

Cascade Alpine Guide: Climbing and High Routes : Columbia River to Stevens Pass

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the serious hiker/climber only

By John These series of books cover a substantial volume of information about the Cascade mountain range that cannot be found anywhere else. I believe Fred Beckey is undisputedly one of the foremost experts on the Washington Cascades. This is a Mountaineers book, so if you are a member of the club and going on club climbs, this book (and the other books in the series) will be frequently referenced as the main guide book. The book provides detail on almost every peak, and almost every route. In many cases there are aerial photos of the range that point out the specific peaks, making it easy to locate smaller peaks that you may have never seen before. It also provides the first known ascent, navigation details and notes, and in many cases details about unmarked trails or roads. In some cases, these unmarked trails and roads are the only description of how to navigate. I wish there were more elevation references, distances, and even GPS coordinates provided for more effective navigation and trip planning. I recently went on a climb of South Early Winter Spire in the North Cascades, and couldn't find as much information about the route on the internet as I would have liked. This is what prompted me to order this book on, hoping it would spell out all the details. Unfortunately when I opened it I was disappointed that the entire climb is summed up in only a couple of paragraphs, and doesn't "begin" from the trail head. Since many peaks can be summited from the same trail head, I had to flip back and forth several pages to find out how to drive to the trail head and then how to get to the beginning of this climb. I had to reference other material for the trail head elevation and distances. Most "distances" in the book are only described in terms of the time it will take to travel the route, and that time (as another reviewer pointed out) is subjective on conditions and your own fitness level -- and Fred Beckey was clearly in great shape when he logged these numbers. While on this recent climb, another group of hikers and us got talking, and they joked that they were climbing the "Not Fred Beckey Route" of Liberty Bell. And yes, there is a Beckey Route up this peak! Overall, this book is a must have if you are a Cascade hiker or climber. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.

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The long-awaited revision of Fred Beckey's comprehensive and indispensable climbing guide is here at last. The first volume in the classic Cascade Alpine Guide series, Columbia River to Stevens Pass features expert information on more than 300 climbing and high routes, including Mount Rainier. Here you'll find geographical, historical, and geological overviews of the majestic North Cascades region, plus important tips on safety and backcountry usage and enough technical and grade information to make clear exactly what type of route you are embarking upon. The new, third edition is thoroughly revised and updated with new maps and photos, plus all the most recent resource materials. Without a doubt, this exhaustive resource should be a staple in every serious mountaineer's collection.

Nothing matches CAG's comprehensiveness. (Seattle Weekly) [Beckey's] encyclopedic, three-volume guidebook, Cascade Alpine Guide, is mandatory reading for anyone aspiring to [these] summits." (Backpacker) Climbers and scramblers should put this one on their Christmas list. It's the bible to Washington's south and central Cascades. (Cascadian Newsletter) These books are mind-boggling in their thoroughness and remarkable in their historical, geological, and geographical detail. Called by some the climber's bible, they are a must for any avid peak-bagger in the state. (Wenatchee World) Known simply as Beckey's bible, no list of Northwest outdoor books would be complete without Beckey's monumental guide to climb in Washington's Cascades. What's extraordinary is that most of the information was gleaned firsthand. (Washington Trails) "These books are mind-boggling in their thoroughness and remarkable in their historical, geological, and geographical detail. Called by some the climber's bible, they are a must for any avid peak-bagger in the state." -Wenatchee World

About the Author FRED BECKEY has achieved enduring recognition as the most imaginative, persistent, and thorough explorer and mountain investigator of the Cascade Range Wilderness. He was noted as "one of America's most colorful and eccentric mountaineers," and is unofficially recognized as the all-time world-record holder for the number of first ascents credited to one man. In addition to being the author of the Cascade Alpine Guide series (V1, V2, V3), Beckey is also the author of Mountains of North America, The Range of Glaciers: Exploration and Survey of the North Cascades, and a personal narrative, Challenge

of the North Cascades.