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The Rocky Mountaineers is a non-profit club organized to promote all types of recreational use of mountainous areas.



January 11th, Wednesday: Rattlesnake Wilderness

Ben Irely, USFS Backcountry Ranger in the Rattlesnake will show some slides and talk about hiking and other recreation in the Rattlesnake. This will be in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Rattlesnake Wilderness.

The Rattlesnake Wilderness and National Recreation Area (RWNRA) is approximately 60,000 acres in size and ranges from heavily used near the main trailhead on the south side to some rarely visited areas in the north. McLeod Peak is the high point at 8620 feet and is a very long day hike from the main trailhead, or it can be reached from the west for a much shorter day. Stuart Peak, prominent from Missoula, is a popular destination and makes a nice day trip, with great views.

The Club meeting and Rattlesnake presentation is on Wed., Jan. 11th, at Pipestone Mountaineering, 129 W. Front Street, and starts at 7:00 PM.

From the President: Hello members and friends, I hope you all had a good holiday season. I sure did, so much so that I couldn't think of much to write about this issue. Several of my friends have been getting out and enjoying the snow, and you should too. Join us for one of the trips in the newsletter.

One thing I am planning to do soon is form a nominating committee. This May I will have finished my second year as President, and I'd like to follow the rule and let the committee find a good candidate to run the club next year. All of the other positions are open too, although we have a couple of people willing to stay on. You may get a call, and please be willing to help the club grow.

Thank you, Steve Schombel

Upcoming Trips

January 13-15, Fri-Sun: Apikuni Mtn, Glacier Park- This trip was originally scheduled for the weekend prior to this. It could be anywhere from 12 to 27 miles round-trip, depending on road conditions. Bikes may be used from the Park boundary to the Many Glacier Entrance. We will leave the Many Glacier Entrance Station on skis and take the Cutoff Trail, to Redgap Pass Trail, past Swiftcurrent Ridge Lk., and then up the east ridge. An ice axe, crampons, and a warm sleeping bag are required. Call if you are interested. Steve Niday 721-3790.

January 15, Sunday: Lolo Pass- Classic Series ski trip to Lolo Pass. The plan is to ski the Pack Creek Road down to the Crooked Fork on US 12. We will have at least two vehicles to shuttle people back and forth. It is about eight miles but a gentler downgrade than the Lee Creek trail. There are usually wide snowmobile tracks to follow, plus there is almost no uphill. People who want to ski the groomed trails or ski part of the way and turn around are welcome to come along. Call Steve Schombel at 721-4686 for more information.

January 21, Saturday: Kids Sled & Snow Day If there is enough snow we will go to Blue Mountain, otherwise it will be at Lolo Pass. Either way, there will be picnic-like goodies, and some of us will go to Lolo Hot Springs. Call Julie Kahl 543-6508 for more information.

January 21, Saturday: Lolo Peak- this will be a long day up Lantern Ridge, via the South Fork of Lolo Creek. Contact Bill Martin for the details, bill@williammartin.com or 406 829-1988.

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Mid-January, Waterton Ice Climbing: - Folks will roll into Waterton on the evening of Friday the 13th, climb on Sat., Sun. & Mon. and drive back either Mon. evening or Tue. the 17th. Bring your skis (there is good cross country and B/C skiing there, and you may need them for the approach to Lineham Falls). The Lodge has 3 rooms at \$114, \$134 and kitchenettes for \$144. Take a look at the lodge website to see what they have.

www.watertonlakeslodge.com It sounded to me like we could get 3-4 folks in a room and split the cost. Please let me know who is interested and we can try to put together room sharing & travel arrangements. So far, we have 3 gals, 2 guys (Hagler & myself) and Mr. & Mrs. Foster. Jim Cossitt, jhckal@yahoo.com

January 28, Saturday: Bobcat Cr.- This is a nice place between Lolo Hot Springs and the Lolo Pass. There is usually some good ski touring on the ungroomed roads. There is no fee to pay here, and if the snow isn't good we have the option to go higher up. Steve Schombel at 721-4686.

Trip Reports

December 3, Saturday: Lolo Pass- with over a foot of new snow, we had back country conditions on the standard trails. The Glade Creek trail had about 8 inches of new snow and the Pack Creek trail had about 14 inches. Our party broke trail most of the way. Participants were Steve Schombel, Charles Tree, Fred Schwanemann, Alden Wright, and Sally Wright. *Alden Wright*

December 10, Saturday: Chief Joseph Pass- Charles Tree, Steve Schombel, and Alden Wright went to the Chief Joseph Trails. We met Janice and Jill from Hamilton who decided to ski on the south side of the road on the Anderson Mountain trail. They reported that there are excellent places to telemark in that area. The three of us skied the groomed trails. *Alden Wright*

December 16, Fri: Rattlesnake- Full Moon ski A good group gathered on this warmer-than-predicted evening. It was overcast but the clouds were thin, so occasionally there was enough light

Trip Reports Continued

to create moon shadows through the forest. We went up the Wallman cutoff, back to the main trail, then on up to the 3-mile sign. Participating were Steve, Fred, Charles, Dana, Chris, Catherine and John. It was great to see John home safe and out enjoying the mountains again. *Steve Schombel*

December 17, Saturday: Ch-paa-qn, Sleeping Woman, AKA Squaw Peak- A group of hardy adventurers willing to brave frigid temperatures and the unknown, set out on a ski trip of epic proportions. Well, not really, but 7 people and a dog did set out to have some fun on skis. It was a gorgeous day, cold but no wind other than on the summit ridge. Three of us made it to the top, including Lynda Dale and William "Bill" Martin. The other adventurers were Tandra Schmid, Jason Mogseth, Forest Dean, Rose Mary ?, and her dog Stella. We took the Edith Peak Road and parked at 4570', from there to the trailhead on the Reservation Divide is 5.6 miles. From the trailhead to the summit is 1800' over 3.0 miles. We met in Missoula at 7:00 AM and got home around 7:00 PM, headlights were very helpful for some. *Steve Niday*

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Glacier National Park- 9000' Peaks- UTM- NAD27

Rank	Mountain	Elev.-feet	UTM Zone	North-meter	East-meter
1	Mt. Cleveland	10,466	12	5422794	291438
2	Mt. Stimson	10,142	12	5376526	307289
3	Kintla Peak	10,101	11	5424857	707196
4	Mt. Jackson	10,052	12	5386415	299400
5	Mt. Siyeh	10,014	12	5400459	305195
6	Mt. Merritt	10,004	12	5416559	295732
7	Kaiser Point	9,996	12	5423557	292537
8	Kinnerly Peak	9,944	11	5426243	707577
9	Rainbow Peak	9,891	11	5417814	712885
10	Mt. Carter	9,843	11	5419349	714267
11	Long Knife Peak	9,784	11	5430786	704034
12	Going-To-The-Sun Mountain	9,642	12	5396173	306023
13	Vulture Peak	9,638	11	5413423	718450
14	Blackfoot Mountain	9,574	12	5384191	303267
15	Ipasha Peak	9,572	12	5414480	295633
16	Mt. Gould	9,553	12	5402184	300465
17	Little Chief Mountain	9,541	12	5390949	308882
18	Rising Wolf Mountain	9,513	12	5374045	321588
19	Mt. Phillips	9,494	12	5372237	313445
20	Kaina Mountain	9,489	12	5425894	295187
21	Natoas Peak	9,476	12	5417009	297462
22	Peak 9448	9,448	12	5417426	296762
24	Peak 9430 East	9,430	11	5422683	705129
23	Peak 9430 West	9,430	11	5423315	703560
25	Chapman Peak	9,406	11	5427371	717908
26	South Vulture Peak	9,390	11	5411646	718013
27	Red Mountain	9,377	12	5378434	321096
29	Allen Mountain	9,376	12	5403728	304758
28	Mt. Saint Nicholas	9,376	12	5362729	311248
30	Mt. James	9,375	12	5383984	316274
31	Matahpi Peak	9,365	12	5397968	305914
32	Stoney Indian Peak	9,350	12	5419853	290580
33	The Guardhouse	9,336	11	5422173	718636
34	Mt. Wilbur	9,321	12	5409253	298924
35	Mt. Pinchot	9,310	12	5374405	308335
36	Mt. Rockwell	9,272	12	5368257	318802
37	Gable Mountain	9,262	12	5420228	304126
38	Gunsight Mountain	9,258	12	5388110	296049
39	Mt. Logan	9,239	12	5386202	305290
40	Flinsch Peak	9,225	12	5374418	317885
41	Piegian Mountain	9,220	12	5398519	302231
42	Mt. Peabody	9,216	11	5423387	709496
43	Pollock Mountain	9,190	12	5399229	301262
44	Rain Shadow Peak	9,167	12	5424742	292736
45	Peak 9162	9,162	12	5420648	304845
46	Iceberg Peak	9,146	12	5410281	297453
47	Eaglehead Mountain	9,140	12	5371977	307506
48	Porcupine Ridge	9,128	12	5422647	281531
49	Bishops Cap	9,127	12	5400183	300788
51	Peak 9125	9,125	11	5424111	717970
50	Reynolds Mountain	9,125	12	5394311	299535
52	Peak 9100	9,100	12	5415645	295528
53	Chief Mountain	9,080	12	5423041	308927
54	Edwards Mountain	9,072	12	5389034	294650
55	Apikuni Mountain	9,068	12	5412424	305292
56	Grizzly Mountain	9,067	12	5365377	322355
57	Cathedral Peak	9,041	12	5416648	289893
58	Parke Peak	9,038	11	5424846	702191
59	Citadel Mountain	9,030	12	5389714	304474
60	Peak 9010	9,010	12	5374749	310205
61	Numa Peak	9,003	11	5420392	708106

Thanks to Forest Dean for this list of peaks 9000 feet and higher in Glacier National Park. This table can be provided in various formats and datums to allow import into topographic mapping software or GPS receivers. I will see if we can post the spreadsheets for Glacier Park and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness on our website.

NAD27 is the datum used on USGS 7.5 minute topographical maps. Universal Transverse Mercator is a map projection with 1000 meter grid marks noted on those maps along the edges.

Steve Niday

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if Participant is Under 18
Years of Age .

Signature/Date

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