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Mt. Whitney Ascent via the Mountaineer's Route

Summer Ascent of the Highest Peak in the Lower 48 States
Eastern Sierra Nevada, Lone Pine, CA



General Description: This course offers a practical introduction to alpine climbing-- providing a guided climb of Mt. Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route (class 2-3) **Note: This is NOT the Mt. Whitney Trail Route!!** An excellent way to explore and climb the highest mountain in the Sierra Nevada and the lower 48 states. A great climb for the beginning mountaineer or intermediate backpacker who wants to climb this peak in an adventurous way. Providing an uncrowded route, with fantastic views of the East Face of Mt. Whitney and many other peaks in the Sierra's. A classic alpine route involving rock scrambling, cross-country hiking, and a short bit of roped climbing. Anyone in very good to excellent physical condition with essential backpacking skills with a desire can accomplish it this challenge. We will teach you the techniques you need to know to safely ascent Mt. Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Location: Mt. Whitney, Eastern Sierra Nevada.

Itinerary: Meet at the SWS Mountain Guides Office in Lone Pine at 7:00 am, after a full pack check and issuing of gear for the climb. We will head off to the Whitney Portal Trailhead, a short 30-minute drive. Hiking into the backcountry and establish a base camp at 11,000 ft. As we hike, we will be instructing, holding informal lectures, and preparing you for the next day's climb. On the second day we will rise early for an alpine start, (4:00 am) and climb via the mountaineer's route on Mt. Whitney's northeast side, returning to our base camp by late in the afternoon. Day three we pack up and head down to the trailhead arriving at our vehicles by 1-2:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE - This is a best-case scenario. This itinerary is subject to change at the guide's discretion and is dependent on mountain conditions, group experience/expectations, and other factors we cannot anticipate.

Food: Breakfast items and hot beverages are included. Please bring your own Freeze Dried Dinners, favorite, high-calorie, high-carbohydrate lunches and snacks. Examples: bagels, cheese, dried fruit, trail mix, Clif bars, chocolate, etc.



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Level: Beginner to Intermediate. Participants should be in **very good to excellent** physical condition. No previous mountaineering experience is required, but experience in backpacking, rock climbing, or mountaineering is required. We **do not** recommend this climb as your first backpacking experience! Questions give us a call!

Pricing and Dates: For updated pricing and dates please visit our website at **SWSMTNS.COM**

Deposit: 50% non-refundable deposit per person to reserve your space / Balance Due 30 day before trip departure.

Includes: Professional instruction/guide, freeze-dried dinners, breakfast items & hot drinks, helmets, harness, group-climbing equipment including ropes and safety equipment, group camping equipment including tents and stoves, water filters, permits, and permit fees including Mt. Whitney permit reservations fees.

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