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**11/18 LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN & MT. BAKER VISTA**

One of my favorite places to climb and hike is the North Cascades because of its beauty and raw mountain landscapes, but I have had only a few opportunities to tour ski here. One of my early trips was deep into the Nooksack cirque, at the headwaters of the Nooksack River to try and summit Icy Peak. We had to go in the early spring when the valley was snow covered. Otherwise the upper river valley was too overgrown with lush underbrush, slide alder, and evergreens to allow any access to the distant peaks. From the summit of Icy we were just a stone's throw away from Ruth Mountain, Nooksack Tower, and Mt. Shuksan, the second highest peak in the North Cascades. From our destination on this ski trip, if we can make it all the way to Baker Vista, we will have up close and personal vistas of the tallest mountain in the park. Mt. Baker rises to 10,781 feet above sea level a full 1,650' taller than Shuksan. Most visitors to this area who drive the Mt. Baker Highway don't realize that the big mountain they are looking at on the drive is Mt. Shuksan and not Baker. You must get into the high country before you can see this summit up close. Perhaps part of the reason that the North Cascades are so special is all of the precipitation that falls to feed the lush vegetation and carve the mountains. Mt. Baker after all holds the record for the most snowfall in a year anywhere on earth. That was 1,140" or 95 feet in 1999. Geologically speaking these mountains are actually part of the American Cordillera mountain chain which stretches more than 12,000 miles from the northern Alaska peninsula almost all the way to Panama. Perhaps the mightiest range in the world after the Alpine Himalaya chain. Our little corner of the Cordillera is the most dramatic, in part because of our record setting precipitation, and the glaciation and erosion caused by it. Provided: transit, maps. Date 11/18 Cost \$46



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