advantage of all the opportunities that membership offers. That WAC does many good things for people of all ages, but we can only do this good work with your support. Please renew today!

Annual Dues (renewals)	Regular Memmbers (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues
1 Year: Through Dec 2011	\$30	\$15	\$20
2 Years: Through Dec 2012	\$60	\$25	\$35
3 Years: Through Dec 2013	\$85	\$35	\$50
4 Years: Through Dec 2014	\$115	\$45	\$65
5 Years: Through Dec 2015	\$135	\$55	\$80

The annual membership is from January 1 to December 31. To renew, you can send a check to the address below or use the Google Checkout links below.

When renewing, members also have the opportunity to pay annual Guye Cabin fees in lieu of single day or overnight fees. These annual cabin fees are effective for the membership year. Support Guye Cabin!

Annual Cabin Dues \$80.00 per person  
\$120.00 for two people  
\$150.00 for three or more family members (13 and older)

Please consider adding an additional gift to your membership renewal check. Your contribution will help us with scholarships and major upcoming cabin expenses including construction of the new parking lot. Thanks for supporting your club!

Please renew online or send your check made out to "WAC", to:

Washington Alpine Club  
c/o Kristin Kaupang  
7712 14th Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98106

## Winter Parking Procedures

We will have about 10 spaces on our side. Once those spaces are filled we must park at the far north end of the Sahalie side of the road. Everyone needs to make sure the signs, cones, and tape are out each day. Everyone is responsible for our parking. Do not allow the public to park in our area!

We will park on our side only south of the A-frame fire hydrant.

Once those spaces are filled we must park at the far north end of the Sahalie side of the road. We must put the signs out Friday evening, and return them Sunday afternoon. All WAC cars and guests must have decal or parking pass displayed.

Friday morning the Summit will plow, so we must have the area cleared at that time.

Please contact Mike if you have questions, concerns, etc.

[mikemahanay@gmail.com](mailto:mikemahanay@gmail.com)

## WAC discount at Outdoor Research

WAC members still get a discount in the store. 15% for full priced OR stuff and 10% for full priced Non-OR stuff.

## The Washington Alpine Club is on Facebook!

Facebook is yet another way to keep up with the Washington Alpine Club. Once you've joined Facebook, go to the WAC page and join the group. Invite your friends to join the group. You can connect with other WAC members, get information on upcoming events and post messages for other members.

[www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6180692402](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6180692402)

# Announcements

## Burke Museum Offers Natural History Classes for Every Budget Winter/Spring Adult Classes Series

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### Flower Photography with a Digital Pocket Camera

Sunday, May 22; 8:30 am – 5 pm

Class fee: \$90; register by May 1

Class description: [http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#flower\\_photography](http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#flower_photography)

### Putting Fossils in Their Place

Thursdays, May 26 & June 2, 9, 16; 7 – 9 pm

Class fee: \$90; register by May 1

Class description: <http://www.burkemuseum.org/event/adultclasses/#fossils>

To register for classes, email [burkeae@uw.edu](mailto:burkeae@uw.edu) or call 206-543-9681. For more information,

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### Girls on Ice

Applications Now Available for the Girls on Ice 2011 Expedition!

Girls on Ice is a unique, FREE, wilderness science education program for high school girls. Each year a team of 9 teenage girls and 3 instructors spend 11 days exploring and learning about mountain glaciers and alpine landscapes through scientific field studies with professional glaciologists and mountaineers.

The 2011 Expedition will take place July 25 to August 4, 2010 on Mount Baker, Washington

State. All girls age 15-18 are eligible to apply. <http://girlsonice.org/apply> (applications are due February 15, 2011)

We are able to provide this program TUITION FREE to the girls through small grants and gifts from individuals and support from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Please consider supporting the program, visit: <http://girlsonice.org/support>

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