

# American Alpine Institute<sup>Ltd.</sup>

## - Program Itinerary -

### **Alpine Mountaineering and Technical Leadership - Part 3**

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**Meeting Location:** The offices of the American Alpine Institute in Bellingham, Washington.

**Meeting Time:** Unless an alternate meeting time has been arranged, you should plan on meeting your guide(s) and the equipment shop staff at AAI's office a few minutes before 7am on the first morning of your program. For climbers staying at the Best Western, we will pick you up at 6:40am. on the first morning of this course.

As described in our course literature and publications, there are two options for the final expedition or third part of our Alpine Mountaineering and Technical Leadership Course. The option chosen by groups most often is the Mount Waddington expedition. The other choice is an expedition into the remote Pickett Range in Washington.

#### **Mt Waddington Expedition**

**Day 1** - On the first morning of this program we will again do a brief gear check and strategically pack for the next segment of the trip. After a brief meeting and packing session we will drive to Tatla, Lake BC and prepare to fly onto the glacier the following day.

**Days 2-11** - We attempt to climb Mt. Waddington. The day-to-day itinerary can vary based on the groups strategy and conditions on the route. In past years our groups have made one or two camps enroute to the summit and usually descend in one long day from their high camp. If things go well and the group finishes early, there may be some time for additional ascents in the Waddington Range or other parts of BC should the group choose to fly off their glacier earlier than scheduled.

**Day 12** - We return to Bellingham and conclude the trip.

#### **Pickett Range Expedition**

**Day 1** - On the first morning of this program we will again do a brief gear check and strategically pack for the next segment of the trip. After a brief meeting and packing session, we will drive to the Goodell Creek trailhead in the North Cascades and start our approach into the Pickett Range. Most groups reach the alpine zone on this first day and camp above treeline.

**Days 2-11** - We plan and carry out ascents on the rugged, challenging, and seldom climbed peaks of the Pickett Range. Possible ascents could include the McMillan Spires, Inspiration Peak, The Chopping Block, Mount Terror, Mount Degenhardt and others.

**Day 12** - We will return to Bellingham and conclude the trip.