

The Ascent of Mt. Olympus

Official Announcement of the Outing Committee. Plans for the First Annual Outing of The Mountaineers

THE club outing is intended as a co-operative one, arranged to give the greatest pleasure to its members that can be gained from a trip in the mountains, without the burden of cooking and packing supplies. In this the Outing Committee represents the individual members and expects their co-operation in making the outing as successful as possible at a minimum expense.

Written notice should at once be given the Secretary by all those intending to participate in the outing. This notice will not be considered binding but is desired to get some idea of the number who plan on taking the trip. As the number who can be accommodated will be limited, those who desire to go should see

that their names are in early. The first on the list will be given the preference.

This notice should be sent to Dr. Cora Smith Eaton. Secretary The Mountaineers, 482 Arcade Building, Seattle.

The first annual outing of The Mountaineers will be into the Olympics, by way of the Elwha river, to make the ascent of Mt. Olympus. The party will leave Seattle in two detachments, the first one on Wednesday, July 24th, and the second on Thursday, August 1st. Camp will be established at the head of the Elwha river, near the base of Mt. Olympus, and will be maintained during the outing. The outing is intended to last three weeks, but persons who wish to return to Seattle

within two weeks can do so by special arrangement with the Outing Committee.

Mount Olympus is situated in the northwestern part of the Olympic range, and is the highest point in the range, being 8,200 feet high. It is a great bulk of rock and ice, untimbered in its upper regions, and the heavy snows which prevail over this range form here a group of beautiful glaciers, remarkable for so low a peak. These glaciers appear to be moving rapidly and fall over great crags into the head of the Hoh river on the east and northeast, and into the Queets river on the southeast and south.

This mountain and the adjacent country is the least known of the Olympic range and probably of all mountain regions in the United States. Very few of the peaks have been climbed, even by the Forest Reserve parties. Many of these peaks are unnamed and their altitudes are unknown. The club expects to climb a number which are near the main camp. Mount Anderson, pronounced by many more beautiful than Olympus, can be reached easily in a day's trip.

There is no record of anyone having made the ascent of Mount Olympus. Mr. W. R. Delebarre, of Port Angeles, states regarding it:

"I have traced down every report I have heard of an ascent, and have assured myself that the peak is unclimbed."

Mr. Grant Hume, whose home is in Geyser valley on the Elwha river, attempted the ascent in 1906 with two companions, but was driven off the mountain by a storm. They reached a point on the ridge drained by the Elwha, Queets and Hoh rivers, and saw no impassable barriers between them and the summit, which appeared to be not much over a mile away. The summit was a well defined pinnacle, higher than the surrounding crags.

The Trail.

The party will be taken by stages from Port Angeles to the Elwha at McDonald, a distance of ten miles. At McDonald they will leave the road and "hit the trail" where the walking will begin. The trail for the most part follows the Elwha, starting at a point about 200 feet above sea level and gradually climbing until snow-line is reached at about 5,000 feet. The trail itself is in good condition and will cause no trouble to the average walker. Several days will be required to reach permanent camp, each day's walk not much exceeding ten miles. The way lies through a dense forest of fir, cedar, hemlock, alder and vine maple and should prove one of the attractions of the trip. At the higher altitudes the lowland trees give way to the Alaska cedar, mountain larch and the beautiful silver fir. Above these are the grasses and flowers of the upland meadows, in one of which our permanent camp will be located.

Fishing.

No other region in the United States can furnish better fishing than the Olympic peninsula. Dolly Varden and Rainbow trout are abundant. The Elwha river and its tributaries are swarming with trout, and most of the pools have never had a fly cast in them. A side trip can be made to Lake Crescent, eight miles from McDonald, where the famous Beardsley trout test the skill of the fisherman.

Hunting.

Hunting will not be allowed, as the game laws prohibit it during the time the party will be in the mountains. However, large bands of elk have been seen here by several persons, and pictures have been taken, showing 75 animals feeding in one park. It is probable that an opportunity will be had to see and photograph many of them during the outing. In addition to the elk there are

deer, harmless black bears, whistling marmots, blue grouse, ptarmigan and other wild creatures, which will add interest to the outing.

Personnel.

The outing is arranged for Mountaineers, in good standing, for members of their families over twelve years of age, and for their intimate invited friends.

Nature lovers and mountain climbers, not members of the club, recommended by two members, may apply to the committee for membership in the outing and, if accepted, will pay in addition to the regular deposit an enrollment fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

Invitation to join in the outing is extended to members of all recognized mountain clubs, recommended by their secretaries, who will be enrolled for the outing on the same basis as members of the Mountaineers.

Camping Trip.

It should be distinctly understood that this excursion is to be a camping trip, and when the party has left Port Angeles there will be no hotels where meals or beds can be obtained. However, it is the purpose of the Committee to lighten, as much as possible, the burdens ordinarily incident to camping and thus leave more time for the enjoyment of the mountains.

Any person possessed of ordinary health and strength, who is an average walker, can make this trip. However, invalids should not attempt it. Though the Committee will do all in its power to make every one comfortable, yet, of necessity, each one will be required to look out for himself. Before attempting this excursion each one should satisfy himself that he has the physical qualifications.

What the Club Provides.

The Committee will provide a general commissary outfit, including pro-

visions, stove and cooking utensils, general assembly tents, and enough tents to shelter the party in an emergency. It will also provide cooks and dishwashers, a pack-train and packers. It will transport from Seattle to the various camps and return all personal baggage properly enclosed in regulation dunnage bags, weight not to exceed fifty pounds per person.

It will also furnish transportation from Seattle to Port Angeles and return, and meals after the party leaves Port Angeles. Meals and bed on the boat or at Port Angeles will be at the member's expense but will not exceed \$2.50 for the round trip.

Transportation, Pack and Saddle Animals.

The Committee will exercise general supervision over all transportation of passengers and baggage. All baggage should be delivered at the dock at the time given in the final announcement, which will be sent to all who signify that they are going on the outing. Suit cases, left tagged with the owner's name will be cared for until the return of the party.

The Committee assumes no responsibility for saddle animals. The pack train and the accommodation of walkers is the sole consideration as far as they are concerned. The Committee has no objection to having members of the party procure saddle animals wherever they can, but the care of such animals must be provided for by those who procure them.

During the trip into the mountains, each day an early start will be made to get the pack-train through, and when on the march each person is to prepare his own baggage ready for the pack-train, and to deposit it at the point of departure of the pack-train, at the time arranged by the Committee.

On these tramps a lunch will be carried by each member of the party,

and no effort will be made to serve any meals except breakfast and dinner.

Rules and Regulations.

Those joining the outing are not required to climb mountains, and do not have to make the ascent of Mount Olympus, nor does the Committee guarantee that they will be permitted to do so unless they have proven capable. Ample opportunity will be given to "try out" on the many short trips taken before the main climb. The Committee plans to have each day, at least one, and on many days two trips to points of interest that can be reached in one day from the main camp. These will be under leaders appointed by the Committee.

(1) Wherever occasion requires, as in the case of climbing mountains, it is to be distinctly understood that whatever arrangements the Committee makes must be implicitly followed. The discipline will not be onerous, but it must be submitted to, and anyone joining the outing, by such act, gives his implied promise to abide by such reasonable regulations as the Committee adopts.

(2) No tips, gratuities or other considerations shall be paid by anyone participating in the outing to any employees.

(3) No personal baggage will be accepted for transportation on the pack-train, unless packed in dunnage bags of dimensions and shape as follows: Cylindrical canvas bags not to exceed, when packed, three feet in length and eighteen inches in diameter, plainly marked with the names and addresses of their owners. The address should be painted on the bag before starting. If the dunnage bag is white use black paint, if of brown use white. This will aid in finding bags quickly when making camp.

Weight of each individual's baggage when packed in bag not to ex-

ceed fifty pounds. Musical instruments need not be included in this, as the Committee desires to encourage members in taking them for campfire entertainment.

Personal Outfit.

Each member of the party must provide his own personal effects. Take only the things necessary for comfort, as it is annoying to care for a lot of useless articles.

Bedding: Two heavy double blankets, or their equivalent in comforters, with water-proof canvas or rubber poncho; or better still, a regular sleeping bag will be found sufficient.

One tramping suit of some good stout material such as denim, khaki or corduroy. Women should have one durable waist for tramping, and one to wear around camp. The skirt should be short, not much below the knee, and under it should be worn bloomers.

The underclothing should be such as one would wear in winter, and one change should be taken.

Foot-wear is a very important thing. One pair, at least, of stout, well fitting, easy wearing shoes, with soles one-half inch thick, to hold calks and well nailed with hob or Hungarian nails, are essential. These should be well oiled before the outing and some good water-proof oil taken along. It would be a distinct advantage to have these shoes broken in before the outing, for if one's feet are blistered by the first day's walking the whole pleasure of the outing may be spoiled. A lighter pair of shoes, such as tennis shoes, to wear around camp is also good.

Leggings are recommended unless high boots are worn, and women find them desirable to wear around camp with light shoes.

Several pairs of moderately heavy socks or stockings should be taken. Two pairs of medium weight socks will prevent chafing and blistering.

Chamois skin heel protectors, or adhesive plaster applied in strips, will also serve as a protection against chafing.

Any sort of light, broad-brimmed hat can be worn. A fine mesh mosquito head net is needed as there may be mosquitoes in the lower valleys.

Colored glasses will be essential. Women should also carry heavy veils to protect the face from burning when on the snow. Grease paint should also be taken as a protection from snow-burn.

It is recommended that each member of the party take a small haversack to carry the lunch on daily trips. In all rock climbing there is danger of a knapsack swinging from side to side and interfering with one's movement. Therefore the haversack, fitted as a pack on the back, is much the safer.

Each member should also have a good serviceable alpine stock, fitted with a steel point, and should have a full set of screw calks that can be set easily, when necessary for ice work.

Tents are essential, but will seldom be used to sleep in. The Committee will have several at the main camp, but wherever possible the members should arrange to have tents of their own. If three or four could arrange to occupy a tent it would lessen the expense to each one and easily keep their baggage within the limit.

The packing of the above outfit is an important point, and reference is made to section 3 under Rules and Regulations regarding the size and dimensions of the bag required. The weight and size limit given there will have to be rigidly enforced. If the bags are over weight or over size they will have to be left at Port Angeles.

It will add greatly to the enjoyment of the trip if those who possess musical instruments would take

them along, and the Committee will do all it can to aid members in this matter. The evening camp-fire will be one of the attractions of the trip. A special program committee will be in charge each evening.

Expense.

The expense of the outing will be forty dollars (\$40.00), and this amount will entitle one to participate in its privileges for three weeks, and it will, without doubt, cover all expense, so that no further assessment will have to be levied. Those wishing to return to Seattle within two weeks can do so by making a special arrangement with the Committee.

Since the provisions and outfit must be purchased for cash, and will have to be forwarded several weeks in advance, it will be necessary for each person, who desires to make the trip, to send to the Secretary of The Mountaineers a deposit of twenty dollars, to cover this expense. **THIS MUST BE DONE NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1ST.**

Since the provisions for a definite number will have been purchased weeks in advance and packed into the mountains, the deposits made by people who find themselves unable to join the outing cannot be refunded. However, their places could be filled by some one acceptable to the Committee.

Send money by check or money-order, payable to "The Mountaineers," and mail it to the Secretary, Dr. Cora Smith Eaton, 482 Arcade Building, Seattle.

Mail.

Mail will be brought to the main camp and sent out once or twice a week. All mail should be addressed,

Care THE MOUNTAINEERS, Port Angeles, Washington.

Outing Committee.

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