

OREGON 2012 - HIGHPOINTERS CONVENTION - REGISTRATION FORM

June 8 & 9, 2012

Use this form for everyone in your group, and note age of children. This will be the 26th Club convention.
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Convention Fee - Adults: \$80 x _____ = \$ _____

Convention Fee - Children (4 to 11 years): \$55 x _____ = \$ _____

Convention Fee - Children (less than 4): \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

T-shirt sizes are . . . CHILD: XS, S, M, L ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL
 Registration is required to attend convention events and includes a collectible t-shirt.

Please make your check payable to "Oregon Convention 2012" and mail along with this form to:

Jan & Ray Nelson, 2410 Valley Court, Northfield, MN 55057-3236

For convention questions, contact **Host John Mitchler**, jdmitchler@aol.com (303) 278-1915, (720) 244-0814

For climbing Mt. Hood (not a Club event), contact **Dave Covill**, dave_covill@eogresources.com

Give us an idea of your interest in pre-convention events. Please indicate below if you want to reserve a spot on a trip, or if you just have an interest. Indicate how many from your group will attend. First come, first served.

6/5 Tram-Train-Trolley-Trail tour of Portland - reserve how many? _____ how many have an interest? _____

6/5 Silver Falls State Park Hike - reserve how many? _____ how many have interest? _____

6/6 Columbia River Gorge Hike - reserve how many? _____ how many have interest? _____

6/6 Portland Brew Tour - reserve how many? _____ how many have interest? _____ are you Irish? _____

6/6 Portland Outing - reserve how many? _____ how many have interest? _____

6/7 Informal Ice-breaker at Mt Hood Brewery - how many may attend? _____ do you like Stout? _____

6/8 Friday Hikes near Mt. Hood - how many may attend? _____

6/9 Rose Festival - how many? _____ would you drive carpool riders? _____ are you a horticulturist? _____

Klimbin' With Bill, rock climbing excursion - how many interested? _____ type of experience _____

County Highpointing day trip - how many? _____ have you completed Missouri or Texas? _____

Possible group climb of Mt. St. Helens - how many interested? _____ would you drive carpool riders? _____

Plan to be on Mt. Hood? ski? _____ hike to 10,000' _____ to summit _____ private team _____ guide _____

2012 HIGHPOINTERS CONVENTION AT MT. HOOD, OREGON

BY JOHN MITCHLER

Hey Oregon Convention Goers!

By the time you read this it will be less than a month to the big event.

There's plenty of space at the Timberline Lodge Banquet, so register with Jan & Ray by May 23 to ensure your spot.

Registration entitles you to the Friday Social and the Saturday Banquet plus a souvenir shirt.

Timberline Lodge will provide two outstanding halls for the banquet, and everyone will gather in the main hall for the speaker and program. The only way you can miss anything is if you fail to register and attend!

NOTE: It's a full hour (or more) drive from Portland to Mt. Hood, so if you want to stay closer we suggest you contact Mazama Lodge in Government Camp for inexpensive "dorm style" lodging, located right in the middle of all the action.

HOST HOTELS

Mon Tue Wed - Days Inn - Portland South, Sunnyside exit off I-205

Thu Fri Sat - Mt. Hood Inn - Best Western, Government Camp

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Most people are coming for the full week to enjoy the area and fun events that our Portland Team has arranged, and to give themselves a weather window to climb Hood (not a convention event).

If you come early in the week, meet at the Days Inn - Portland South.

Formal convention registration starts Thursday at Mt. Hood Inn Best Western (the host hotel), in Government Camp (the town at Hood's base).

Registrants will receive a program and maps to guide them. Additional information will be available at registration. Look for the Portland Hosts who will answer your questions.

Wear your convention shirt & name badge to be readily visible to the town folk, the merchants, hotels, and the staff at Timberline Lodge.

CONVENTION EVENTS

1) **TIMBERLINE LODGE** - The wonderful setting for Saturday's Banquet is the beautiful and historic log building set high on the slopes of Mt. Hood at 5,900'.

2) **MAZAMA LODGE** - Friday's Social is at rustic Mazama Lodge on the lower slopes of Mt. Hood where we'll have a brief slide show and program.

3) **HISTORIC CEREMONY** - Saturday Banquet's speaker is **Kenyon Rainier Stebbins** who will donate the original documents of **A.H. Marshall** to the Mazamas. And the food at Timberline is utterly fantastic.

OTHER EVENTS

See the following pages for pre-convention activities which our Portland Team has designed to show the best that Portland has to offer. See previous issues for information about climbing Hood, plus there are numerous hikes in the area (described in the last issue and available at registration).

WEATHER

We've selected the ideal week for a convention at Mt. Hood, but be aware that it could snow that week, so watch the weather web sites. Currently Hood is enjoying a 130% snow pack so it should be some great skiing! **Charlie Feris** is our Convention Weatherman so call him at (503) 775-2694 or watch our bulletin boards at the Host Hotels.

BONUS

During your registration at OR-12, you may also enroll for membership in the Mazamas (if you've climbed a glaciated peak). By joining this premier organization you get a 10% discounts at local outdoor stores.

12 HEART BEATS

The US Forest Service reminds us of the "12 Heartbeat Rule" in the back country. Groups must have no more than 12 beating hearts, whether human or animal. Please observe.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR MT. HOOD

Mazamas offers hikes & climbs for members & non-members. www.mazamas.org

US Forest Service - For complete climb information go to:

- www.fs.fed.us
- then use the search box to select Mt. Hood NF
- then on the left menu,
- choose Recreation, and then Climbing
- then from the Quick Links, choose climbing Mt. Hood

USFS webcam: www.fsvisimages.com/fstemplate.aspx?site=moho2

Timberline Lodge webcams: www.timberlinelodge.com/webcams/

Timberline Lodge snow/weather forecasts: www.timberlinelodge.com/conditions/

WEATHER WEB LINKS FOR PORTLAND & HOOD

NOAA Forecast: www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/

Weather at 7000': www.nwac.us/weatherdata/timberlineupper/now/

Weather Plots: <http://kantola.nl/weather.html#otim>

Satellite (choose Portland): www.wrh.noaa.gov/satellite/?wfo=pqr

Weather & Avalanche: www.nwac.us/forecast/avalanche/current/zone/13/

Snow Conditions: www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/site?sitenum=651&State=or

Snow Forecast: www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/Timberline/6day/mid

Webcam at G'Camp: www.tripcheck.com/popups/Cam.asp?camera=624&curRegion=1

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OREGON 2012

Pre-Convention Lodging in Portland

For those of you coming early, we have rooms reserved at our Host Hotel, Days Inn, in Clackamas (south of Portland), a block from Portland's public transportation network.

35 miles - **Days Inn - Portland South** (Host)
15 rooms held Mon. and 45 rooms held Tue. through Fri. (\$79), available now,
www.daysinn.com (503) 654-1699
I-205, on east side of Sunnyside Road Exit (Hwy 212 and 224)

35 miles - **Monarch Hotel**
192 rooms (\$120), available now
www.monarchhotel.cc (800) 492-8700
I-205, on west side of Sunnyside Road Exit

Camping Near Mt. Hood

Many of us enjoy camping during the conventions, although at this early date you might check ahead for snow conditions! The National Forest rangers are excited to see our group and have several nearby campgrounds. The Mt. Hood Village RV Resort will serve as our "Host" campground.

23 miles - **Mt. Hood Village**
14 cottages (\$170), 4 cabins (\$80), 3 yurts (\$60), RV (\$40), and tent sites
www.mthoodvillage.com (503) 622-4011
Located at mp38.5 on US 26, east of Zig Zag

Mt. Hood National Forest campgrounds
Most sites are \$17. Reserve six months in advance (Example: for Friday June 8, 2012, reserve at midnight December 8, 2011)
www.recreation.gov - search on facility name (877) 444-6777

Still Creek CG - doesn't open until June 22, east of Government Camp, south side of US 26

Trillium Lake CG - opens June 8, a bit farther east (and south) on US 26, using FR 2656

Camp Creek CG - opens Apr 22, 6 miles west of Government Camp at mp47, south of US 26

Toll Gate CG - about 10 miles west of Government Camp, east of Zig Zag, at mp43 on US 26

Zig Zag Ranger Station is at mp42 on US 26

Need a Roommate? Need Ideas?

Email **Nikki Hemphill** to find an extra bed or find folks who'd like to share the cost of lodging. greyghost92@yahoo.com
Beds available at Mazama Lodge & Huckleberry Inn.

Lodging Near Mt. Hood

Scenery. History. Recreation. Mt. Hood is a popular place, and as such, it has a wide range of accommodations, from camping to elegant hotels, and they all have one thing in common - - they fill up 100%.

Advance reservations for lodging are a MUST

The accommodations below are **listed by distance from Mt. Hood**.

0 miles - **Timberline Lodge** (Saturday banquet)
(\$195 Thu, \$235 Fri & Sat)
www.timberlinelodge.com (800) 547-1406
Historic lodge at base of ski lifts serves as trailhead for Hood climbs.

6 miles - **Mazama Lodge** (Friday social)
6 rooms (~\$50), 63 dorm bunks (\$24 for bed & food, bring linens)
www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C184/ (503) 272-9214
A rustic lodge for club members, walking distance to Gov't Camp.

7 miles - **Huckleberry Inn**
11 rooms (~\$100), 5 lofts (\$112), and 14 dorm beds (\$14pp)
www.huckleberry-inn.com (503) 272-3325
Center of "downtown" Government Camp, on the loop road off US 26.

8 miles - **Mt. Hood Inn - Best Western** (Convention Host Hotel)
(\$100 incl. breakfast) **SOLD OUT**
www.mthoodinn.com (503) 272-3205
Modern hotel is located near the junction of Government Camp Loop and US 26, at mp53, adjacent to Mt Hood Brewery (aka Ice Axe Grill).

21 miles - **The Cabins, Creekside at Welches**
4 cabins (\$109-\$130), mp40 on US 26, 1 m. south on East Welches Rd
www.mthoodcabins.com (503) 622-4275
Modern, clean cabins with easy access to US 26.

22 miles - **The Resort at the Mountain**
(\$137 which includes resort fee)
www.theresort.com (877) 439-6774
Excellent value for incredible luxury resort, mp40 on US 26, 1.5 miles south on East Welches Road

22 miles - **Mountain Air Motel**
5 rooms (\$60), (503) 622-3169
Rustic and Basic, at mp39 in Brightwood on US 26, east of Zig Zag

50 miles - Portland area hotels and motels

ACTIVITIES FOR OREGON 2012

In addition to Club-sanctioned events on Friday & Saturday, the Portland area Highpointers will lead tours and hikes in the local area. These are informal gatherings and the leaders assume no liability.

Tuesday June 5

4T Hike led by **Marie & Charlie Feris**. A 4.5-mile urban trek in Portland's eclectic urban core by Tram, Train, Trolley, and Trail. Requires \$4.75 transport pass. Meet 8:30 am at Days Inn, back by 3pm. Hiking shoes. Maybe rain gear.

Silver Falls State Park Hike led by **Rick Craycraft**. A 5-mile moderate hike to see 10 stunning waterfalls. Meet 8:30 am at Days Inn. Hiking shoes. Maybe rain gear. Bring lunch & \$5 parking fee.

Wednesday June 6

Columbia River Gorge Hike led by **Marie Feris**. View outstanding waterfalls including 2nd highest in nation and visitor center. 5 miles, 1700' gain. Meet 9:00 am at Days Inn, back by 3pm. Hiking shoes. Maybe rain gear. Bring water.

Portland Brew Tour led by **Charlie Feris**. REI store is nearby if interested. Meet 4:00 pm at Days Inn. Back by 8 pm.

Silver Falls State Park (repeat of Tues.)

Klimbin' with Bill "Smith Rock is one of the best climbing areas in the United States" - MountainProject.com

At 8 AM meet **Bill Urbanski** at the entrance to Smith Rock State Park in Terrebonne OR (83 miles south of Government Camp). \$5 park fee.

Basic rock climbing skills are required. Bring your own harness, helmet, and shoes (and some rope & trad gear if you've got it).

Even if you don't climb you should go there to drool at the scenery!

www.smithrock.com

www.mountainproject.com/v/smith-rock/105788989

wcuesq@yahoo.com (570) 430-9881 c.

Thursday June 7

Portland Outing led by **Ardel Frick** and **Rick Craycraft**. Hike Mt. Tabor (extinct volcano) at 9 am and tour Mazama Mountaineering Center. Bring lunch money for Portland food cart experience. Maps available for self-guided tour of amazing outdoor gear stores (Next Adventure, REI, The Mountain Shop, and Oregon Mountain Community) or arrange car pool. Meet 8:30 am at **Ardel's**, 735 SE 48th in Portland for coffee & muffins.

Convention Registration begins by 10am in Host Hotel - Mt. Hood Inn

Pre-Convention "ice breaker" social Join **John Mitchler** and **Charlie Feris** at the Ice Axe Grill in the Mt. Hood Brewery at the base of Mt. Hood. 6 pm

Friday June 8

Convention Registration - Mt Hood Inn

County Highpointing led by **Bob Bolton**. Saddle Mtn, Rogers Pk, S. Saddle, and Columbia Co. Dry conditions only. Meet early at place tbd.

Mount Hood for Non-mountaineers Due to ski lift restrictions, we will now take a snow cat up to the flat area above the ski lift at 8,700' where we'll stay for 30 minutes (as close as you can get to the summit without climbing). Cost is \$42 if we get 12. Friday afternoon. Sign up at registration or call **Nikki Hemphill** at (219) 545-2169

Backcountry Ski Trek at Mount Hood led by **Greg Slayden**. Rent gear, ski uphill as high as we decide and ski down. See issue #94 for description.

BBQ & Bonfire Social Join us at the Mazama Lodge for this special gathering under the watchful eye of Mt. Hood. Enjoy Jakk's traditions of watermelon and the Liar's Club (come with your own tall tales of hiking). Parking is scarce so we will gather at 4pm in the Mt. Hood Inn lobby and group hike 1 mile to the Lodge. Beer keg may be provided for those who wish to donate for a brew.

Saturday June 9

Convention Registration - Mt Hood Inn
Rose Festival Parade No leader. Car pool sign-up at Host Hotel. Early start. Four-mile grand floral walk open to all.

County Highpointing led by **Bob Bolton**. Sturgeon Rock, Silver Star. May see some snow on road. Meet early at place tbd.

Board of Directors Meeting in Barlow Room at Timberline Lodge 2pm-4pm Members welcome. The HP Foundation meets in Blue Ox at the same time.

Happy Hour at in the Main Lobby in Timberline Lodge. Gather at 5pm. Arrive early to tour the Lodge. It's loaded with art!

Banquet An event you will not forget. Breathtaking location, inspired cuisine, and **Don Holmes** as EmCee! 6pm start.

Speaker A unique presentation by **Kenyon Rainier Stebbins**, son of **Rowland Stebbins** (second person to complete the State Highpoints on 6-16-50). Kenyon's talk will celebrate the first person to complete the State Highpoints, **Arthur Marshall** on 7-13-36. This event will explore the roots of highpointing, and because of Marshall's link with the Mazamas, it will be celebrate the common history of our clubs.

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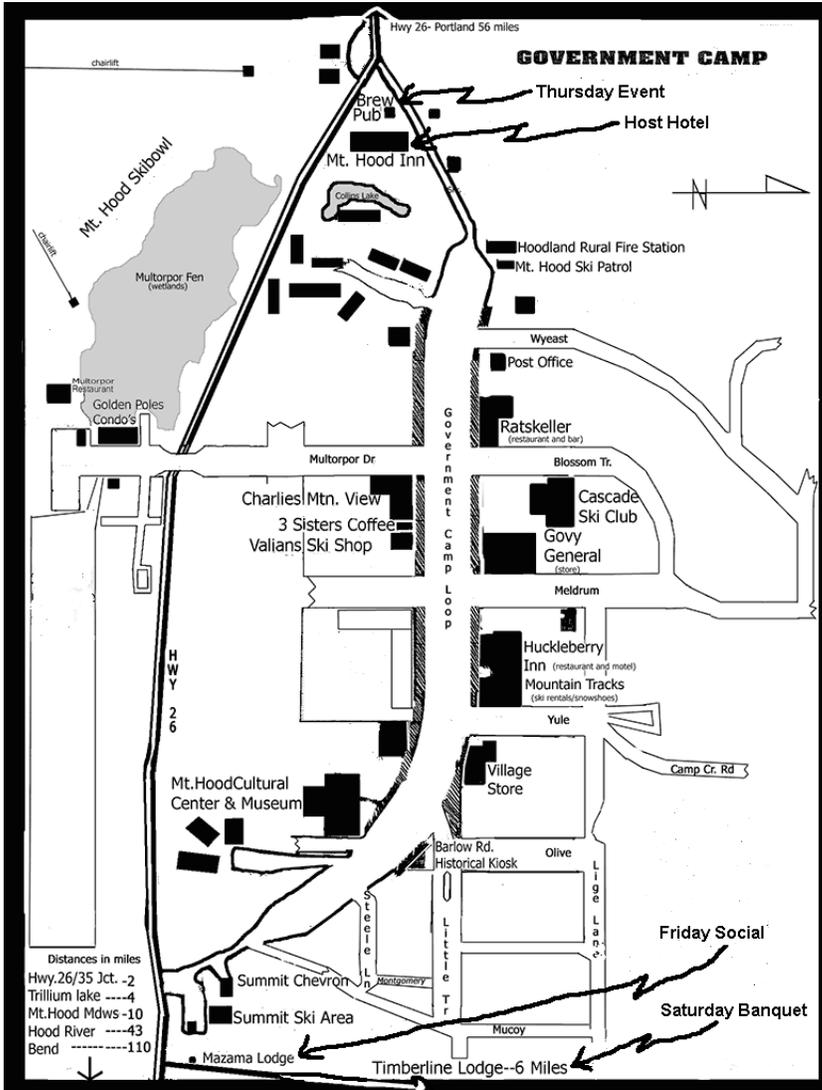
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EVENT LOCATIONS FOR OREGON 2012



Mt Hood is 56 miles east of Portland by way of US 26, passing through Sandy, Welches, and Zig Zag.

Government Camp is a town located along US 26 at the base of Mt. Hood, at mile post 53.

Take the Government Camp Loop road to reach the **Host Hotel** (Mt. Hood Inn), restaurants, and the Mt Hood Museum.

A mile east on US 26 is the turnoff for Timberline Road which leads up to **Timberline Lodge**.

The turnoff for **Mazama Lodge** is a poorly marked lane off US 26 on the left (north) just before (west) Timberline Road.

The Timberline ski area is based out of the cement ("ugly") building in front of Timberline Lodge. Parking can be found around this building.

This "bunker" is also home to an expansive gift shop with winter apparel and Hood memorabilia.

Self-issuing Wilderness Permits to climb Mt. Hood are obtained in this bunker too.

To the left is a map of Government Camp (oriented with the north arrow pointed to the right).

At the top of the map is the Mt. Hood Brewery and the Mt. Hood Inn.

At the bottom of the map is Mt. Hood Museum and the Mazama Lodge.

The road to Timberline Lodge leaves US 26 at the bottom of the map.



This map shows the Mt. Hood area.

Circled are Timberline Lodge and Government Camp.

US26 crosses the bottom of the map and I-84 goes across the top (along the Columbia River).

HIKES NEAR MT. HOOD

Marion Bauman suggests the following short hikes that should be mostly snow free in June. Note his use of the words "should" and "mostly." These are not Club-sponsored or leader hikes, so enjoy them on your own or ask for hiking partners on the sign-up boards at the Host Hotel.

They're listed here shortest to longest.

Little Zigzag Falls - 0.6 miles roundtrip, 100 feet gain
Beautiful waterfall, narrow canyon, good for kids, recommended by the Forest Service (see map next page)
Route: off US 26, 4.5 miles west of Government Camp turn-off (23 miles E of Sandy). Take Road 39 (FR 2639) north for 2.3 miles.

Lost Creek - 0.5 mile all-ability loop, flat - no gain
Scenic creek, volcanic mudflow.
Route: from Zigzag go north on FR 18 for 4.2 miles, right on FR 1825 2.7 miles to Lost Creek Campground. TH is at day use parking.

Wildwood Wetland - 0.9 miles roundtrip, flat - no gain
All-ability interpretive trail, paved plus boardwalk.
Route: on US 26 1.3 miles west of Welches, turn south into Wildwood BLM Recreation Site.

Bagby Hot Springs - 3 miles roundtrip, 200 feet gain
Southwest of Hood, old growth forest, rustic bathhouse and cedar tubs. Note: clothing optional.
Route: take OR 224 for 25 miles SE of Estacada, right on FR 46 for 3.5 miles, right on FR 63 for 3.5 miles, left on FR 70 for 6 miles, then left 0.5 miles passing Pegleg Falls.

Mirror Lake Loop - 3.2 miles roundtrip, 650 feet gain
Scenic mountain basin, Mt. Hood views, reflections in Lake, and very popular.
Route: off US 26 1.2 miles west of Government Camp, turn-off (26 miles E of Sandy), use GT Government Camp map.

Old Salmon River Road - 5.2 miles roundtrip, 200 feet gain
Wild and Scenic River with old growth forest. Possible fording of tributaries depending upon snow levels. Recommended by the Forest Service rangers.
Route: off US 26 at Zigzag (town along US 26). Follow Salmon River Road (FR 2618) for 2.5 miles. Use GT Government Camp map.

Tom, Dick, and Harry Mountain - 6.4 miles RT, 1,660 ft
Longer more spectacular view hike beginning at Mirror Lake
Route: Take right fork just before the Lake, then second right fork signed for "Tom, Dick, Harry Mtn." Go 1.6 miles further (1000 feet) to mountain viewpoint (Mt. Hood, Jefferson, Three Sisters, Brokentang). Continue just below the ridge to the other two summits and on to the top of Chairlift. Return via the ascent route. Distance of 6.4 miles includes the Mirror Lake loop.

Ramona Falls - 7.3 miles, 1,000 feet gain
Outstanding waterfall, Mt Hood views, along Sandy River. Check condition of bridge across river before going.
Route: Use FR (Forest Road) 1825. Use GT (Green Trails map) Government Camp map.

Mount St. Helens - 10 miles, 4600 feet gain
Because our convention team will be busy with various events and registration, there will not be a leader for this peak. It is not a convention event, therefore, contact others coordinate groups and dates, and to establish car pools.

Climbing permits are required and go on sale at 9 a.m. PST on February 1st. They're available through the Mount Saint Helens Institute website at www.mshinstitute.org for \$22 per person and are transferable but not refundable. Dates for the summer sell out QUICKLY.

The trailhead is 2 hours from Portland, north across the Columbia River, in Washington. Camping is available there.

Depending on the conditions it could be a full-on snow climb requiring ice axe and crampons to just a hike requiring sturdy boots and trekking poles.

Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument is in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Web Sites of interest are:
www.mshinstitute.org
www.fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens
www.mountsthelens.com
www.summitpost.org/spring-slog-to-the-crater-rim-of-mt-st-helens/632431 (report with the route on a topo map)

Mt Hood - 2,800' from ski lift, 5,000' from Timberline
Timberline Mtn Guides offers a two-day Mt. Hood Summit Program (one day intro and one day climb using snowcats), and a one-day Steep Snow Course for those who desire some training but will climb on their own.
www.timberlinemtguides.com/Alpine/MtHood.aspx

Climb from Timberline very early with a goal of being back for brunch (to avoid soft snow, warm weather, and loose rock). Ski lifts cut your climb in half but don't start until day-break, so take them (prior to their 1:30pm shutdown) and hike 500' up to 8700', set your tent, and have an early start the next day. Rent a 12-seat \$500 snowcat to reach the top of the ski lifts (3 runs per night 12am, 1am, 3am) (503) 272-3106

From the top of the ski lifts it's a 2,800 feet gain to the summit, with 5,000' back down to Timberline Lodge. Be able to hike 6 hours with a 30 lb pack. Exercise 3 times a week for 1 hour, and include a long day hike each week.

Ice axe, crampon, boots are rented from TMG, REI, and Mountain Shop in Portland. Issue #94 has an equipment list. Locator beacons available at Host Hotel.

Timberline Lodge is a popular trailhead. Wilderness permits are mandatory, free, and self-issued at the cement building in front of Timberline Lodge. Hike/Snowcat to the top of the ski lifts, plod up the Hogsback. Then depending on conditions, and go straight up the Pearly Gates to the summit, or traverse left to the Old Chute route (aka Mazama route) which ends with a ridge walk to the summit.