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Snoqualmie Loppet



Snoqualmie Loppet Group Photo

Sunday March 9 - 9 am Mass Start

Seventh Annual! From Hyak to Cabin Creek -

If the snow and grooming cooperates-

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! I have a couple of T-shirt available for \$20.

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 45 participants.

1. Hyak 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 to the Stampede Pass Road
4. Turn left on the Stampede Pass Road for a few hundred yards and then enter the Trollhagen trail system
5. Ski one loop - your choice but go past their Cabin, then return to the Stampede Pass Road

WAC Information

Calendar

FEBRUARY	
February 8	Ski Patrol Race
February 22	Hog Loppet Ski Tour
February 23	WAC Fun Day
MARCH	
March 1	Climbing Class Instructors Training
March 9	Snoqualmie Loppet
March 15	Scouts First Aid
March 28	Wilderness First Responder Class
APRIL	
April 19	Olympic Beach Cleanup
AUGUST	
August 1-3	Snoqualmie Pass Trail Runs

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You can check these things on the Washington Alpine Club website: 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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PO Box 352
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Or email Dave Mitchell at:
dtmitch@mindspring.com

New Email Address?

To update your email address log on to
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 **Subscribe:** 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.

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President's Corner

February 2014 by Mike Mahanay

I have to be honest - it is a sad snow year. Last year we recorded a base of over 70 inches, and this year in the WAC basin it is only about 40 inches. Coverage is indeed skimpy. Although we got snow this week, the long range weather is forecast to be a bit warm, and a little on the dry side. Hopefully the skiing will hang on into March. People are spending time outdoors but the spring mindset is taking over. The good news is that it should be an early hiking season.

Have you renewed your membership for 2014? Please do so today. Our awesome Treasurer Dave Wilson says there are over 100 people who have not renewed as of Feb. 1! Are you one? The renewal period is really October thru December. Membership is based on the calendar year. 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 online via the WAC website 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.

Both the Backcountry Class and the Climbing Class are getting ready to start. Susan Ashlock, Alex Ford, & Denny Trimble's Backcountry Class will be at the Cabin February 01/02 and 07/08. The Climbing Class instructors will be up on March 01. 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!

Depending on the snow - The famous Hog Loppet Ski Tour from Mission Ridge to Blewett Pass is Feb 22. March 9 is the seventh annual Snoqualmie Loppet Ski Tour. Both of these tours are about 35K with some hills. Contact me for more info.

Always guaranteed fun and smiles, the WAC Fun Day will be Sunday February 23 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. 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 Michael & Magda Balise, Archie Brenden, and Ralph Preston 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!



New parking procedures in place this winter. Park in the lot to the north of the Cabin. Details on page 6.

The Cabin is open from Friday evening until about 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon.

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 getting even better now. 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 (continued from pg 1)



6. Exit Troll Hagen and ski toward I-90 until you connect with the Stampede Pass Road

7. Walk the road, crossing I-90, and into the DOT yard (I'll have this marked with tape the day before)

8. Bear slightly to the right and in a couple 100 feet join the Cabin Creek Trail System

9. 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 lot you need a SnoPark Permit.

It is recommended that you start promptly at 9 am for the best snow conditions.

We will arrange car shuttles to Cabin Creek. Meet at Hyak 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.

Most importantly we are out to have fun and meet other skiers!



Ski Patrol Race

February 8, 2014

From Summit West to Meany Lodge following the old route. The WAC is the current trophy holder. If you are fast and competitive you'll want to participate in the backcountry ski race. We'll also do a tour to place the route on the day before.



Hog Loppet Ski Tour

February 22, 2014

The Hog Loppet is a non-competitive 30k Ski Trek from the top of Mission Ridge Ski Area to Blewett Pass.

A shuttle bus service provided. This is recommended for intermediate skiers and above due to the length and some steep terrain and ungroomed conditions. Here is an article that tells more about this annual event:

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

Classes



WAC fun day February 23, 2014

Thanks to Eli the winter games of the WAC have been reinvented! We have snowshoe and ski races on the WAC Trail System for athletes of all ages and abilities. Snacks and prizes. Fun for all kids and adults.



Backcountry Travel Class



This three-week course covers avalanche education, safe winter travel techniques, and winter camping. The format is three evening lectures in town, and three weekends in the mountains.

No prior avalanche education is needed to take this course. While the avalanche education curriculum is similar to an AIARE level 1 course, the WAC is not affiliated with AIARE and we offer no certifications to students. This course is a good refresher if you have already taken a level 1 course, and should allow a skilled student to take a level 2 course in the future.

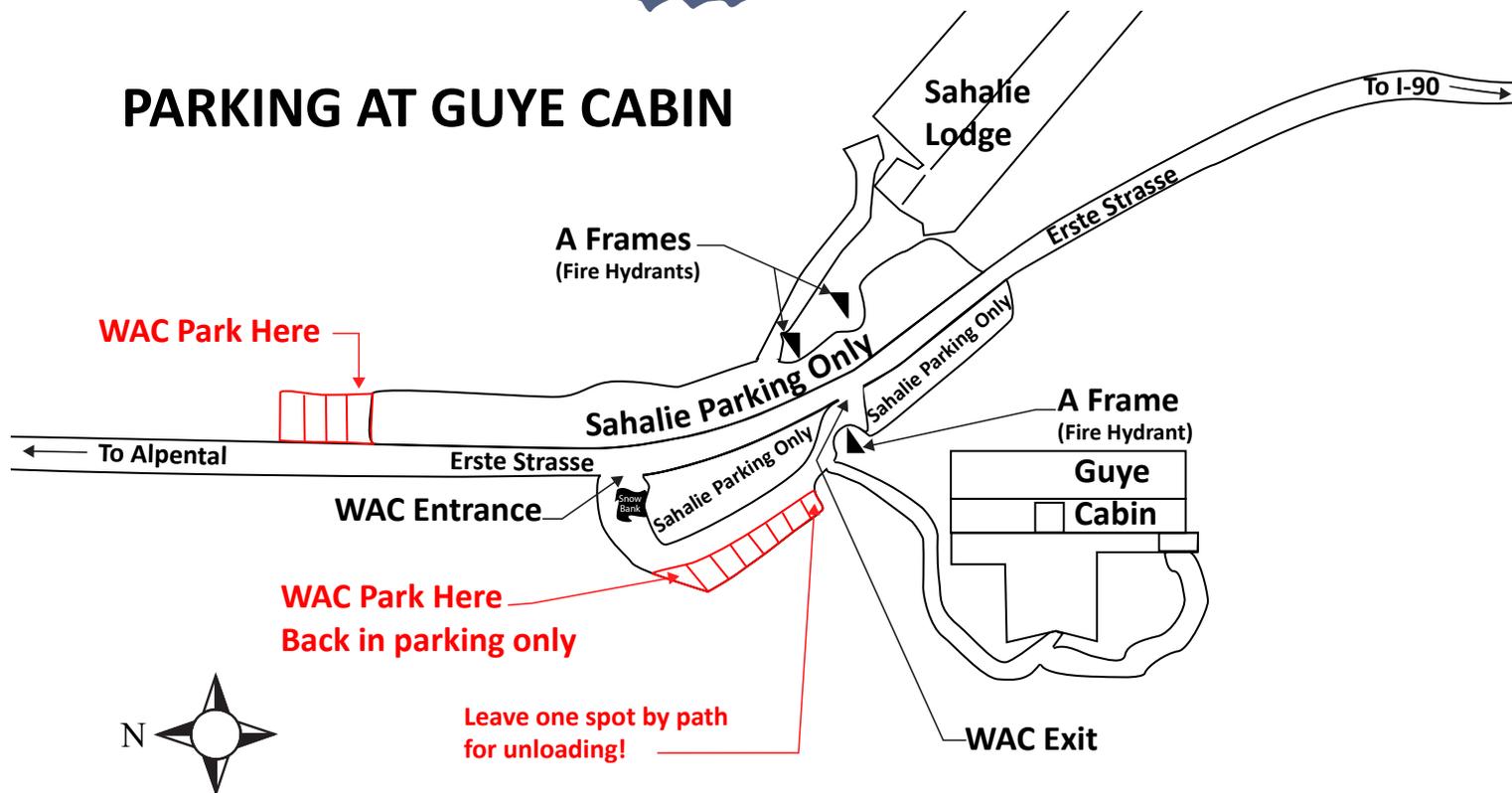
Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Applications are due now!

For more information:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wacbcclss/>



PARKING AT GUYE CABIN



Please note there will be new parking procedures in place this winter. We will only park in our new lot to the north of the Cabin. The trail will go in from there.

<http://www.wacweb.org/About/renew.view>

Thanks to an army of people that helped out over the summer, Guye Cabin is ready for anything this winter! Dale Ott, Archie Brenden, Jiri and Magdalena, Chris Martin, and a whole bunch (90) of others worked hard over the summer helping in a plethora of ways. We also have split and stacked a winter's worth of firewood, and did extensive trail and grounds work. The trails are improved. Some new trees were planted. We have a new range hood, new fridge, and new benches outside.

Guye Cabin Recycling

The WAC is green & The Cabin follows the same recycling program as the city of Seattle. There are three bins to sort garbage, recycling, and compostable items. Note - we need to take them home when you leave and put them in your home bins. Thanks!

Special recognition also goes to Phil Harvey, Dennis Saunders, and Ralph Preston for their ongoing commitment to our Club and the Cabin.

Paper coffee cups and their lids are both recyclable (not just the cardboard sleeve) after being poured out. Seattle is one of the few areas in the country where both are able to be recycled. Plastic cups and bottles for drinking were a common occurrence in our garbage. Please recycle these! Empty plastic food trays from microwave meals and to-go clamshell containers can be quickly rinsed and then recycled. Plastic 'to go' boxes can be rinsed and recycled.

Thanks to each and every of you who helped! The Cabin is better than ever and ready for coming Winter Season! We really appreciate everyone's participation.

Paper/cardboard 'to go' boxes, napkins, all food waste, vegetables, coffee grounds, etc. should be composted.

When you renew please purchase the Annual Cabin Fee option. You won't every have to worry about writing a check when your visit the Cabin, and most importantly you'll be helping support the kind of work and upgrades we do each summer. You can renew and pay the annual Cabin fee online!

Membership

It's time to renew your membership! Support the WAC and renew your membership for 2014 now!

Fall is the time to renew your membership in the WAC for another year. These rainy days and long nights make it is super easy to do! Just look yourself up in the members section (climbing/ climb on is the user name/password) to see when your membership expires.

We recommend you just renew online via Paypal.

Just go to this link, and scroll down to the renewal section:

<http://www.wacweb.org/About/join.view>

Please consider adding an additional gift to your membership renewal check. Your contribution will help us with scholarships and Cabin expenses. Thanks for supporting your club!

You can also pay by check - Please send your check today made out to "WAC", to:

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We hope that you continue to support the Washington Alpine Club and take advantage of all the opportunities that membership offers.

RENEW ONLINE >>

Annual Dues (renewals)	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2014	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2015	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	\$85.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	\$115.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	\$135.00	\$55.00	\$80.00

Annual Cabin Fee:

Instead of paying nightly (\$15) to stay at the Guye Cabin, you can pay the annual cabin dues which are effective Jan 1 to Dec 31. You can add the annual cabin dues to online renewal or check, with a note indicating that you are including cabin dues and which WAC adult members are included (if paying dues for a family with 2 or 3 adult WAC members).

Individual Member	\$80.00
Immediate Family of two WAC Members	\$130.00
Immediate Family of three or more WAC Members	\$150.00

Get your WAC tee shirt!

They are cut very nicely and come in WAC green, Sunset orange, Snow Lake blue or Snoqualmie Pass granite grey.

You can pick them up at WAC events, downtown at lunch, in West Seattle, Pat O'Brien's, or at the Annual Meeting.

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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. And 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/groups/6180692402

The Painter

With each stroke of the brush,
At each glance,
A new horizon
Is within my sight.

As the light from a clear sky,
Pierces the stream,
Then rises like a diamond,
And floats from my view,
I am captured
Upon the surface of the water.

As the canvas
Becomes more complete,
As more power,
More knowledge,
More understanding,
Continues to colour my world,
The painter shows a genius,
I can no longer ignore.
In these valleys and glens,

Beside rivers and streams,
Below snow capped mountains,
Where eagles caress the air,
I have walked with the wise man,
The master of serene beauty,
The musician of my soul,
The light
Upon the canvas
Of life.

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