

Scramblefest: Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness

6 days, mid/late Sept

This trip will be a 6 day loop with numerous summit opportunities along the way. Overall estimated length is ~ 50 miles and all scrambles are class 2/3. A helmet may be the only climb gear desirable, though most trip report pictures indicate others are not using them. Most of the travel will occur on trail except for the scrambles themselves. I have not been in the Sawtooth area previously, as prior attempts were weathered out. I have a preference to visit the area in the fall when the larches should be turning and to introduce others to Lake Chelan, Stehekin, and the Lady of the Lake ferry.

Chelan/Sawtooth loop trip: trailhead 3 – ½ hours from Seattle – *park car at Field's Point Landing on Lake Chelan, take ferry (\$) to Prince Creek, hike counter-clockwise loop via Prince Creek trail to Boiling Lake, Chelan Summit trail to Star Lake, Deephole Spring and Lake Juanita, Purple Pass trail to Stehekin on north end of Lake Chelan, ferry (\$) downlake back to Field's Point. Scramble peaks along route: Cooney Peak, Martin Peak, Mt Bigelow, Star Peak, Courtney Peak, Oval Peak. All are between 8300' and 8800' in elevation and among the top 100 Washington peaks. The Chelan/Sawtooth area is not as rugged as the North Cascades, but offers similar vistas; it's also drier and more open. Much of the area had been given over to sheep grazing back in the early part of the 20th century. I have a slight preference for this trip as I haven't visited the summits previously, and I'd also like folks to become aware of the various*

recreation and climbing opportunities in the Lake Chelan area. Please note there are financial outlays for the ferry trips. <http://ladyofthelake.com/>

Map link:

<https://mappingsupport.com/p/gmap4.php?ll=48.234835,-120.484744&z=12&t=t1>

Clicking the link opens the map in terrain view. To see the topo, you need to choose "t4" from the drop-down menu at top right and then enlarge.



panorama looking west

