

A scenic view of Mount Shuksan, a snow-capped mountain peak, with evergreen trees in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

# Mount Shuksan Fisher Chimneys

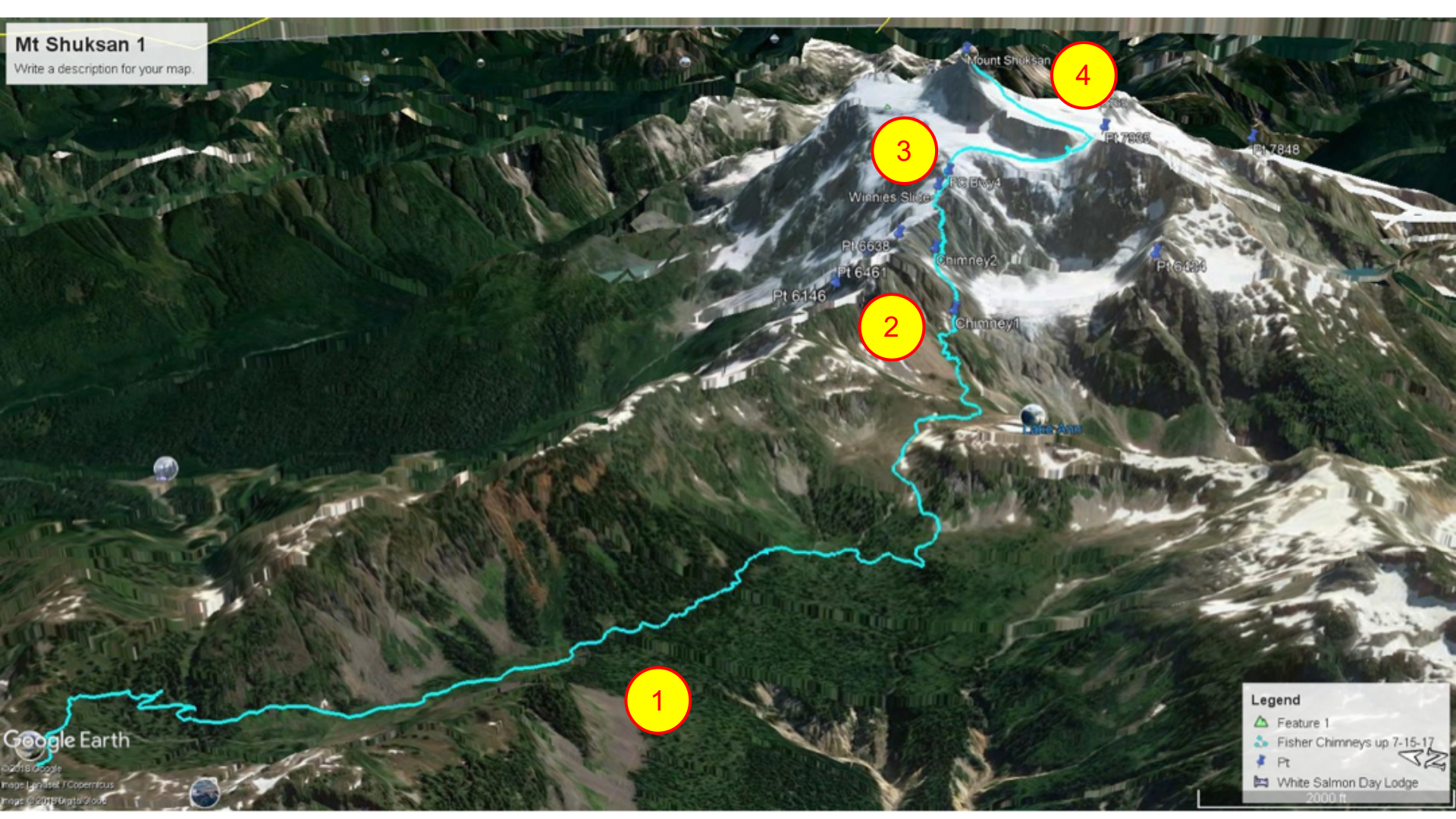
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# General Information & Red Tape

- Distance 19.5 miles, 7350ft elevation gain, summit = 9131ft
- Hike, Class 3/4 scramble, glacier with steep snow & ice, rock/snow mixed climbing, optional rappels.
- Camping: Lake Ann, above Lake Ann, after 1st chimney, **below & above Winnies Slide.**
  - Lake Anne not in the NCNP. Reservation system for others (open March 15 - May15).
  - Price X-Country Zone, NCNP max party size = 12 (recommend smaller).
  - Glacier Public Service Center, Glacier WA
  - [https://www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/planning-a-climb.htm#CP\\_JUMP\\_153197](https://www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/planning-a-climb.htm#CP_JUMP_153197)
- Water - Lake Ann, above Winnies Slide, runoff depending on time of year along the approach, melt snow on snow or glacier.
- Gear: Ropes, standard glacier gear, rappelling gear, extra webbing/rings for rap stations, ice screws depending on conditions, pickets, crampons.
- Navigation - Many USGS Topo features are incorrect (FS, WS, Hourglass)

# Mt Shuksan 1

Write a description for your map.



**Legend**

- Feature 1
- Fisher Chimneys up 7-15-17
- Pt
- White Salmon Day Lodge

2000 ft



## Approach

- TH @ 4750 ft. Parking available (need to register with the ranger).
- Descend 800 ft. from the trailhead (start).
- Approx 4 miles to Lake Ann (gain 800 ft. @ the end).
- Ascend 600 ft. and 1 mile to the first chimney



# Approach

Stay lower approaching chimney 1 after boulders (trail)



# Chimneys

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# Chimney's

- 2300 ft.gain/2.5mi from above Lake Ann to camp
- Possible moats (10 - 15 ft) and wet rock
- Navigation sometimes not "obvious". Scramble to boot path to traverses. Darkness = challenge





# Chimneys

- Class 3 & 4 sections
- Downclimb or rap  
<15m(stations)



Fat Man's Misery  
no more crawling



2 sections like this



# Chimneys

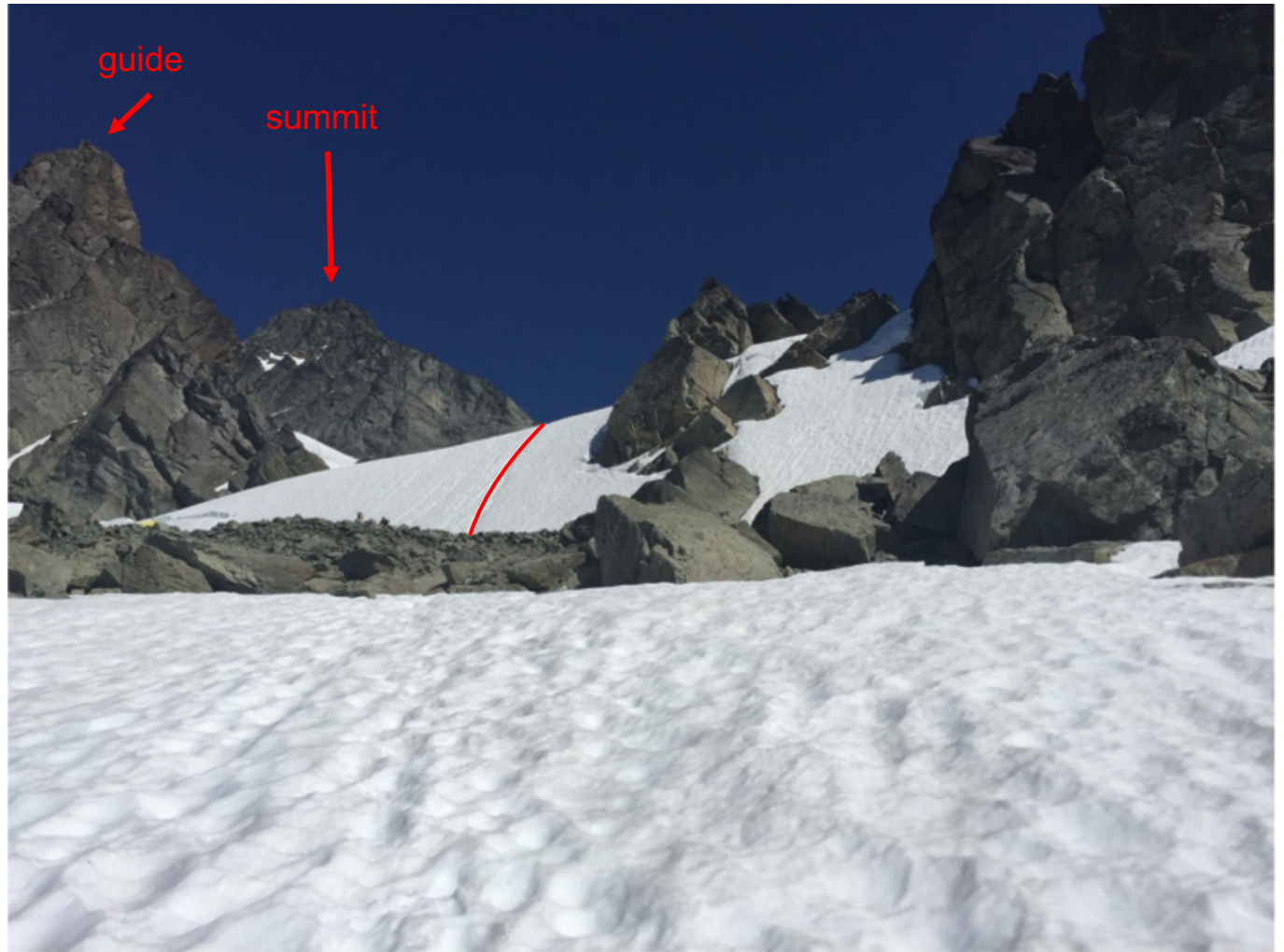
- Final push
- Trail to nowhere?
- Climbers left good





## Winnies Slide

- Winnie Spieseke 1927
- @6850 ft.
- Steep Ice vs snow
- Bivy spots below(3) or above(3)
- Water above - early season be prepared to melt



## Winnies Slide

- Late vs mid vs early season
- May need to protect depending on conditions

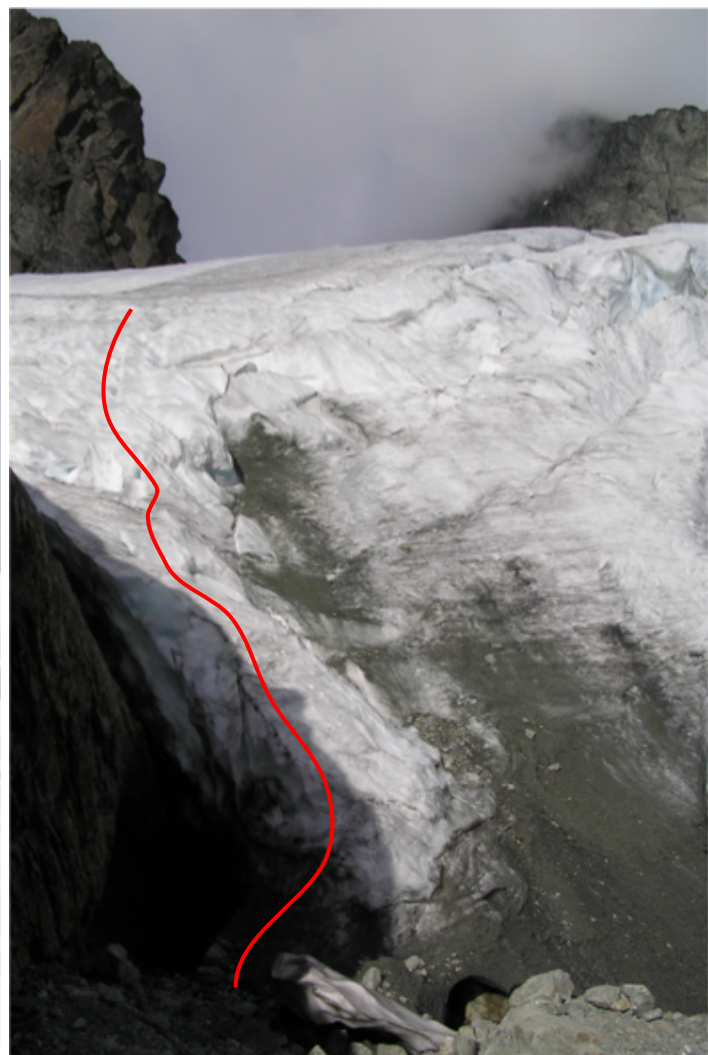


# Ridge Bivy Camp

- 3 spots, water, windy. Dig out snow also.



# Upper Curtis Glacier



# Upper Curtis/Hell's Highway

Moderately steep section at the end

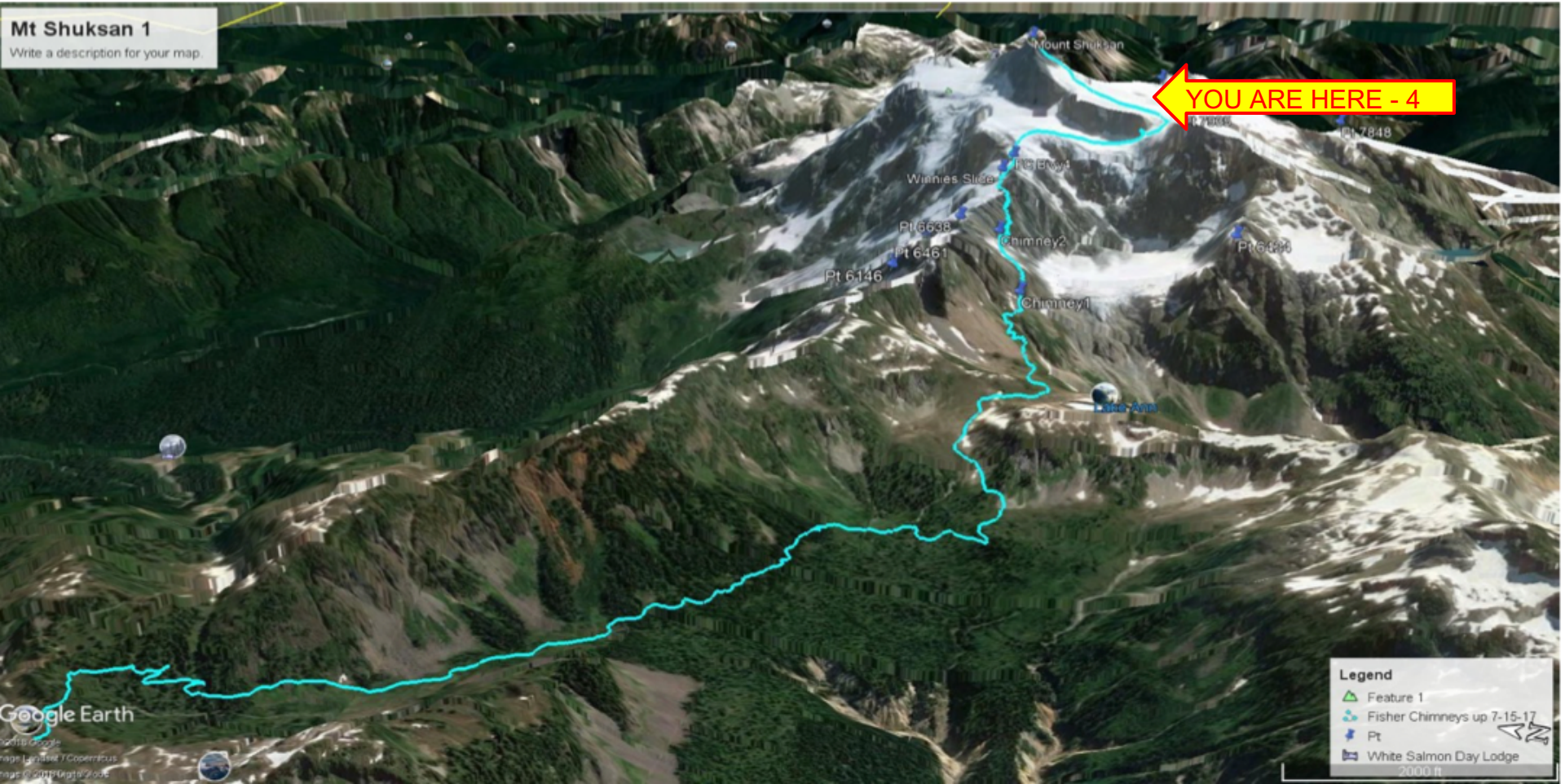




# Sulphide Glacier & Summit Pyramid

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**YOU ARE HERE - 4**



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# Sulphide Glacier/Pyramid

- Pyramid = 650 ft. gain, gully or ridges, descent = 2 or 3 raps (30m good, many stations) or downclimb



# Final Thoughts

- One of the more strenuous basic climbs (efficient scramblers wanted)
- Lots of varied terrain, not boring!
- **2 Day with a Long** summit day 2 (the “pyramid factor”, where you camped, how speedy you are, chimney downclimb and possible raps, approx 10mi back to cars from the summit).
- **Early** summit day to avoid log jam on the pyramid (Lots of people/wide skill set, guided parties, rocks, raps, falling axes)
- **Smaller** party (6).
- Type of route that you will want to do again. Different “climb” depending on the month.
- **4.5 / 5 stars**