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## Snoqualmie Mountain and a little history



A miners trail to Cave Ridge ended at the junction between the two peaks. Hikers today will come to a signed junction at about 4,000 feet, near Cave Ridge where they can decide which peak to climb, Snoqualmie Mountain or Guye Peak.

The unofficial trail begins from Alpentel about 50 feet east (right) from the Snow Lake trailhead. Hike a few paces (east) from the Snow Lake trailhead and look for the trail near a stream -- in summer the start of the trail is partially obscured by brush and lined with alders.

Snoqualmie Mountain is situated at the edge of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, 2 1/2 miles north of Snoqualmie Pass. It is one of the Ten Lodge Peaks named by the Mountaineers in 1923. Nearby Guye Peak is another Ten Lodge Peak and also can be accessed from this trail. The other peaks are Denny Mountain, Kaleetan Peak, Kendall Peak, Red Mountain, Chair, Thomson, the Tooth and Silver Peak.

Snoqualmie Lodge was a frequent base camp for mountaineers because there are more than 30 peaks in the region that can be climbed. A second set of Ten Lodge Peaks were named by 1930 and some of these were considered more challenging than the first 10. Guye Peak is a thimble-shaped peak that stands out near Snoqualmie Pass. Forbidding as it may appear from Interstate 90, it is a non-technical summit reached by a way trail.

The region near Snoqualmie Pass is rich in history and riddled with old trails. By the 1880s there were several mining claims on the mountain. Guye Peak was named for F.M. Guye, who staked several claims in the 1880s. Guye constructed a cabin that could still be seen from the Snow Lake Trail in the 1920s, but no trace remains today.

Shortly beyond the brushy start the trail grows steep and stays steep most of the way, climbing in about 1,000 feet through forest to a large boulder field where an unofficial trail sign is bolted to a tree. Guye Peak (5,168 feet) is to the right -- if Snoqualmie is your goal, stay left.

The trail to Snoqualmie Mountain makes a short descent to cross a stream between two waterfalls; this stream is usually dry in late summer (carry water). This is a scenic spot and provides respite from the steep grade. Beyond the waterfall, the trail continues its unrelenting climb, but the views are spectacular once you break out of the trees, and soon you will be looking down on the distinct summit of Guye Peak.

The trail continues to the summit of Snoqualmie at 6,278 feet. Although the route is steep, the trail's grade improves once you leave the trees for the final ascent, and you get the feeling there may have been a "real" trail here long ago. Views of the other Lodge Peaks grow every step of the way.

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# WAC Information

## Calendar

<b>June 2011</b>	
June 18	Work Party & Open House
<b>July 2011</b>	
July 9-10	STP Bike Ride
July 16	Work Party & Open House
<b>August 2011</b>	
August 5-6	RSVP Bike Ride
August 13	Work Party & Open House
August 13	WAC Summer Party
August 27-28	Rhapsody Bike Ride
<b>September 2011</b>	
September 1	Board Meeting
September 17	Work Party & Open House
<b>October 2011</b>	
October 16	Work Party AM & Open
October 16	WAC Annual Meeting 2pm

## 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 mailing address or email address changes please let us know!

### Moving?

Send change of address forms to:  
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Or email Dave Mitchell at:  
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### 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 user 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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### Member Of

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs,  
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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  
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# President's Corner

## JUNE 2011

by Mike Mahanay

I know I say this every year – It is after Memorial Day and the calendar says that summer is here! Many of us are not so sure. The clear days have been few and far between, and warm ones even less common. We received a lot of rain in May. Still- Western Washington is incredibly beautiful right now and it is always a perfect time to get outdoors with our friends. We are incredibly lucky to live where we do in one of the most beautiful spots on the planet. There is still 3' of snow at Guye Cabin, but it is melting fast. Many of the rivers are running very high with snowmelt. Avalanche lilies and Skunk Cabbage are in full bloom.

The mountains are so amazingly beautiful in their sunny glory. The views from Guye Cabin are spectacular. Guye Peak, Kendall Peak, Red Mountain and Snoqualmie Mountain shimmer in the almost summer light. Snoqualmie Pass is warm and green, and soon the trails will be melted out. Take a day, or a weekend, and get out of Seattle! Pick a place in the mountains, either familiar or brand new, and go for a visit. We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful area and have great easy access to lakes, hikes, climbs, and bike rides.

In May the climbing class did their ascents of the Snoqualmie Peaks. They were on the Nisqually Glacier, and coming up next weekend they will be on big Mount Baker.

WAC Climbing teams will soon be on El Dorado, Mount Adams, Mount Olympus, and Mount Rainier! The WAC has many backcountry skiers and they have been out every month. Camp Muir was a popular ascent and ski last weekend. Many are doing

“Turns all Year”! WAC is such a unique special club, full of smart fun people.

As we all go off in different directions all over the world this summer, (some of us have left already) keep an eye on the WAC Calendar on the website [www.washingtonalpineclub.org](http://www.washingtonalpineclub.org) for important dates that you will not want to miss. You can also join the WAC on Facebook [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_6180692402](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_6180692402)

On August 13 we will have our annual Summer Party at Guye Cabin from 3pm to 9 pm. We'll have a BBQ at 6pm outside on the lawn. If you only come up once all summer this is the day! Bring your favorite potluck dish, renew old friendships and make some new ones, enjoy the beauty of the high country in summer! The Cabin should be open by 8 am if not sooner. This is an excellent chance to get some quality social time in with these amazing folks that make up our unique magical Club. Come on up!

I am continually amazed when I see Guye Cabin. It is the heart of our Club, and such a fantastic place. So many people have stepped up and volunteered a day or more to make improvements, fix things, put things in order, or simply give support. This year we are completing the upgrading of windows and doors. Thanks to Dale Ott, Archie Brenden, Dave Mitchell, Ed Kelting, Ralph Preston, Mark Hume, Phil Harvey, & Jiri Pertold for leading these efforts. Many others have helped too. Summer is a perfect time to visit our Cabin to relax and enjoy the mountain summer! If you are lucky you might even have it to yourself. Bring your friends and family up to see it.



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Secretary: Ira Rushwald

At Large: John Commiskey, Charles Muzio, Pat Beurskens, Mike Daly, and Susan Ashlock

If you like to paint, chop wood, trail work, or do mountain chores come on up for a “Mostly Second Saturday” work party! This Saturday, June 18 is the next one. Then July 16, August 13 before the Summer Party, and September 17.

Just a reminder, this will be the last Bulletin until the September edition!

All of the WAC are looking forward to a fantastic summer bringing lasting memories!



# Summer Telemark Ski Camp

## Summer Telemark Ski Camp at Mount Hood June 26/29!



Many WAC folks have attended this summer telecamp in the past.

It is a lot of fun to ski in the summer, and the instruction is excellent.

25rd Annual Summer Tele-Ski Camp Mt. Hood / Timberline Lodge Oregon  
June 17/19 2011

High glacier skiing, spectacular scenery and professional instruction at the Summer Tele-Ski Camp.

If you are an advanced skier or just learning the sport, we can help you improve your telemark skills. The experienced teaching staff will help give you the skills needed to ski new terrain and try new slopes!

Three full days of summer skiing high on the snowfields of Mt. Hood - two days of special instruction, plus optional backcountry days offer a unique opportunity for you to practice, enhance and enjoy your Telemark abilities.

Lodging and homestyle meals will be available at the Mazama Lodge on Mt. Hood just above Government Camp.

The teaching staff includes internationally known mountaineers & professional ski instructors from throughout the Northwest. Beginning through advanced instruction, small classes and video analysis.

The Instructors Are:

Nils Larson - Nelson, BC/Curlew, WA

Don Portman - Methow Valley, WA

Steve Hindman - Bellingham, WA

Stuart Craig - Seattle, WA

Shelley Hakanson - Mt. Hood, OR

Lodging is available at Mazama Lodge (Bunk Style)

Meals Also Available

More details go to <http://www.wyeastnordic.com/summertelemark.htm>





## WAC Nostalgia from Ira Rushwald



Seattle Mountain Rescue ("SMR") was officially organized in the spring of 1948 under sponsorship of the Washington Alpine Club, the Mountaineers, and the Northwest Region of the National Ski Patrol. An extensive training program was immediately begun.

The first full-scale mission for the new organization came in September, when Robert Thorson, a Bremerton Eagle Scout, the student body president at Bremerton High School, and the son of a prominent physician, was reported injured on the Brothers. SMR reached the accident site below the summit shortly after sunrise to find that Bob had died as a result of the fall. He is commemorated today by "Thorson Peak" located in the Pershing Massif across the valley from the Brothers.

## Guye Cabin



### Cabin Work Parties 2011

The Cabin is a great place to base for hikes, bike rides, and climbs in the Snoqualmie Peaks! Consider combining a trip outside with a day at a work party.

We'll again have a potluck cookout for lunch, bring stuff for burger or hotdogs and sides to share! We'll look for a couple of people to organize this each time. Do you see something you can help out with? We need some skilled folks to lead projects. We also need folks who can just help out, and learn some new skills.

Schedule for this year! Mark your calendars! All Saturdays!

June 18  
July 16  
August 13  
September  
October 16

Here is the list of stuff we are working on!

### Inside

- Fireplace room windows
- New outside door for the Ladies Dorm
- French Door for Fireplace room
- Bathroom upgrades (sinks)
- Various Electrical repairs
- Redo shower room

### Outside in the Yard

- Firewood detail
- Trail work
- Build Benches for outside
- Needed Donations (must be nice)
- Book cases ( any furniture carpenters out there?)
- Wood Chairs





# Membership



## Membership Chair Position for the WAC

Are you interested? This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time to the WAC from the comfort of your own home! The responsibilities include: processing renewals and new memberships, encouraging recruitment of new members and retention of current members, and maintaining close communication with the board and treasurer. Training for the position will include training sessions (that include dinner and wine) as well as continued support from the current chair as long as needed. Please let me know if you are interested --- [Kristin Kaupang](#)

## We need you for the WAC Board of Directors ?

Since we are a 100% volunteer organization, our Board is comprised of people just like you, who are willing to give a few hours a month, attend monthly Board meetings and other events, and work toward making sure our Club is happy and healthy.

What does it require? Just a positive attitude, ability to work as a team, and commitment to the future. (Never done anything like this before? Don't worry, we'll guide you through!)

We are looking for all Director positions including President, and Secretary. Positions officially begin in November.

### Board Member Responsibilities

- Attend board meetings each month
- Attend Annual Meeting on the 3rd Sunday in October
- Bring member concerns and items of interest to board meetings
- Participate in the decision making
- Train new Directors
- Seek programs to be presented at board meetings
- Understand club workings, history, constitution and Bylaws
- Arrange club activities
- Recruit and mentor new members
- Involve new members
- Have a good time
- Promote the Washington Alpine Club

Contact any Board member for more information

## 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.

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## WAC Summer Party

Our Annual Summer party will be Sat August 13. Come up to Guye Cabin and enjoy the magic of a summer day in the mountains. Hike or climb and then come by to hang beginning at 3 pm and then BBQ at 6 pm with your WAC friends. Huckberries and rhubarb will be ripe and ready to eat!

Live band too!

Got an instrument? Bring it up to play!.

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

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