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Sat Aug 15 to Sun Aug 16, 2015

Leader: **William Wright**

Co-Leader: **Raelene Bliskis**

Our group of 6 gathered at our leaders house on Friday eve. We travelled to the trailhead with 3 vehicles. The drive to the trailhead was slowed due to the number of cross ditches we had to cross. Without too much difficulty we set up camp under evening showers. An early nights sleep was in order for the next days adventure.

Sunday morning wake up came at 5 am with a departure time of 6:20 am. After a quick pack up and early breakfast we departed for Queneesh. The hike up to frog pond went easily despite the steep elevation. With help of ropes we all made our down the rocky chute and again up, up, up, to lone tree pass where we gathered for a break. With wet feet from rain soaked brush we continued up to the south summit. Many tarns were noted and were a welcome source of cold water. Some of us filled our flasks before crossing the glacier that divides the south and north summit. Many of the group members who had been to the glacier previously noted how much the glacier had receded. Many large areas around the edge were in full melt with streams of glacier water spilling off the rocks on route to waterways below. For me it was significant to see where our drinking water originates.

On route to the north summit the glacier appeared to become thicker. Crevasses in the ice seemed to be very deep. In one section Linda was able to walk into a crevasse and she completely disappeared from site.

We arrived at the north summit at 12:30. We admired the views, ate lunch, and took several pictures. We departed at approximately 1:15 for the truck.

The hike down was relatively uneventful. We broke again at lone tree pass overlooking century sam lake. We arrived back at the truck at 6:40 pm. We approximated 11 hours of hiking time not including our breaks. With weary legs we headed back through the ditches towards the gate.

The six of us were well suited for this arduous hike. I think I speak for all of us when I say this was an epic day. :)

Thank you WW for allowing me the experience of co leading this trip. Getting your coffee and fixing your meals was valuable leadership experience.



At the top by 12:30
[Linda Hamilton photo]



*Mirren and Memory
Lakes*
[Linda Hamilton photo]



*A craves leading off
from the summit block
shows that the
snowpack is not very
deep*
[Linda Hamilton photo]



Early view of the glacier
[Ulrich Bock photo]



Melt pool on the glacier
[Ulrich Bock photo]



*Last year this crack was only 4"
wide*
[Ulrich Bock photo]



Strike a pose
[Raelene Bliskis photo]



From the north summitt
[Raelene Bliskis photo]

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