

## WHITECHUCK RIDGE

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Several years ago we skied up to Cascade Pass in the North Cascade mountains on a beautiful day early in the season. New snow on the ground near the end of the road was nearly eight inches deep and draped off the bows of the trees in the forests that surrounded us. Waterfalls were highlighted by the new snow on the rocks that were now sparkling anchors for icicles and frost. Across the valley 1,500 foot high cliff walls rise to the sky; We imagined this would be the highlight of the trip but the second days destination surpassed even these views. Our destination for this day trip is Whitechuck Mountain. There is a route on the upper mountain that traverses a ridge with a view the likes of which is not duplicated anywhere in Washington. From the ridge top and within a twenty mile radius are five of the tallest mountains in the North Cascades.

Counted among these spectacles are White Chuck mountain, Monte Christo peak, Whitehorse, Pugh, Glacier and in the distance Mt. Baker. Each close enough to seem like you could reach out and touch them. For this trip pray for clear weather and do not forget your camera. Provided: Transit, maps, lunch. Date Saturday 12/9 Donation premium for "Day Tripper" level donation (\$34+)

# **SNOWSHOE DAY TRIPS**

About 25 years ago the Sherpa Snowshoe Company started incorporating hi-tech materials into the design of their snowshoes, making them lighter, smaller, and less awkward to use. Sherpa designers integrated a hinged and clawed binding that provides both durability and traction. In the last dozen years several companies have followed Sherpa into the snowshoe business including Feather, Atlas, and MSR. Now there are even snowshoes made specifically for running races and playing snowshoe softball, as well as walking and hiking on snow. Come with us for a day on the snow to try this popular sport of hiking on snowshoes. Trail options vary from easy road grades to winding paths. No specific skills are needed but everyone should be capable of spending the day on the trail. Remember to bring a day pack with water and a lunch. Previous experience on snowshoes is not needed. A guide/instructor will spend time with the group in the morning so that everyone has the opportunity to get properly laced into their shoes and started down the path with proper techniques. Party members will then be released to travel either at their own pace or stick together as a group. Provided: transit, maps. Dates: Sat.1/6, Sat.2/3, Sun.3/18 Donation premium for "Day Tripper" level donation (\$34+)



### SHERMAN PASS SKI TRIP

The summit of Sherman Pass is a lofty 5,587' which should offer some wonderful snow for our winter sport. In fact the first settlers in the area were John Welty and his brother G.M. Welty who spent the winter of 1895-96 there. G.M. described the winter as follows "It was bitter cold, in fact we were nearly frozen to death. Those of us who were here at that time had a rough experience". This was of course before the arrival of down sleeping bags, fuzzy pile clothing, and buildings of any kind. Sleeping out under the stars with just a wool blanket must have been quite an experience at 20 below. We will stay in the town of Republic as the guest of the guy that grooms all the snowparks in this area. Some of the possibilities in the area include: the high, rolling hills known as the Okanagan Highlands. Here is a delightful 30-kilometer trail system, accessible via the Highlands Snowpark. The trails are groomed with a snowmobile so classic skiing usually is the best bet, although all the trails are groomed wide enough for skating. The area is not flat, but the climbs are not hard since the trails are on forest roads. The Boulder Pass area between Curlew and Orient features groomed cross country trails, and can be accessed from the Boulder Pass Interpretive Center. Then Kettle Crest (Trail No. 13 north) runs from the top of Sherman Pass on Highway 20 to the Boulder Deer Creek Summit. The trail offers breathtaking views into the Curlew, Kettle and Columbia drainage. Provided: transit, lodging, maps. Dates 1/8-1/11 Donation premium for "Adventurer level" x3 (\$255+)

### SCOTTISH LAKES HIGH CAMP

This is a quick trip into the high mountains of eastern Washington for an escape from the holiday season rush for some eastern Washington blue sky and powder snow. For those who have not been to this area before the snow is typically dryer and lighter than the west side of the Cascades. The views include the spectacular 7,000 and 8,000' peaks of the North Central Cascades. At the end of the day you can relax in the lodge by the wood stove or in a wood fired hot tub, then its off to enjoy a soft warm bed in one of the wood heated cabins neatly tucked away in the forests of McCue Ridge. We will stay in nicely appointed cabins at 5,000' just east of the Alpine Lakes area, near Loch Eileen, Lake Julius, and Lake Ethel. More than 25 mi. of marked trails traverse the basin here. There are also excellent routes for snowshoeing up the vista ridge above the cabin village. The views are of 7,000'+ peaks devoid of all but a few clusters of larches. The contours on the ridge are broad and gentle, an unusual profile for a high altitude location, somewhat reminiscent of the buttes of Arizona. Measuring several miles long and perhaps a mile wide and sloping east, the area provides five star picturesque photography and allure for the backcountry telemark skier. The \$25 gear/\$35 gear & person transportation fee has not been included. Provided: transit, lodging, breakfast & dinner. Dates 1/15-16 Donation premium for "Adventurer level" (\$85+)

### **CRYSTAL LAKES AT TRIP**

The Crystal Lakes basin encompasses ski terrain of every type and description, from the twitchie steep chute to the gently rolling lake shore. The extreme end of things includes high altitude ridge top bowls with the possibility of vertical drop-in entries, to long narrow rock-lined and tree lined chutes with names like Excess, and Pencil Thin. The lower basin (where we will spend most of our time) is mostly tree gladed slopes from 20 to 30 degrees in grade and lots of variety. The basin itself is exceptionally scenic for something so close to a ski area. In the morning we will meet in the Crystal Mountain brown bag room. The first part of the day will be in area evaluating snow conditions, evaluating the terrain and how to pick the best exposures. In the afternoon we will pick off some good ski lines into the backcountry where we will need our climbing skins to get around. The entire day will be spent doing a lot of skiing, and in between runs, practicing with skins, avi. search beacons and probes, digging "rutschblock" pits and evaluating terrain for stability, skiability, best ascension routes and other essentials. Provided: lift ticket, transit, maps. Date Saturday 1/20 Donation premium for "Adventurer level" (\$85)

#### WIND RIVER CABIN

The Trapper Creek Wilderness is our playground while staying at the Government Mineral Springs Guard Station. The lower elevations typify an old-growth Douglas Fir forest while the higher elevations are characteristic of a second growth Douglas -Fir forest. Sparkling cascading streams and waterfalls are plentiful throughout the steep slopes at the lower elevations, while huckleberry fields occur in the higher elevations near Observation Peak. A small lake in the southern portion of the Wilderness adds to the diversity of habitats. Spotted owls inhabit the Wilderness as well as barred owls, pileated woodpeckers and goshawks. Animals commonly seen in the area include blacktail deer, roosevelt elk, and black bear. Cougar, bobcat, and pine marten can be seen occasionally. The cabin is within a stone's throw of the Wilderness and easy driving distance from no less than seven snow park areas. Located off the beaten track, the ski trails of the Upper Wind River are a great alternative to over crowded trails on Mount Hood. The trails, which follow both unplowed roads and designated ski trails, pass through forests and clear cuts that provide occasional views of Mt Adams, Mt Rainier, and Mount St. Helens. Among the most popular trails are those starting at Old Man Pass, which is the site of the first snowpark in the area that is not shared with snowmobilers. Provided: transit, lodging. Dates 1/26-1/29 Donation premium for "Adventurer level" x2 (\$170+)

## SKYLINE RIDGE ALPINE TOUR TRIP

This is a day of alpine touring and telemarking on a beautiful ridge across from the Stevens Pass ski area. This is the same ridge that you look at as you approach the ski area from the west, but what looks formidable from the south face is quite different on the north face. The north aspect of this ridge drops at a moderate grade with open gladed slopes all the way down to the highway again on the east approach to the Pass. This gains us several hundred feet of additional downhill to this backcountry run. The approach, believe it or not is mostly road grade which starts immediately across from Stevens. This makes an ideal ski loop with an elementary approach and easy access to high altitude snow slopes. Bring all your gear for this one since we will be in the backcountry all day. This means of course ski skins for the climb. Check the adhesive before you come to be sure it is still in good shape. To complete the kit bring your shovel and avalanche transceiver and probe, and a sit pad for a beautiful mountain top view lunch. The first part of the day will be spent evaluating snow conditions, and observing terrain and how to pick the best exposures. In the afternoon we will pick off some good ski lines through the trees using our ski skins to get around. The entire day will be spent doing a lot of skiing, and in between runs, practicing with skins, avi. search beacons and probes, digging "rutschblock" pits and evaluating terrain for stability, skiability, best ascension routes and other essentials. Provided: transit, maps. Date Saturday 2/24 Donation premium for "Day Tripper" level (\$34+)

Winter Vacation Trips 2007: (some trips are run in cooperation with our sister company Outing Services)

San Juan Isl Geology Hike11/18

Whitechuck Ridge Ski 12/9

Snowshoe Day trip 1/6

Sherman Pass Ski 1/8-11

Scottish Lakes Huts ski & snowshoe 1/15-16

Crystal Lakes Alpine Touring & Tele 1/20

Trap Family Lodge Nordic ski 1/20-25

Wind River Cabin ski 1/26-29

Wendy Thompson Hut Tele & Snowshoe 2/2-2/5

Snowshoe Day trip 2/3

Holden Village-Chelan Ski & Snowshoe2/8-12

Pres.Day at Silver Star 2/18-20

Yellowstone in Winter 2/23-3/2 Skyline Ridge Tele. & Snsh.2/24 Mt. Washington 3/3-6 Snowshoe Day trip 3/18 Finland & Iceland 3/20-4/3

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