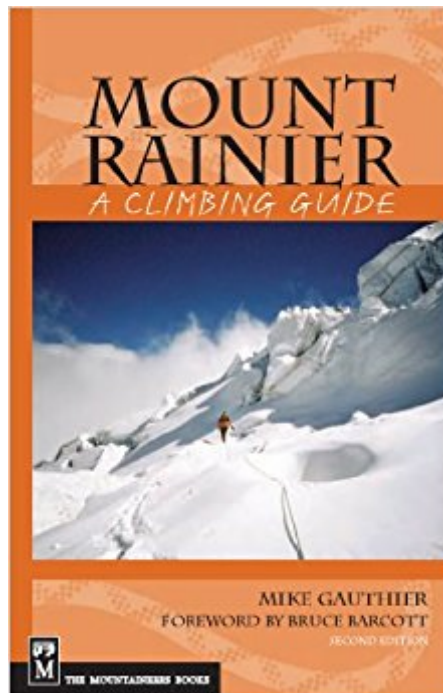




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Mount Rainier: A Climbing Guide (A Climbing Guide) 2nd Edition



Synopsis

* 41 principal routes and their variations, with aerial photos and route overlays * Extensive material on Rainier's unique weather, terrain, high altitude and glacier training opportunities, and more * Features sidebars on mountain history, Rainier personalities, and dramatic rescues One of author Mike Gauthier's primary duties as Lead Climbing Ranger for Mount Rainier National Park was advising climbing parties about what to expect on the mountain. Name any route on Rainier, and he can describe its rewards and specific challenges (he's summited Rainier more than 170 times during all seasons and under intense conditions). Whether you choose the classic Liberty Ridge route, the drama of Success Cleaver, or the rarely attempted Mowich Face, Gauthier provides all the details you'll need for a successful and enjoyable climb. This edition presents the information on logistics, regulations, and permits. It includes expanded material on understanding and surmounting Rainier's famed glaciers; tips on selecting a guide service; excellent mountaineering training sites around Rainier for those bound for the world's highest peaks; and bonus routes on adjacent Little Tahoma, Washington's third highest peak.

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A great starting place for anybody wanting to challenge the Washington landmark – Literally discusses everything you'd want to know about Rainier before you leave home. (Idaho Falls Post Register) Author Mike Gauthier is a veteran climber and the lead climbing and mountain rescue ranger at Mount Rainier, so you're in good hands. (Pittsburgh Tribune-Review) If you're looking for an experienced author, it doesn't get much better than this: [Mike Gauthier is] the lead climbing

ranger at the park. (Everett Herald)

MIKE GAUTHIER is the lead climbing ranger at Mount Rainier National Park. In 1998, he was named a Wilderness Rescue Hero by the American Red Cross. In 2004, Men's Journal named him one of the 25 Toughest Men in America. He lives in Mount Rainier National Park.

The many guide books that cover Mount Rainier seem to either skim right over it or cover it in a strangely detailed way that has little assistance to the real climber. Mike Gauthier makes neither mistake. This is a clear, concise description of routes and techniques that will allow the trained climber to take on most of Rainier's routes. The first 72 pages give an overview of the situation involved in climbing Rainier. Gauthier, head climbing ranger in the park for many years, has seen it all and clearly lays out what you can expect. This is good for the person who is not real familiar with Northwest glacier climbing or thinks "there is a trail to the top, right?" The rest of the book is dedicated to well documented route descriptions and practical advice on how to deal with special situations. He takes the best of the Fred Beckey approach to climb descriptions then tempers it with real-world information that joe-climbers like me need to know.

The good is decent but is lacking some more specific details that I was looking for. I was curious about things like seasons that require snow shoes and snow shovels and there was nothing about it. Half to 3/4 of the book is just all of the different routes. It helped me narrow down the routes I was going to decide to take and the alternates and gave me a great jumping off place for additional research.

A good author uses few words but speaks volumes. I appreciate this book as a Guide- practical, informative, conveying to climbers how to do it safely. Mr. Gauthier has an almost surreal relationship with Mt. Rainier-having climbed it over 190x- and this book conveys both his technical expertise and his love for this hill.

Great book that covers what you need to know and what you can/could expect from a Rainier ascent.

Great book. I have climbed on route and this book is right on.

Very informative book!

Excellent book. Well researched, well written. If there is anything they could improve upon, it may be more maps and better description of nearby facilities.

This book is a great read. It is very knowledgeable. The author is very detailed and paints a great picture of the climb of Mount Rainier. Excellent book for anyone looking for more information on Rainier or looking to summit the mountain.

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