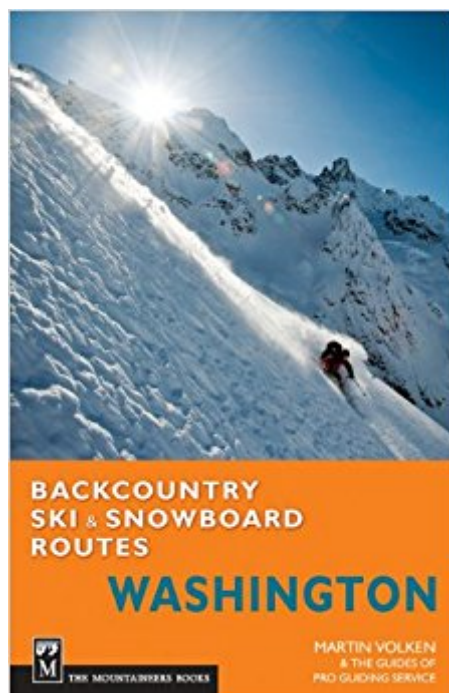


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# Backcountry Ski And Snowboard Routes - Washington



## Synopsis

Washington's Cascades, Olympics, and Mount Rainier are prime destinations for backcountry ski and snowboard adventure. And no one is better qualified to write this guidebook than Martin Volken and his team at Pro Guiding Service, based in the Cascade foothills. The all-new guidebook includes 80 routes throughout the state plus one in British Columbia! Ideal for intermediate to expert skiers or snowboarders. It features routes ranging from accessible day trips suitable for relative beginners to more challenging multiday traverses. It's a guide to the very best routes available to skiers and boarders throughout the state. Each route includes the following elements: elevation, route distance, time required, fitness level, best season, maps and permit info, driving directions and detailed route description.

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## Customer Reviews

I previously bought "100 Classic Backcountry Ski & Snowboard Routes in Washington" by Rainer Burgdorfer and was disappointed by the vague descriptions and near-useless maps and was wary of the same issue with this guide, but happily I was very wrong. This only arrived today, but I'm really impressed with what I've seen so far - this looks to be one of the best outdoor guides I've seen for any activity. The descriptions seem to have a old level of detail, and I appreciate the route summaries breaking down the difficulty to overall, ski, fitness, and technical (alpine climbing), as well as commitment levels, (where as Burgdorfer's book has only one skill level that somehow

encompasses climbing, fitness, and skiing skill levels). The highlight over the Burgdorfer book are the maps! The maps in the 100Classic are poorly printed and barely-readable -- I've tried translating maps routes in the 100Classic book to the green-trails topo maps I have on hand to limited success -- whereas these new maps are clear relief-shaded topo maps that don't make me reach for the green-trails. They are clear and are well marked. There are a number of aerial photos of routes and they are nicely marked with routes which makes for a nice bonus of the routes that have them.

This has been a joy to read. It surprised me because it started out with a detailed history of back-country in the PNW, and the trails and mountains that were summited via backcountry skiing, in order. A full timeline of the people who first took on these peaks, when backcountry was all there was. This is more than a trail guide, it's a BC history guide of WA. Get this book.

I have a collection of backcountry guide books for the Northwest, but the detailed routes described were much better than my other sources. My only regret was a paucity of easier routes, but all in all, this book is a game changer!

I have several of Martin's books and I find they have great details from getting to the trail, to completing the tour safely including emergency exits if necessary. The books really allow you to adventure on your own and explore new areas with confidence. Not quite a replacement for hiring one of Martin's guides, its a great second place. I am doing the spearhead traverse this spring and will rely heavily on this book for planning.

Well written, easy to follow, gives longer more advanced tours than previous guides.

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