



Fall (Oct/Nov/Dec) 2018 MBC Rambler Outings

(details as of 9-29-2018)

October

Friday October 5 - Keep Kool Trail - The Keep Kool Trail (#699) was begun as an old prospectors route to reach claims around the tarns below Yellow Aster Butte. Several years ago the old trail was “abandoned” by the Forest Service after the Tomyhoi Lake/Gold Run Pass/Yellow Aster Butte Trail was built.

It starts at 2960 feet and tops out at about 5500 after 2.8 miles (5.6 miles RT). It begins gently on an abandoned logging road (with some nice views of Shuksan and Baker) and then steeply ascends gaining 1200 feet in the first mile followed by a wooded plateau at about 4000'. Then it repeats the steep-and-level grades a couple more times before it curves around to a lovely, open meadow at 4700' with great views of the surrounding mountains before the last steep push up to the little lakes at the base of Yellow Aster Butte and Mount Tomyhoi.

George led this hike in mid June but the snow prevented them from reaching the top. This is a strenuous hike. Be prepared, as George stated in his trip report, to clamber over/under/through some downed trees and cope with steep inclines (hiking poles recommended).

Since this a hike into the MB Wilderness, the trip will be limited to the first ten people that send Jennie and Steve an email at tosteve@mac.com. Two mile travel on gravel FS roads. Suggested \$5 carpool fee.

Sunday October 7- Laura's Birthday Escapade!

(Gifts welcome, but not mandatory for participation ;-)

Let's hike to a ghost town! This hike is for all ability levels - little elevation gain, walking on an old railbed and only one funky stream crossing over a log. In addition to some wonderful old buildings and a railway turntable, enjoy stunning views above the town. Hike is an 8 mile round trip with ending elevation at 2800 feet but a gain of only 700.

Read more about the history of the area here: <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/monte-cristo-143>

We will carpool from the REI parking lot. Meet at 7:45 to be on the road by 8 a.m. Drive takes approximately an hour and 45 minutes from REI to the trailhead. Plan to give your driver \$5-10. From Granite Falls follow the Mountain Loop Highway east for 31 miles to Barlow Pass and park there (elev. 2360 ft).

Wednesday thru Friday, October 10-12: Camp & Hike Leavenworth.

Meet on 10/10 at one of the campgrounds along Icicle Rd and set up tent before evening (approx. \$22 per night per campsite). Next day hike up to Colchuck Lake (8 miles roundtrip / 2280 ft gain) and on Friday 10/12 leave campground in the morning and hike to Eight Mile Lake (7 miles roundtrip / 1300 ft gain). After hike on Friday drive back to Bellingham.

RSVP by 10/07/18 fritz365@gmail.com for a max. of 8 strong hikers. Details will be communicated with the participants before the trip.

Limitations: The trip will depend on weather conditions. An alternate date is planned for Monday 10/15/18 to Wednesday 10/17/18 the following week in case the weather does not agree with us for the planned dates. Nights might get chilly.

Saturday October 13 - Sauk Mountain Hike

Details TBD (Owen)

Friday October 19 Church Mountain Hike. Meet at Regal Movie Theatre parking lot, side closest to Woburn at 8:20 to form carpools for departure at 8:30 am. Diana Meek

Friday October 26 - Ridley Creek Hike

Details TBD (Owen)

November

Saturday November 3 - Baker Lake North Hike

IF the snow holds off, and the weather's good I might change this to a Dock Butte/ Blue Lake Hike, if we need to keep our elevation low we'll do Baker Lake North trail. Meet at REI @ 8:30am with a stop at the Sedro Woolley park and ride located between Walgreens and the Food Pavilion at the intersection of Cook Rd, SR 9 and Hwy 20. Bring a lunch and water, offer your driver \$5 for driving you into the wild. Contact Michael Davis at 708.302.9177 or mikesdavis@outlook.com. We'll likely stop at Birdsvew for beverages after the hike. Lets all hope for some decent skies on November 3! Mike Davis

Friday November 9 - Meg Bushnell TBD

December

Saturday December 1 - Mt Baker Club Winter Social at Roeder Home.

Potluck Dinner from 5:30- 8:30 at the Roeder Home - Club will provide coffee, hot water for tea and cocoa, along with paper goods. The Roeder Home will be decked out for the holidays to get us all in a festive frame of mind. Consider bringing an instrument if you have one; there is a piano in the parlor.

Roeder Home -2600 Sunset Dr, Bellingham, WA

These events have been loaded to the Mount Baker Club's Google Calendar on the website. Please keep in mind that details for all these outings can change at any point, so check the calendar for the most up-to-date information. Please be sure to contact the trip leader before the outing to confirm details.