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Mt. Whitney Ascent via the Mountaineer's Route

Summer Ascent of the Highest Peak in the Lower 48 States
Eastern Sierra Nevada, Lone Pine, CA



General Description: This course offers a practical introduction to alpine climbing-- providing a guided climb of Mt. Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route (class 2-3) **Note: This is NOT the Mt. Whitney Trail.** An excellent way to explore and climb the highest mountain in the Sierra Nevada and the lower 48 states. A great climb for the beginning mountaineer or intermediate backpacker who wants to climb this peak in an adventurous way. Providing an uncrowded route, with fantastic views of the East Face of Mt. Whitney and many other peaks in the Sierra's. A classic alpine route involving rock scrambling, cross-country hiking, and a short bit of roped climbing. Anyone in very good to excellent physical condition with essential backpacking skills with a desire can accomplish it this challenge. We will teach you the techniques you need to know to safely ascent Mt. Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Location: Mt. Whitney, Eastern Sierra Nevada.

Itinerary: Meet at the SWS Mountain Guides Office in Lone Pine at 7:00 am, after a full pack check and issuing of gear for the climb. We will head off to the Whitney Portal Trailhead, a short 30-minute drive. Hiking into the backcountry and establish a base camp at 11,000 ft. As we hike, we will be instructing, holding informal lectures, and preparing you for the next day's climb. On the second day we will rise early for an alpine start, (4:00 am) and climb via the mountaineer's route on Mt. Whitney's northeast side, returning to our base camp by late in the afternoon. Day three we pack up and head down to the trailhead arriving at our vehicles by 1-2:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE - This is a best-case scenario. This itinerary is subject to change at the guide's discretion and is dependent on mountain conditions, group experience/expectations, and other factors we cannot anticipate.

Food: Group breakfast(s), dinner(s), and hot beverages included. Please bring your own favorite, high-calorie, high-carbohydrate lunches and snacks. Examples: bagels, cheese, dried fruit, trail mix, Clif bars, chocolate, etc.



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Level: Beginner to Intermediate. Participants should be in **very good to excellent** physical condition. No previous mountaineering experience is required, but experience in backpacking, rock climbing, or mountaineering is required. We **do not** recommend this climb as your first backpacking experience! Questions give us a call!

Dates 2019:

May 31- June 2

June 7-9

June 13-15

June 14-16

June 20-22

June 28- 30

July 2-4

4th of July

July 7-9

July 9-11

July 12-14

July 18-20

July 20-22

July 25-27

August 2-4

August 6-8

August 10-12

August 15-17

August 22-24

August 23-25

August 31-September 2

Labor Day Weekend

September 7-9

September 13-15

September 21-23

September 28-30

Additional Dates: Available with 3 or more - regular prices or by private arrangement

Cost: \$895.00 (Guide to client ratio is 1:3/4 Group size limited to 6-12. (depending on permit availability)

Deposit: 50% non-refundable deposit per person to reserve your space / Balance Due 30 day before trip departure.

Includes: Professional instruction/guide, breakfast(s), dinner(s), helmets, harness, group-climbing equipment including ropes and safety equipment, ice axes and crampons if needed, group camping equipment including tents, stoves, cooking pots, water filters, permits, and permit fees including Mt. Whitney permit reservations fees. For more details about equipment, please see our equipment list for this course.

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