

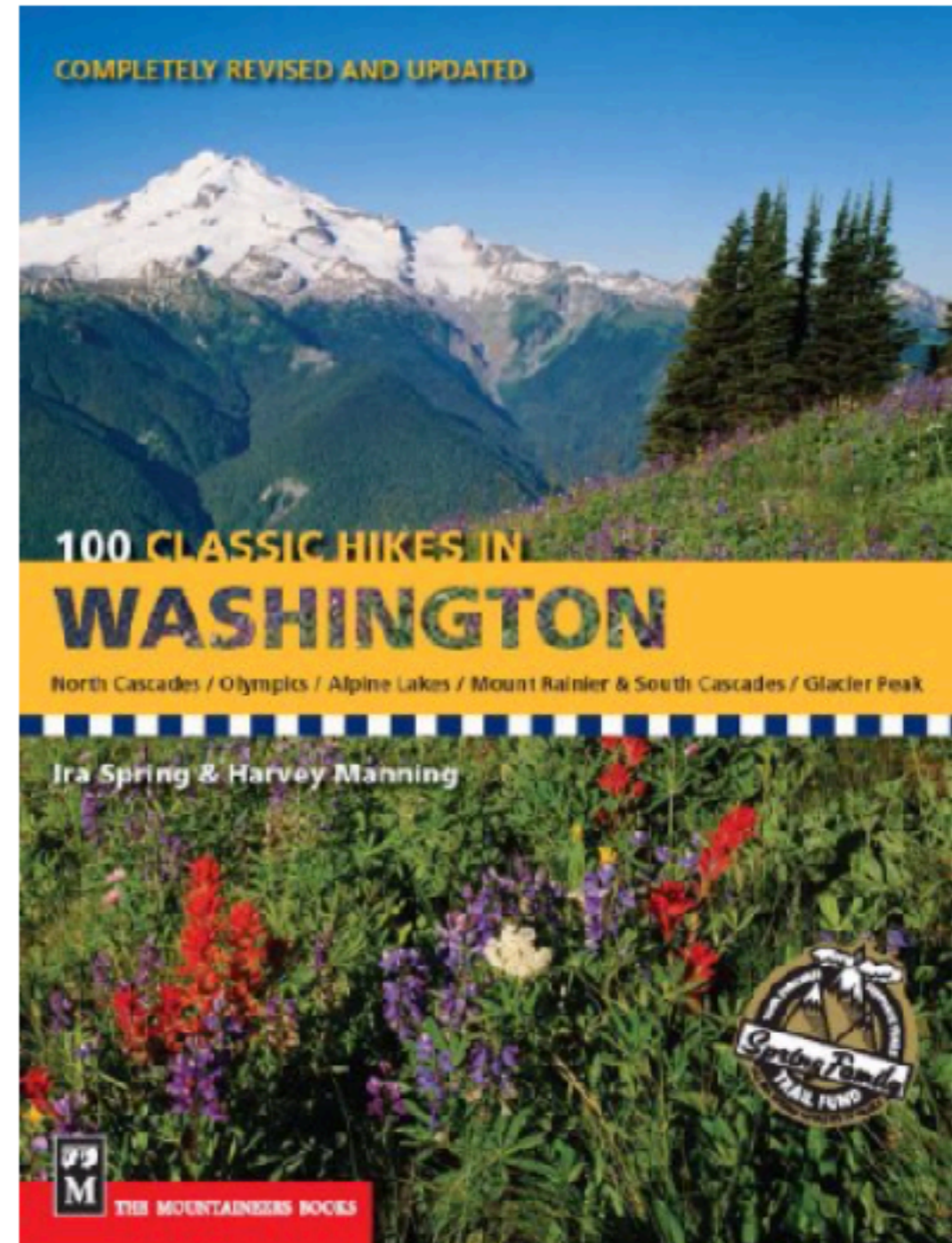
Chelan Summit Route

July 11-17, 2016



Ira Spring and Harvey Manning

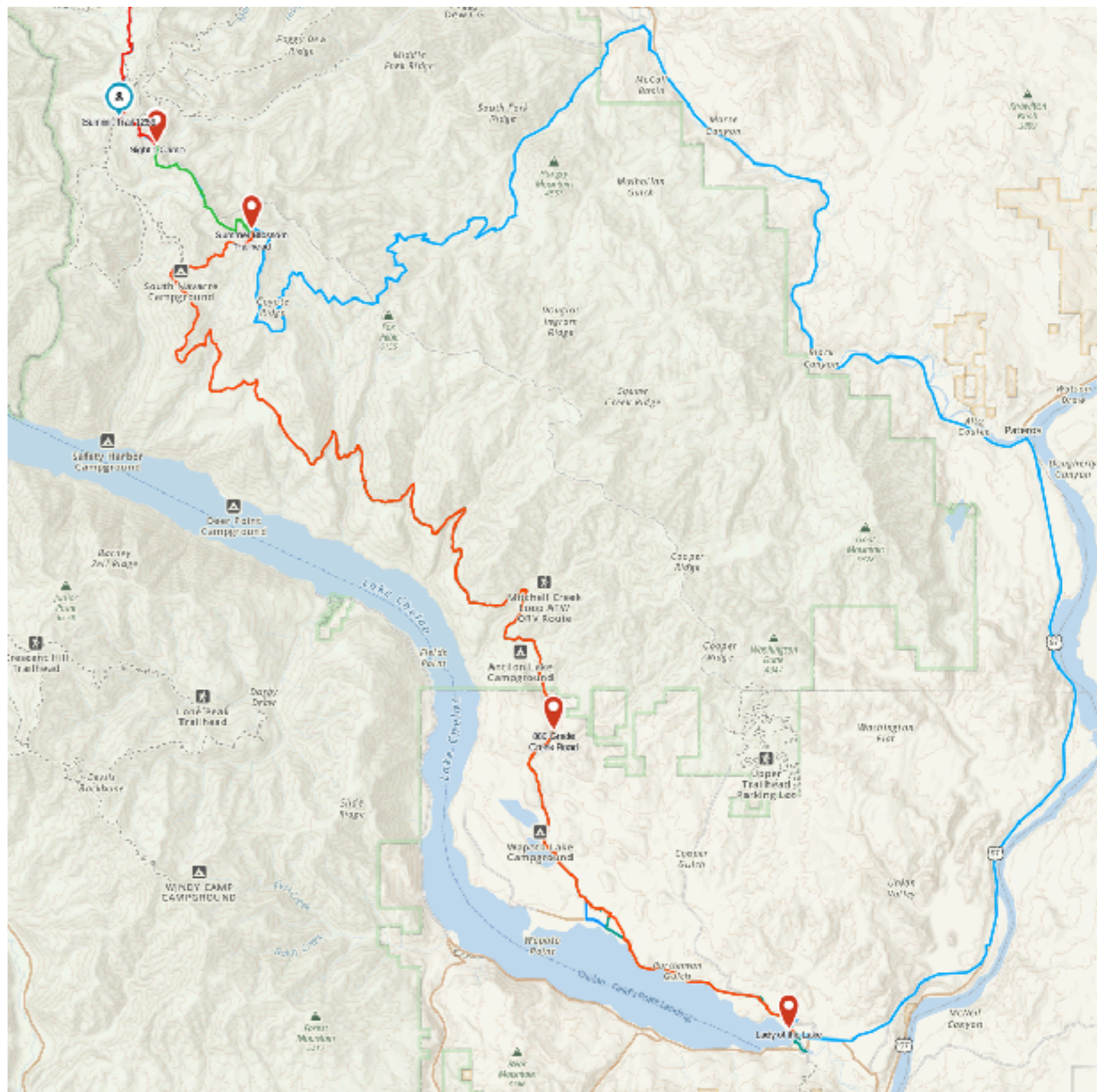
- "To tell the knowing hiker that only twice before the final plunge to Stehekin do the 38 miles of the trail dip as low as 5500 feet is to inform him that never is he out of the scent of flowers"
- Green Trails maps
"buttermilk butte #83, Stehekin #82, and Prince Creek #115"



Logistics

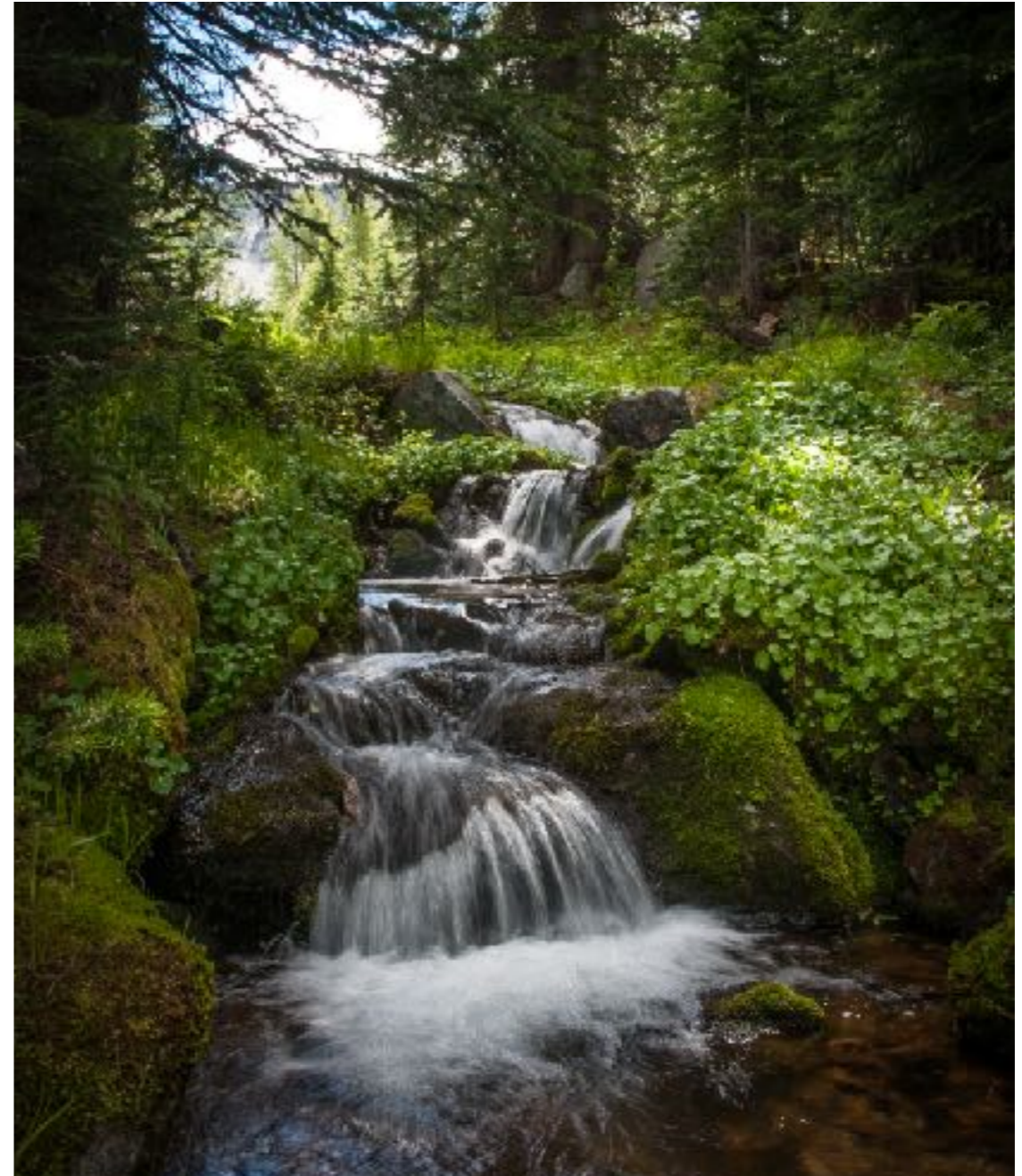
- Best time to hike according to 100 classic hikes is early July through September.
 - We went July 11-17 and it was prime flower season, but also prime bug season, as well as a little bit of snow. It's also too early for any maintenance to have been done on the trail and there were a lot of blowdowns. Saw only a total of 4 other people on the entire trail, 2 were forest service starting to clear trail, and two were WTA volunteers putting up new signs.
 - North Cascades Natl. Park requires a bear canister if you plan to spend any nights in the park, there are no bear boxes at the campsite at Juanita Lake. Otherwise no special equipment. Fishing pole is useful, probably need a permit....
 - NW forest service pass if you plan to leave a car at the trailhead.
 - Permit for any night you plan to spend in the park.

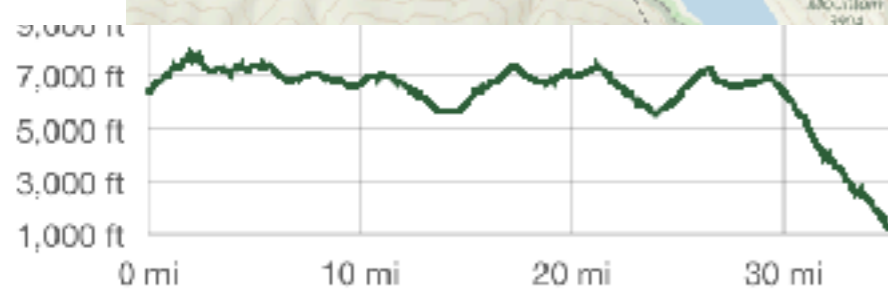
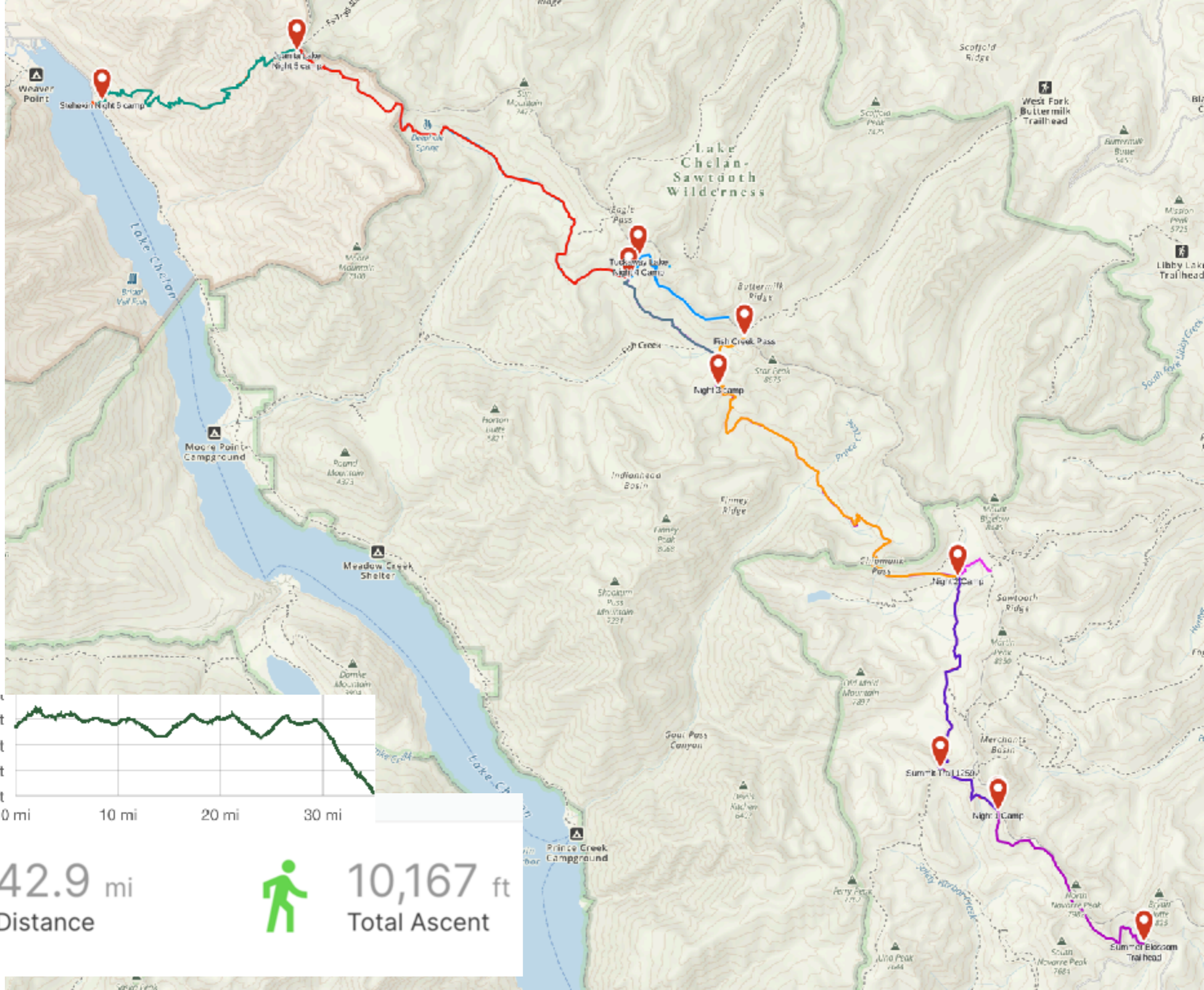
- Real Adventours Jeep Tours
- 1 (509) 888-9996 (Cathy)
- Hands down the scariest part of the entire trip.
- I highly recommend using a shuttle or transfer service. I would not have wanted to drive that road in my own car.
- If you do, you have to have a high clearance four wheel drive and a good spare tire.
- Alternate from the Methow Valley on Hwy. 20 but will result in a very long car shuttle.



Water

- Not a problem in July. Never had to carry a lot. Little unnamed streams everywhere.
- In August or September probably only able to rely on the year round streams/lakes, but should be able to find camping on or near water each night with planning.
- We did have two dry camps but that was by choice (great views, no bugs). One of them we found water about .5 miles ahead, and the other we melted snow on a ridge.

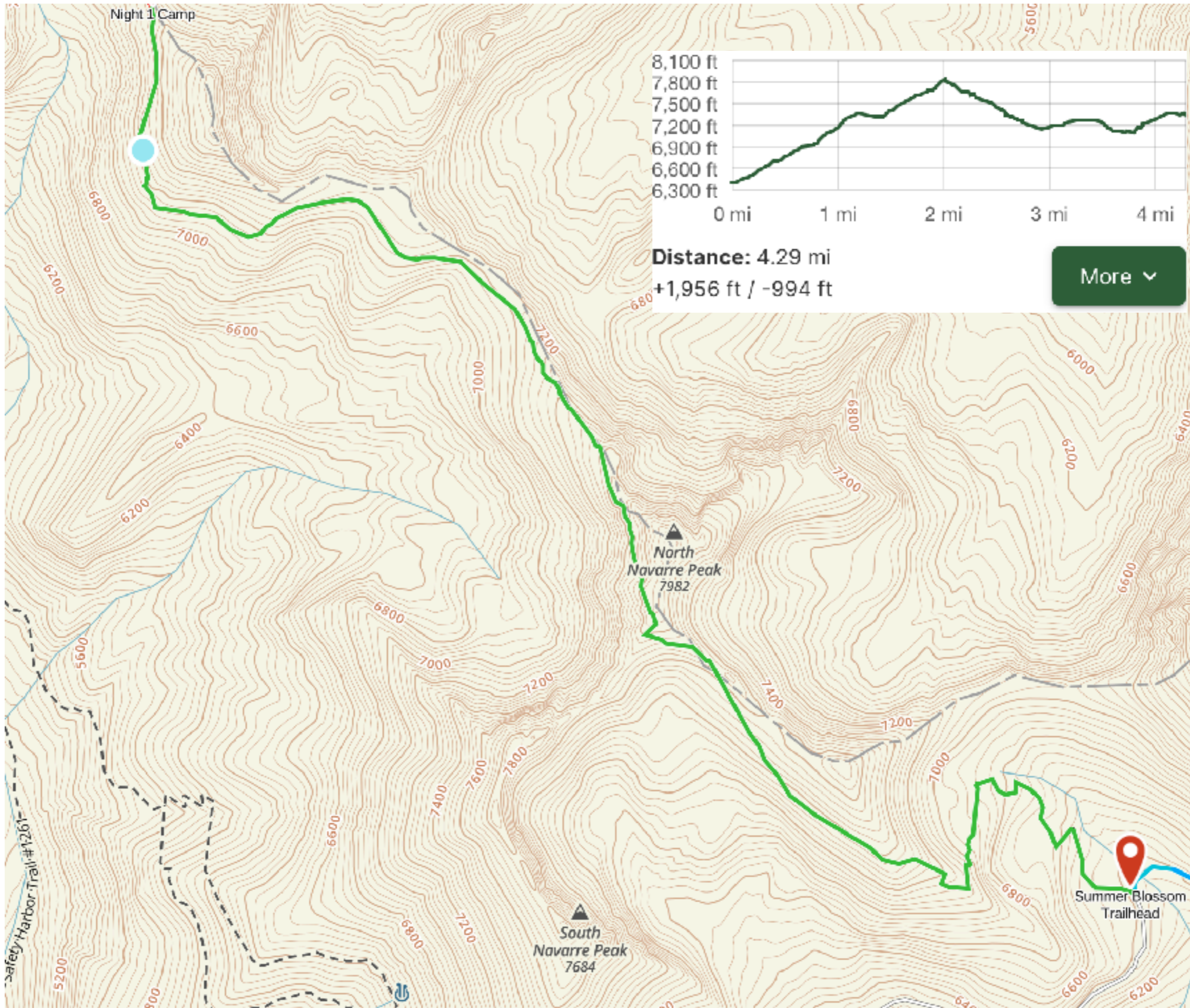




42.9 mi
Distance



10,167 ft
Total Ascent



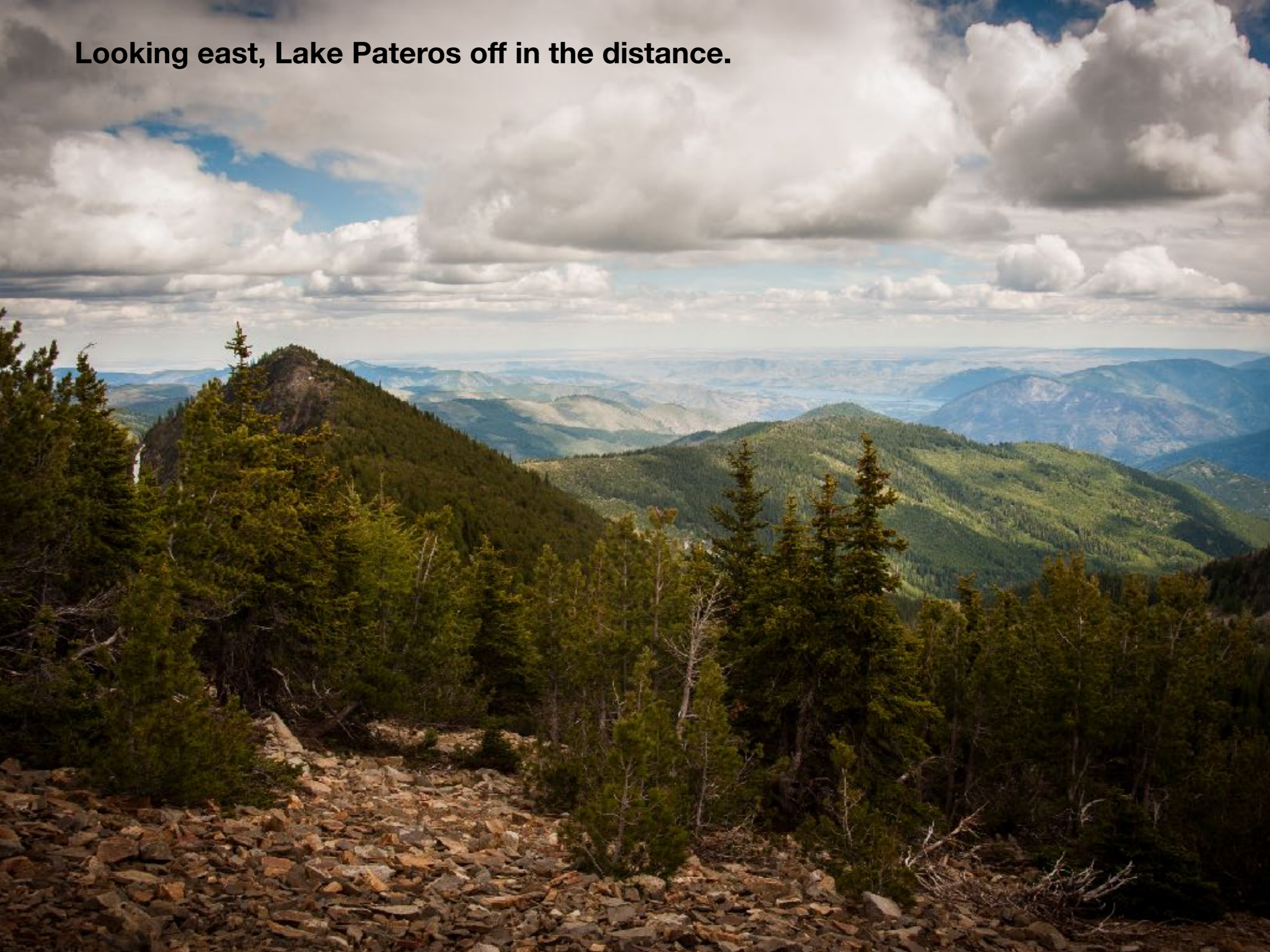


ROAD
CLOSED





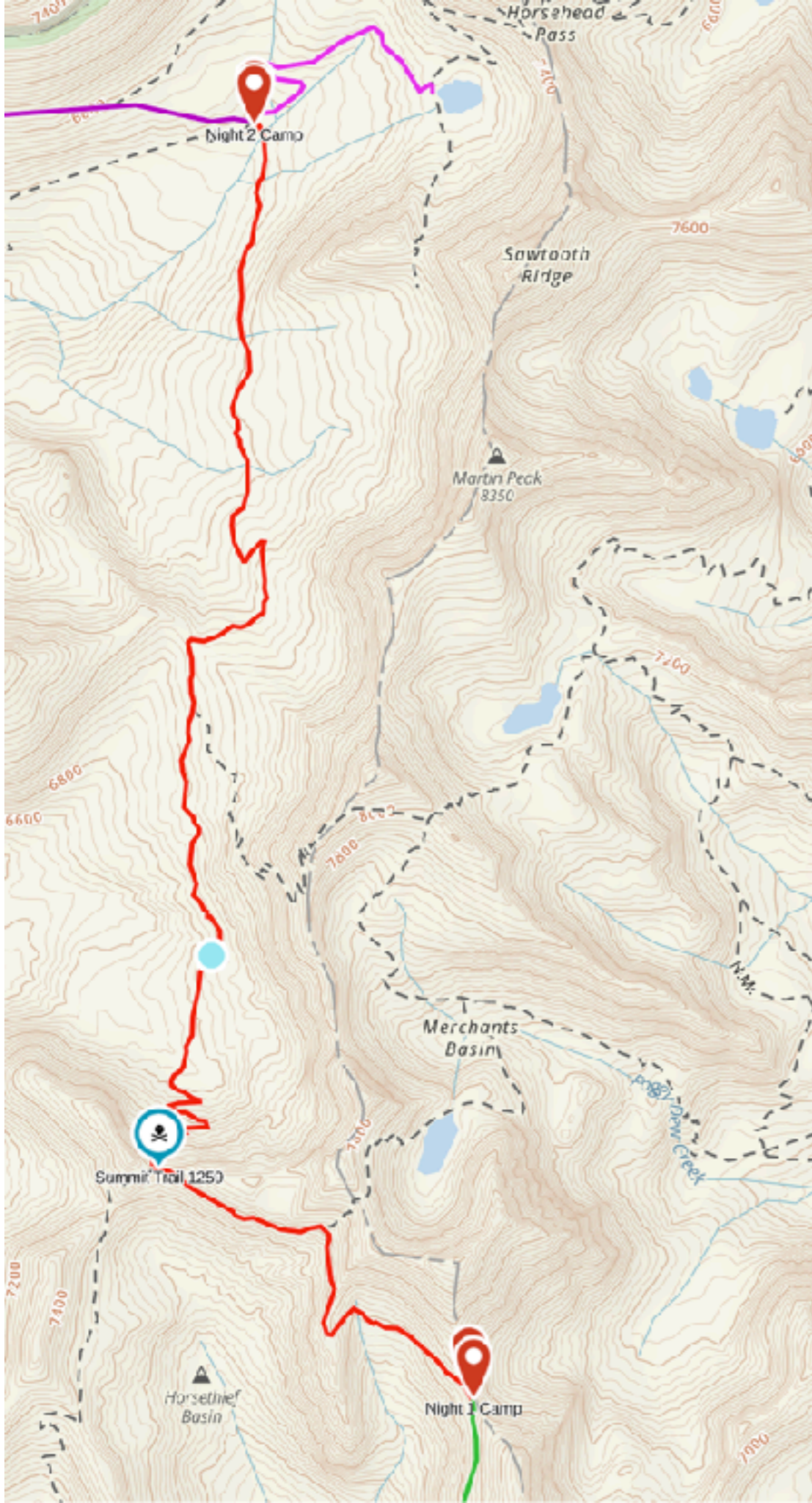
Looking east, Lake Pateros off in the distance.











Distance: 5.45 mi
+1,020 ft / -1,798 ft

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Side trip to boiling lake
1 mile and 350 feet



Lost the trail here for a bit



Deadman Pass



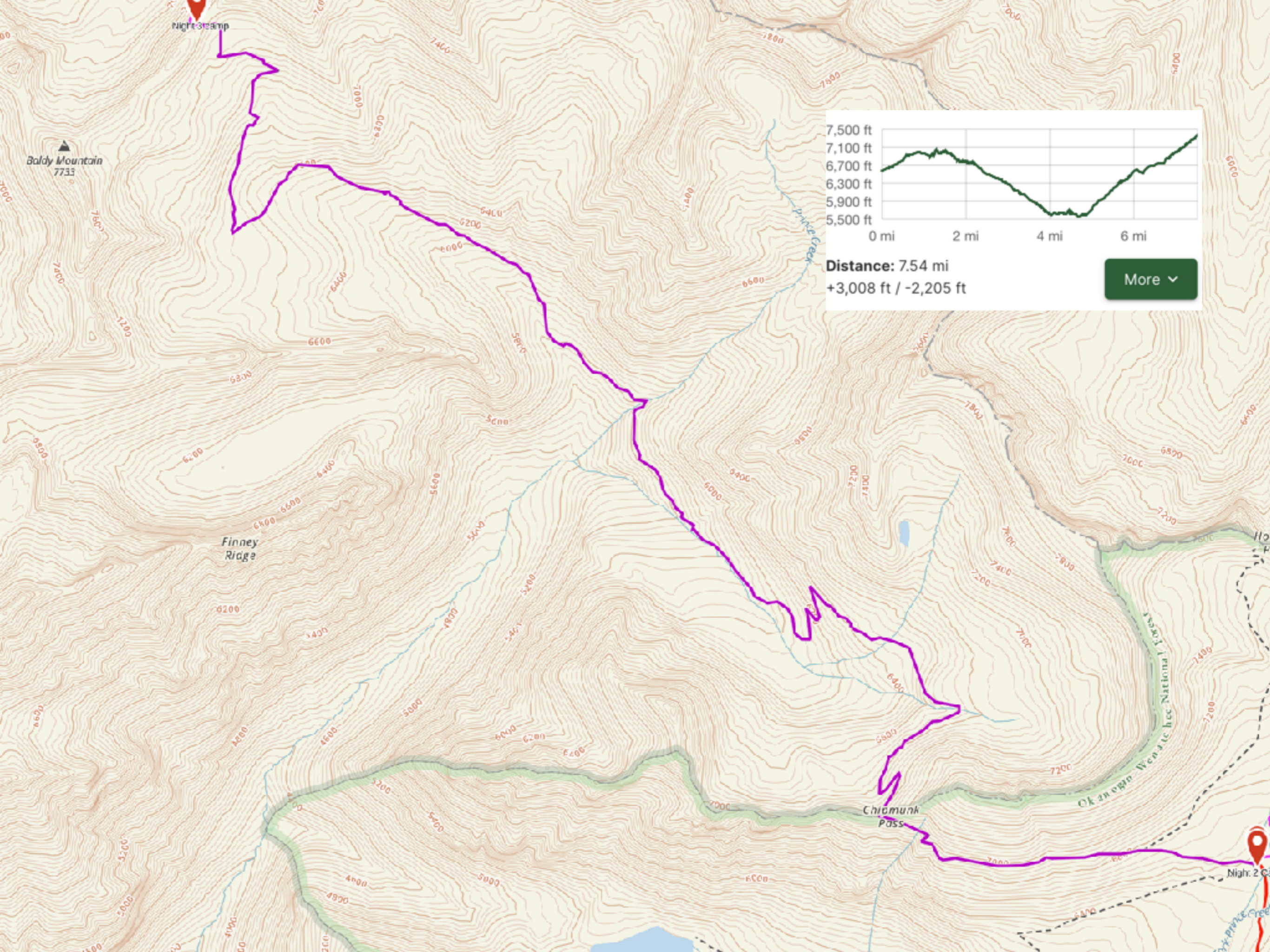












Night 3 Camp

Baldy Mountain
7733

Finney
Ridge

Chisumunk
Pass

Okanogon-Wentworth National Forest



Distance: 7.54 mi
+3,008 ft / -2,205 ft

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Night 2 Camp







Chipmunk Pass



Cub Lake from Chipmunk Pass



Frequent occurrence











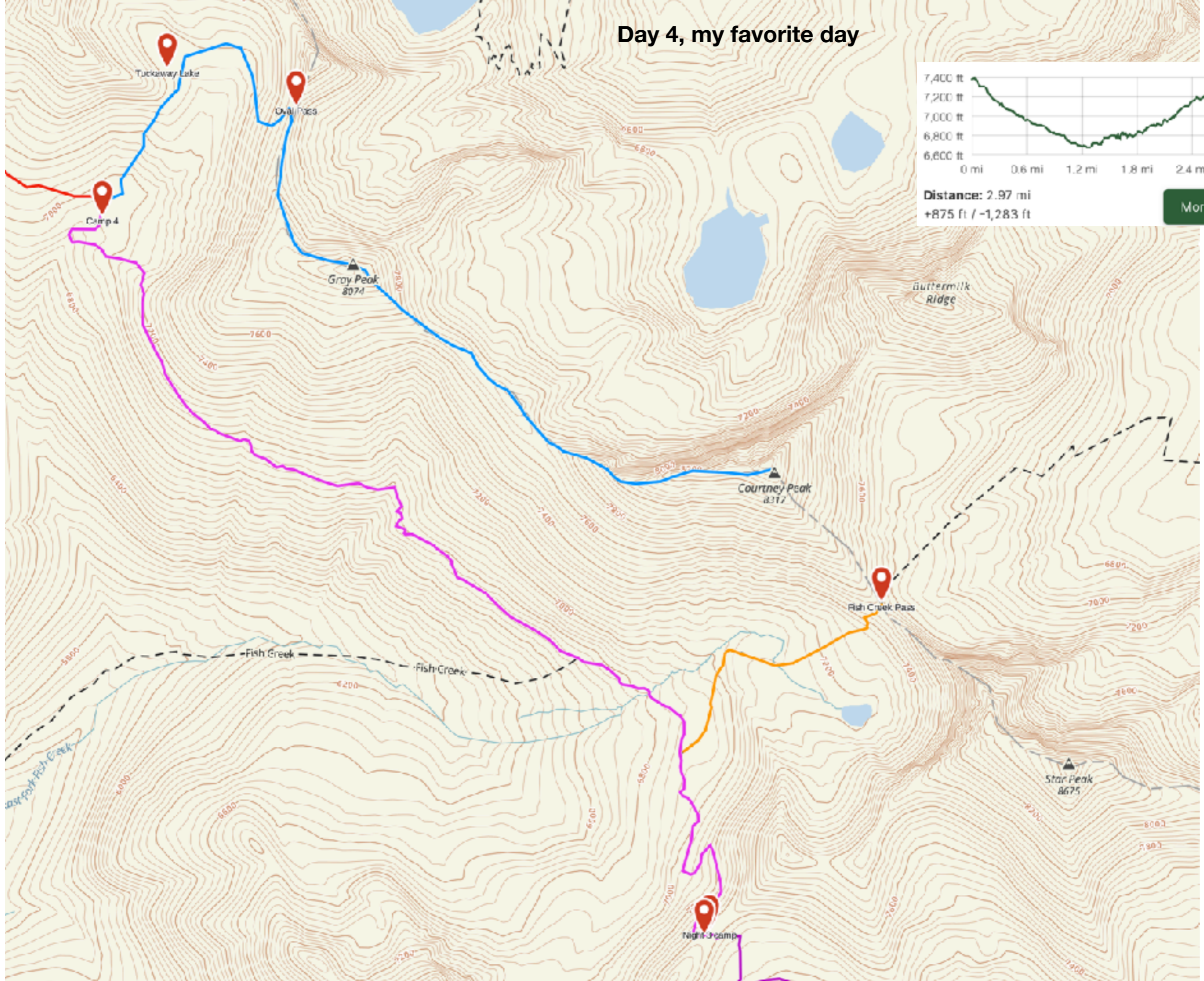








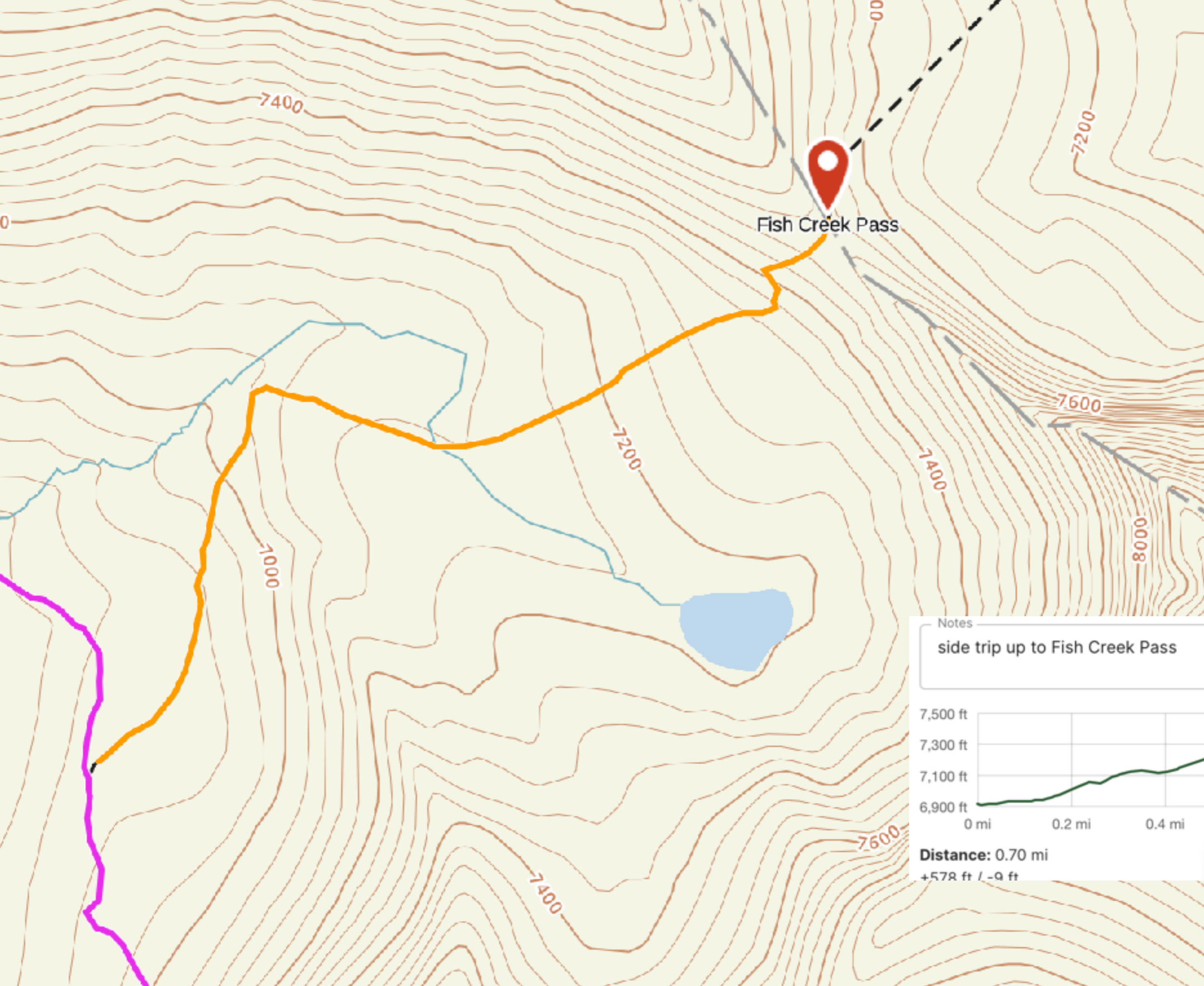
Day 4, my favorite day





LAKE CHELIM
FISH CR. PASS

HEMIN
CH. NAVARRE



Notes

side trip up to Fish Creek Pass

The elevation profile graph shows a steady climb from 6,900 ft at 0 miles to 7,500 ft at 0.7 miles. The y-axis is labeled with 6,900 ft, 7,100 ft, 7,300 ft, and 7,500 ft. The x-axis is labeled with 0 mi, 0.2 mi, 0.4 mi, and 0.6 mi.

Distance: 0.70 mi
+578 ft / -9 ft

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Fish Creek Pass





Looking up at Courtney Peak from Fish Creek Pass















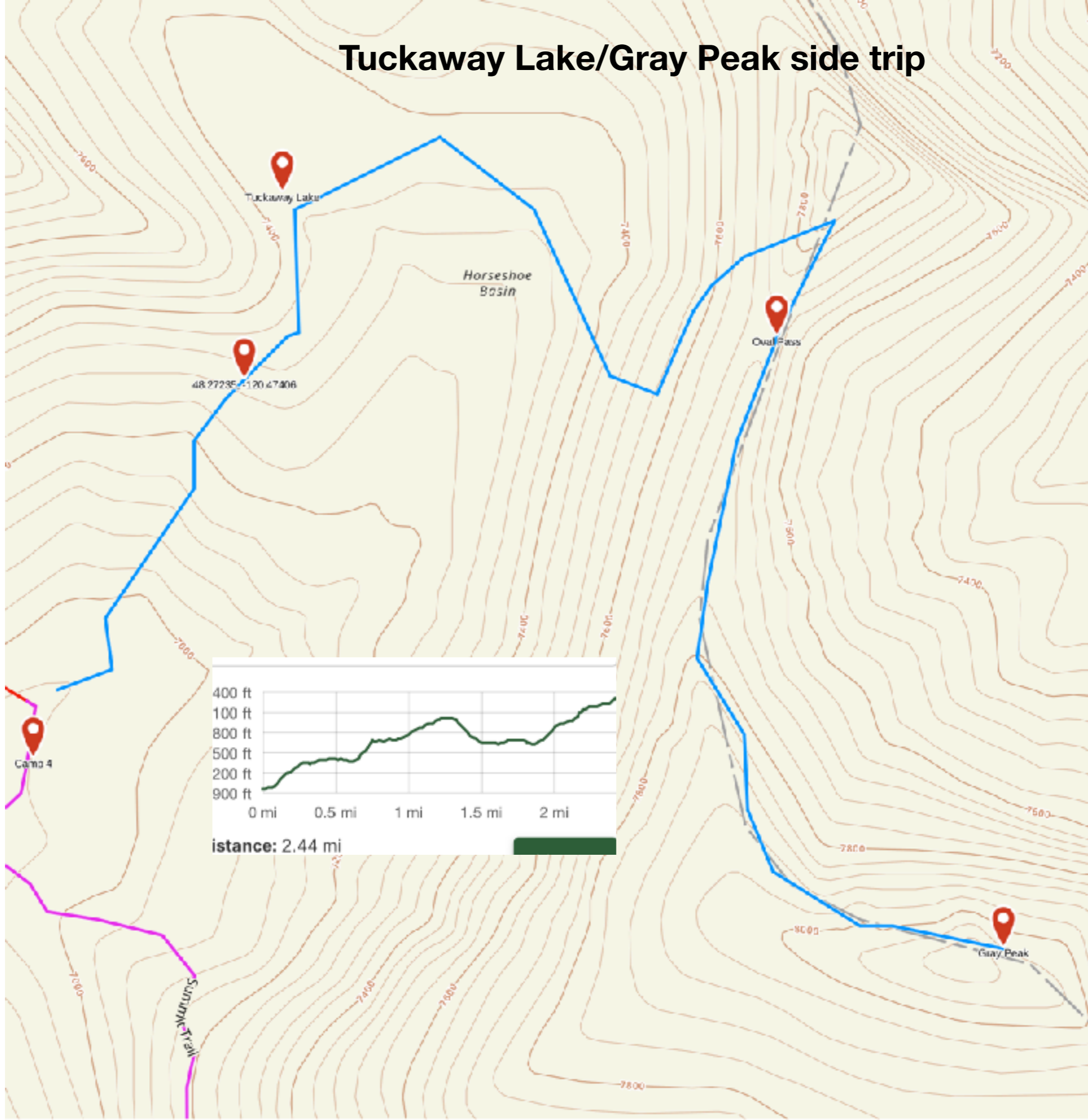




Twin Springs Camp



Tuckaway Lake/Gray Peak side trip



Tuckaway lake where we left the Minnesota Contingent fishing for our dinner



On Gray Peak



video from Oval Pass

















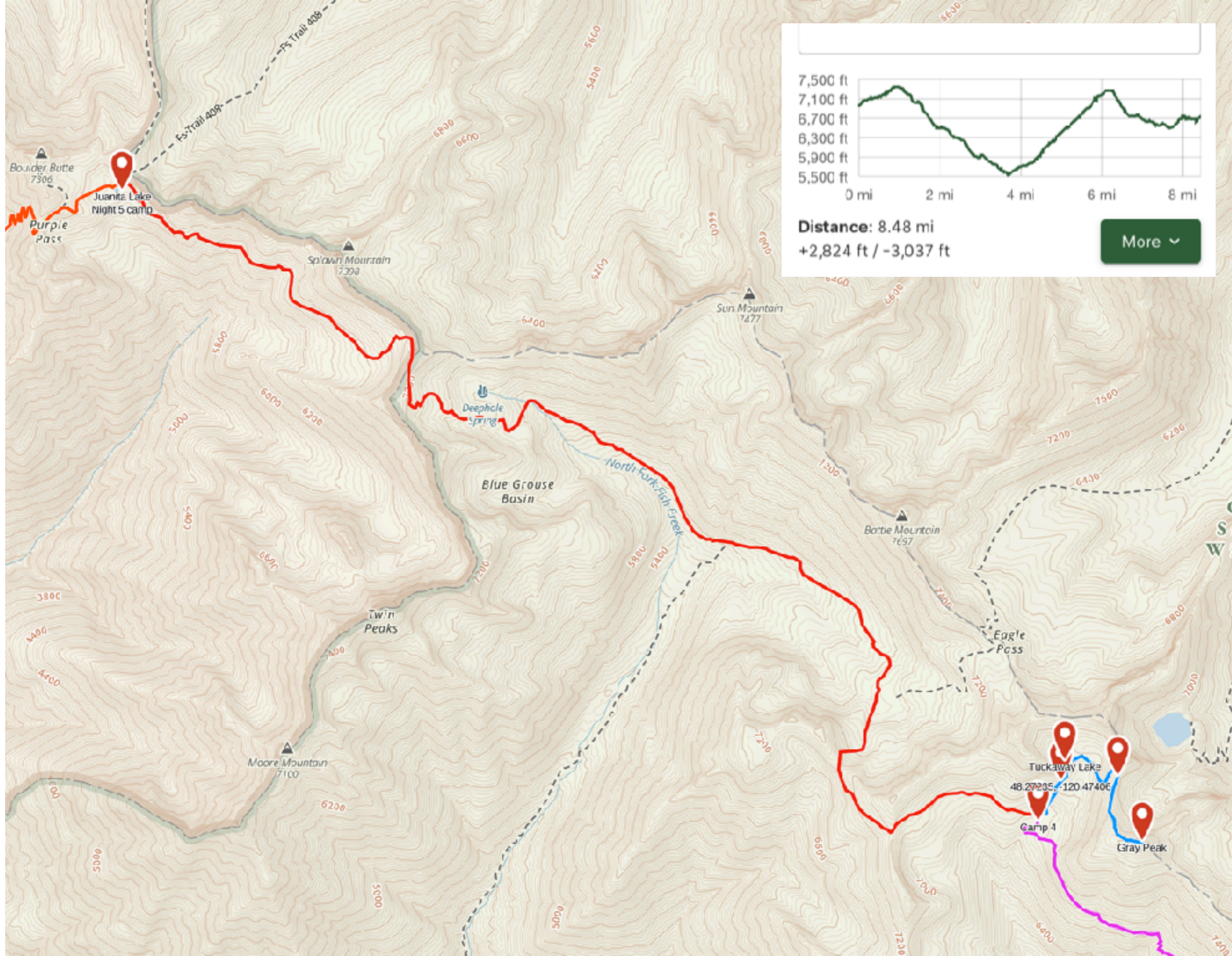














SOUTH NIVARRE

STEHEKIN

LAKE GEELAN

Susan has resorted to hiking in a bug net









first peek at the lake













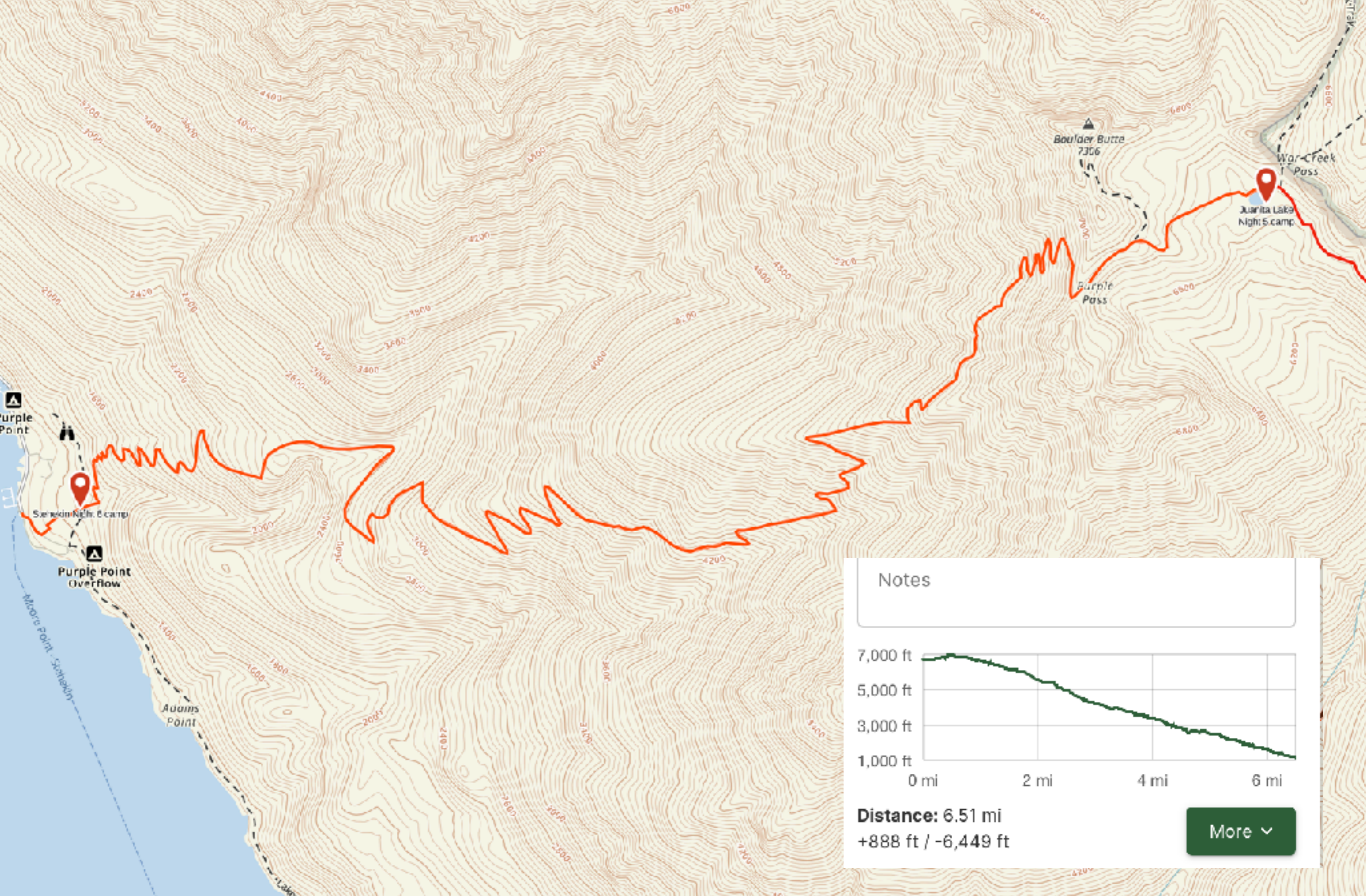




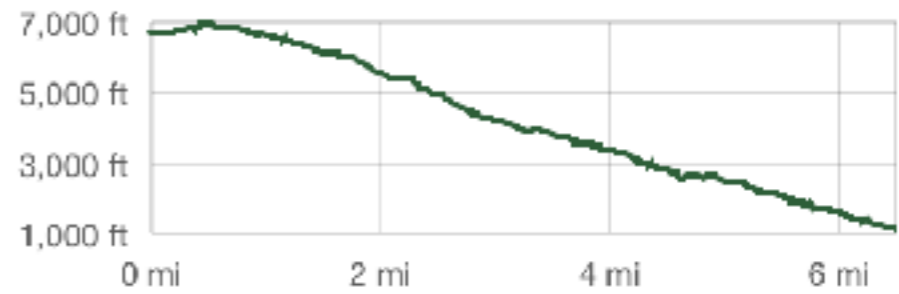
WAR CREEK PASS
SUMMIT TRAIL
PURPLE PASS
JUANITA LAKE CAMPS







Notes



Distance: 6.51 mi
+888 ft / -6,449 ft

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BOULDER BUTTE ↗
JUANITA LAKE ↘
BOULDER CREEK ↘
← STEHEKIN

















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Rental bikes in hiking boots, the Bakery is our goal!



Questions?

