



**SWS Mountain Guides**

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**TECHNICAL  
MT. WHITNEY SUMMER ASCENT  
MOUNTAINEER'S ROUTE/ EAST FACE OR EAST BUTTRESS  
Eastern Sierra Nevada, Lone Pine, CA**



**General Description:** This course offers a practical introduction to alpine climbing-- offering a guided climb of Mt. Whitney via the East Face (5.6 route) or East Buttress (5.8 route) descent via the Mountaineer's route . This course is a great way to explore and climb the highest mountain in the Sierra Nevada and the lower 48 states. A great climb for the intermediate to advanced mountaineer who wants to climb this peak via a challenging technical route with fantastic views of the East Face of Mt. Whitney and terrific views of several other peaks in the Sierra's. The East Face and East Buttress routes are classic alpine climbs involving rock scrambling, cross-country hiking, and solid rock climbing on excellent granite with several pitches of classic rock climbing on solid granite at high altitude. It can be accomplished by intermediate climbers in excellent physical condition and who has good rock climbing skills. We will review our climbing techniques with a pre-climb clinic on the day prior to approach to our high camp at upper boy scout lake.

**Location:** Mt. Whitney, Eastern Sierra Nevada.

**Mt. Whitney Climb 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. On the second day we will rise early for an alpine start, (4:00 am or earlier) and climb the East Buttress route on Mt. Whitney's East Face, returning to our base camp via the Mountaineer's Route 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 and Freeze Dried Dinners are included. Please bring your own favorite, high-calorie, high-carbohydrate lunches and snacks. Examples: bagels, cheese, dried fruit, trail mix, protein bars, chocolate, etc.

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced depending on the route taken. Participants should be in **excellent** physical condition. Previous mountaineering experience is required for the East Face and East Buttress routes.

**Dates:** Check website for current dates - *Additional Dates Available from June through September - call 888.797.6867*



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**Cost:** Mt. Whitney East Face or East Buttress: check website for current prices - (Max Ratio: 1:2)

**Deposit:** 50% deposit with the balance due 30 prior to trip date departure

**Optional Costs:**

**Pre-Climb Rock Clinic:** \$225.00 conducted day prior to climb departure

**Includes:** Professional instruction/guide, breakfast items, helmets, harness, group-climbing equipment including ropes and safety equipment, group camping equipment including tents and stoves, permits, and permit fees including Mt. Whitney permit reservations fees.

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