

Trip Name: Mount Washington Safety First.

Trip ATES Rating: Challenging.

Avalanche Forecast Region:	Vancouver Island
Desination Region:	Mount Washington Back Country
Local Name:	Safety First
Primary Use:	Slack Country Skiing
Access Trail Name:	Sunrise Chairlift.
Access Point:	Access gate accessing east ridge at top of Sunrise chairlift.
Egress Point:	Kilometre 9 Strathcona Parkway
Objective:	Ski Run.
Objective Longitude (or mid-point) (ddd.nnnn)	-125.27113 (Entrance to ski run at 1400m)
Objective Latitude (or mid-point) (dd.nnnn)	+49.74733 (Entrance to ski run at 1400m)
Description:	Ski run from tree line down a small, steep north east facing avalanche path into the trees.
Route Details:	Leave the ski area at the back country access gate to the east of the top of the Sunrise Chairlift. Head east on the east ridge to near it's end and descend about 20m vertical to the south east to reach the north east facing open entrance left of a prominent steep convexity. Descend avalanche runnels basically on fall line through the trees until reaching the north facing clear cut at 1100m. Ski the clear cut and traverse east to get to the road system leading to kilometer 9 on the Strathcona Parkway.
Terrain Classification:	Challenging.
Below Treeline	90%
Treeline:	10%
Alpine:	0%
Cautions	First 300m vertical of descent are in an avalanche path. Storm loading and/or cross loading at entrance. Once committed and part way down the descent, over head hazard exists from the path being skied as well as adjacent paths. Wind loaded start zone at top of clear cut that is entered lower on the route.
Mitigation opportunities:	Go/no go decision re skiing this feature. Avoid convexity skiers right at entrance. Avoid traversing too high into the first clear cut encountered lower on the route so as not to undercut wind slab which can form at the top of the clear cut.
Principal ATES variables in classification	All options at the entrance involve exposure to avalanche start zone.
Recommended times for use	Not in Considerable or above hazard. Not with wind or storm slab.
Rescue and public safety information	Mount Washington Ski Patrol, RCC, RCMP.