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MT. BAKER

WASHINGTON | MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NAT'L FOREST | 10,781'



Mt. Baker in the winter (Porter McMichael)

CLIMB MT. BAKER WITH IMG

Mt. Baker is an iconic stratovolcano towering at over 10,000ft. Mt Baker is the northern most of the volcanoes in the cascades and is home to ten named glaciers. This climb is an excellent option for anyone looking to take their first step into mountaineering and learn skills along the way. It is also a great option for more experienced climbers looking to experience the less travelled Mt Baker.

The Easton Glacier Route on Mt Baker begins at the Schreiber's Meadow Trailhead. From here, climbers ascend through dense PNW evergreen forests, through wildflowers and wild blueberry bushes, and up a stunning glacial moraine. From camp at the toe of the Easton Glacier, the route wanders up the glacier, past Sherman Peak and the summit crater, up the steep Roman Wall, and to the summit.

The Coleman-Deming Glacier Route is a great introductory climb for those looking to gain more mountaineering experience or for experienced climbers looking to climb a less-traveled route.

PREREQUISITES & TRAINING

The Easton Glacier Route and Coleman-Deming Route are novice routes and are well suited to beginners with no previous mountaineering experience. The programs will include training sessions covering ice axe arrest, cramponing, and rope travel.

DATES/PRICE

View on our website

GROUP SIZE

Max: 9 climbers + guides Guide Ratio 3:1

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REGISTER

Click here to get started. \$500 non-refundable registration fee is due upon registration and applies to total Selected Program price. Remaining balance is due 120 days prior to Scheduled Arrival Date. All fees and payments are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

CONTACT US

(360) 569-2609 Ext. 1 Office@MountainGuides.com Prior experience hiking and backpacking is a plus and will allow you to focus on practicing your mountaineering skills.

While these programs is suited for novice climbers, Mt. Baker is still a strenuous climb. All participants must be in very good physical condition. For several months prior to the start of the climb, training should include many long, slow runs or hikes over hilly terrain, an hour or more in duration. Add additional weekend outings carrying a heavy pack (30-45 lbs.) up steep hills or stairs, ideally gaining 3,000 feet over 3 or more miles. Aim to move consistently at a moderate pace, with breaks approximately every hour.

THE EASTON GLACIER ROUTE ITINERARY

Itinerary is approximate and subject to change.

Day	Mt. Baker Easton Glacier Climb
Day 1	The team will meet their guides in Sedro-Woolley at 8am on Day 1 . Here, they will do a final gear check before entering the field. The team will depart for the Schreiber's Meadow trailhead where they will follow a trail through the forest, to a lush alpine meadow, and then cross onto a glacial moraine up to Sandy Camp. This stretch to high camp will take approximately 4 hours with heavy packs. Once in camp, the team will start on their lessons, eat an early dinner, and get off to bed.
Day 2	On Day 2 , the team will go through the skills required to climb the route. Skills will include cramponing, ice axe arrest, and rope travel. This day will wrap up with an early dinner and rest before an early wake up the following morning.
Day 3	The team will wake-up early on Day 3 to go for the summit of Mt. Baker. The Easton Glacier is a moderate climb that will include some crevasse navigation. It will be a full day to get back to camp after summiting. If there is time, the team will continue with their training lessons.

THE COLEMAN-DEMING ITINERARY

Itinerary is approximate and subject to change.

Day	Mt. Baker 3 Day Coleman-Deming Itinerary
Day 1	The team will meet their guides at the Glacier Ranger Station at 8am on Day 1 . Here, they will do a final gear check before entering the field. The team will depart for the Heliotrope Ridge trailhead where they will follow a trail through the forest, to a lush alpine meadow, and then cross onto a glacial moraine up to Hogsback where they will camp for the night. This stretch to high camp will take approximately 4-6 hours with heavy packs. Once in camp, the team will start on their lessons, eat an early dinner, and get off to bed.
Day 2	The team will wake-up early on Day 2 to go for the summit of Mt. Baker. The Coleman-Deming route is a moderate climb that will include some crevasse navigation and steep snow climbing on the Roman Wall. It will be a full day to get back to camp after summiting. If there is time, the team will continue with their training lessons before enjoying dinner together and watching the sunset.
Day 3	On Day 3 the team will hike out from Hogsback back to the trailhead. By spending the night after Day 2, climbers will be well-rested from a long summit day allowing the team to have a nice, relaxed hike to the trailhead.

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

Contact us for details and scheduling.

TRIP INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

Included

- IMG guides
- All training curriculum and instruction
- Dinners, breakfasts, and hot drinks during the climb
- Group equipment including tents, stoves, climbing ropes and hardware
- Climbing permits

Not Included

- Lodging and meals before and after the climb
- Lunches and snack food
- Transportation to and from Sedro-Woolley as well as the trailhead
- Personal clothing and climbing equipment found on the gear list
- Guide tips



Mt. Baker at sunset (Harry Hamlin)

INSURANCE

Due to our strict no refund policy, IMG strongly advises that you protect potential losses with appropriate insurance coverage. Travel Insurance is strongly suggested and should include coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delay, baggage loss, emergency medical expenses, emergency evacuation expense, etc. IMG provides no such insurance coverage. Visit the <u>Travel Insurance page</u> on our website for more information.

LODGING & TRAVEL

You are responsible for your own for lodging the night prior to the start of the climb. There are several hotels in the town of Sedro-Woolley and in nearby Burlington. While small, these towns have a variety of good restaurants and places to stay. Plan to return to Sedro-Woolley by 6pm on Day 3. Due to the variable nature of mountaineering, return time can vary significantly. If you are spending the night in Sedro-Woolley, don't forget to make a reservation for the last night of the program. We do not recommend attempting to fly out of Seattle the same day you get down from the climb.

GUIDE TIPS

A show of appreciation for a job well done is always appropriate. We think you'll agree that the guides go above and beyond the call of duty to make your program as safe, successful and enjoyable as possible. Our guides typically pool the tips and share them equally. Your contribution to the guides' tip pool can go directly to the lead guide on your program and will be appreciated by all of them! Cash or Venmo is preferred, please contact your guide directly for Venmo information. The amount of tip is at your discretion, but tips for excellent service normally average 10-15% of the cost of the program.

QUESTIONS?

Email or call at (360) 569-2609 Ext. 1

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