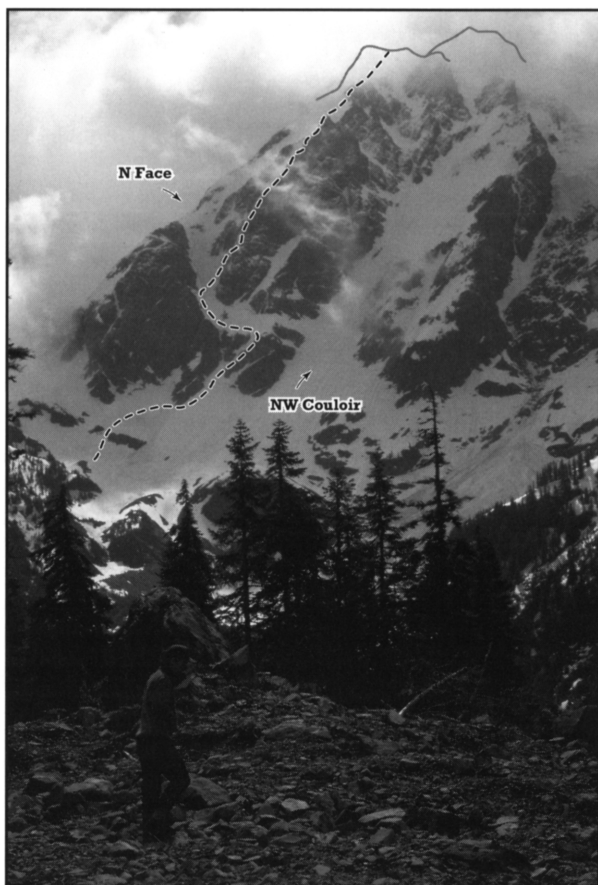


narrow gully (the striking part of the climb from the road's view) of snow, ice and some rock for about five pitches until the gully opens up and the grade becomes less steep. Easier snow continues on the shoulder to its crest, meeting the North Face route on the plateau below the summit pyramid. Gear was carried over and descent made via the Fisher Chimneys. The crux, consisting of steep mixed ground in the gully, is the first couple of pitches of the gully after exiting the couloir. A little ice protection was used, and some rock gear, though it was somewhat difficult to find placements in the gully. Time: six hours from upper basin to plateau. Overall, the 2,000-foot route is a direct, aesthetically pleasing and interesting mixed climb of some difficulty (comparable in difficulty to the Northwest Face of Forbidden Peak, though the hard bit is shorter, or the North Rib of the Aiguille de Chardonnay). The route is easily visible as a thin white line on the north-northwest shoulder from the road/Mount Baker Ski Area in the right season. It is an early season route owing to the transitory nature of the gully, which appears as a snowless, dark cleft in summer, and which I assume would be messy.



*The west face of Mount Shuksan, showing the Hitchcock-Nematode Memorial Route. Chris Young*

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*Mount Baker; Variation to Roman Nose Route.* On June 9, Mike Morrison, Tim Weyand and I climbed what may be little more than a variation to the *Roman Nose* route on Mount Baker. This route (a.k.a. *the Roman Bridge*) gains the *Roman Nose* above the middle, steep step. From the right side of the nose, in the amphitheater north from and below the saddle on the Coleman-Deming route (and just left of the seracs above), one climbs moderately steep snow straight up to the ridge crest and continues up the Roman Ridge. Two-thirds of the way up one must thread a funnely bit (the steepest part) by moving right around rock; the seracs are 30 feet to the right of this. Time: three hours from The Hogback to summit. Again, I don't think this route exists in summer, when it's probably a pumice slope.

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