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8/29 RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN HIKE

I have always wanted to hike Rattlesnake Mountain, not the over popular Rattlesnake Ledge trail from Rattlesnake Lake but the west access. This trail is much less popular and provides better views of Mt. Si and the Snoqualmie and Carnation valleys. Originally this route to the summit was pioneered by early hikers by combining roads, cell phone access tracks, fire roads, and by building trails. In recent years the route has been re-engineered to eliminate most of the roads and to improve the views. The round trip to the summit is about 12 miles and about 2,000' gain but the first great view spots start just two and a half miles in and continue to open up along the way up. This first stop is called Stan's Overlook. North Bend just below was named because here the Snoqualmie River bends to the north. Originally the site of Smalley Blockhouse 1856, North Bend was settled in about 1865 on the north edge of Rattlesnake Prairie, a name mostly forgotten for this flat valley. The name comes from 1855 when a party of surveyors searching for a route across the Cascades. Camped here. One of the party was startled by a rattling in the weeds and reported that he heard a rattle snake, which on investigation proved to be simply the dry seed pods of a plant. Provided: transit, maps. Date 8/29 Cost \$51

*Summer 2020 Covid-19 Precautions: We will be limiting participation to 50% capacity on trips this summer. The transit van will be sterilized before and after each trip we do. The corona virus is mostly spread during prolonged indoor contact rarely in the outdoors, so travel distances will be limited to a maximum of 1:15 hr. Masks will be required on all participants, and hand washing before entering the vehicle. All personal gear will be kept in the back not in the seating area, and we will try to keep extraneous stops to a minimum. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available for those who need it. Please do not come if you feel sick in any way: dry cough, fatigue, nausea, loss of smell/taste, sore throat, headache, temperature, etc. A full refund will be provided for any who have symptoms or have had any recent contact with the virus.(Please see up



MAIL THE FORM BELOW WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP & DONATION
To: One World Outing Club; 14810 Linden Ave. N.; Shoreline, WA 98133
Annual Membership is \$20 (www.outingclub.org)

Name: _____ Trip Title: _____ Enclosed \$: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ H. _____ O.Sign _____

I the above signed understand that there are risks and hazards involved in active sports including the activities I will be participating in with One World Outing Club. I accept these risks as my responsibility and agree to release One World Outing Club, their representatives, guides, and associates from any liability for accidents or injuries which may occur during or traveling to and from said activities.

Current Covid-19 situations and trip logistics modifications to accommodate:

I originally anticipated that by the first of August we would have the Coronavirus largely contained in our area or at least on the tail end of the decline curve. This has not happened here as it has in much of Europe and Canada. It appears to be infecting younger people 20-40 as much as the older (more wary) generations this time around. Washington state Governor Insley is now stopping the reopening plan, recommending gatherings of no more than 10 people (down from 50), and advocating face masks be worn by everyone.

Because of the continuing risk I no longer think that it is a good idea to run our summer as hoped, in particular the car pooling part gathered together in the club van. For now we will try to keep the schedule we have but everyone will have to drive themselves separately. I will put the driving directions and rough trail map on the back of the trip sheets on the web for anyone who is interested in the destinations. On the Outing Club trips we do I will be requiring face masks whenever people are traveling or sitting together even outdoors. While normal breathing in close proximity for short periods may not infect others, even if you are asymptomatic positive, heavy breathing like when exerting yourself coughing or sneezing can infect others quite easily.

Please feel free to print out the directions and do these trips on your own schedule. This is encouraged as most of these destinations were picked specifically because they are often less traveled places, and perhaps even quieter on midweek days, they are also fairly close to home and pretty easy drives. Those who come with the club I would ask that you sign up as I will be limiting the participation numbers to conform with state recommendations (and will ask half price \$25/hike to help keep the Club running through this unusual time)

Rattlesnake Mountain
Logistics (WA state
Discover Pass required
\$11.50/day \$35/yr)
Driving Directions: This is
not the super popular
Rattlesnake Ledge trail
from Rattlesnake Lake but
the west end of this same
ridge. Turn off I-5 at the
top of the hill before
dropping into the North
Bend Valley (Exit 27) Turn
right at the end of the off
ramp onto Winery Rd. and
follow about ¼ mile and
just before the end take a
right into the Rattlesnake
Mountain Trail parking lot.

