

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN AREA TRAILS

MINERS LAKE TRAIL [EASY TO MODERATE]

Ride Lifts to the top of Crystal Mountain. Walk down service road to trail that takes off from the first switchback. Trail takes you across upper Lucky Shot ski slope, across the side of Silver Queen, through Campbell Basin, skirts five beautiful little lakes (including Henskin), to Jim Town (an old mining camp). Then take Silver Creek trail to the valley floor. This puts you back at the point of beginning.

KELLY'S GAP TRAIL [EASY, DOWNHILL]

Ride lifts to the top of Crystal Mountain. As you approach the top of the second chair, you will notice a large bowl on your right. This is known as Green Valley. There is no definite trail originating from the top, so just meander down through the valley (the wild flowers are spectacular) until you reach the bottom lower terminal of the lift that services Green Valley. At this point, take the service road and it will lead you to the bottom of the first chairlift. This walk affords you a delightful view of the village complex.

BULLION BASIN TRAIL [STRENUOUS]

Take the old tractor road (originally was the access to the Blue Bell Mine on top of the mountain) that starts at the top of the ski slope directly east (uphill) of the Chapel. Follow the signs that appear at all intersections and you will ultimately end up on the Cascade Crest Trail.

BEAR GAP TO BULLION BASIN TRAIL [STRENUOUS TO MODERATE]

Hike 3/4 of the way up the T-Bar hill. take the Silver Creek trail (right side of T-Bar) to Jim Town, then Bear Gap. At Bear Gap go left to Pickhandle Ridge, Crown Point, Blue Bell Pass and then down the old tractor road to Bullion Basin, then back down to the Day Lodge.

HENSKIN LAKE TRAIL [STRENUOUS TO MODERATE]

Walk up chairlift #4. The lake is approximately 200 yards from the top of the chair, OR walk 3/4 of the way up the T-Bar to Silver Creek Trail, then to Jim Town. At Jim Town, cross the creek (right) and follow trail to Henskin.

NORSE PEAK TRAIL [STRENUOUS]

Take off from Crystal Mountain road. Approximately 4 1/2 miles long, mostly uphill.

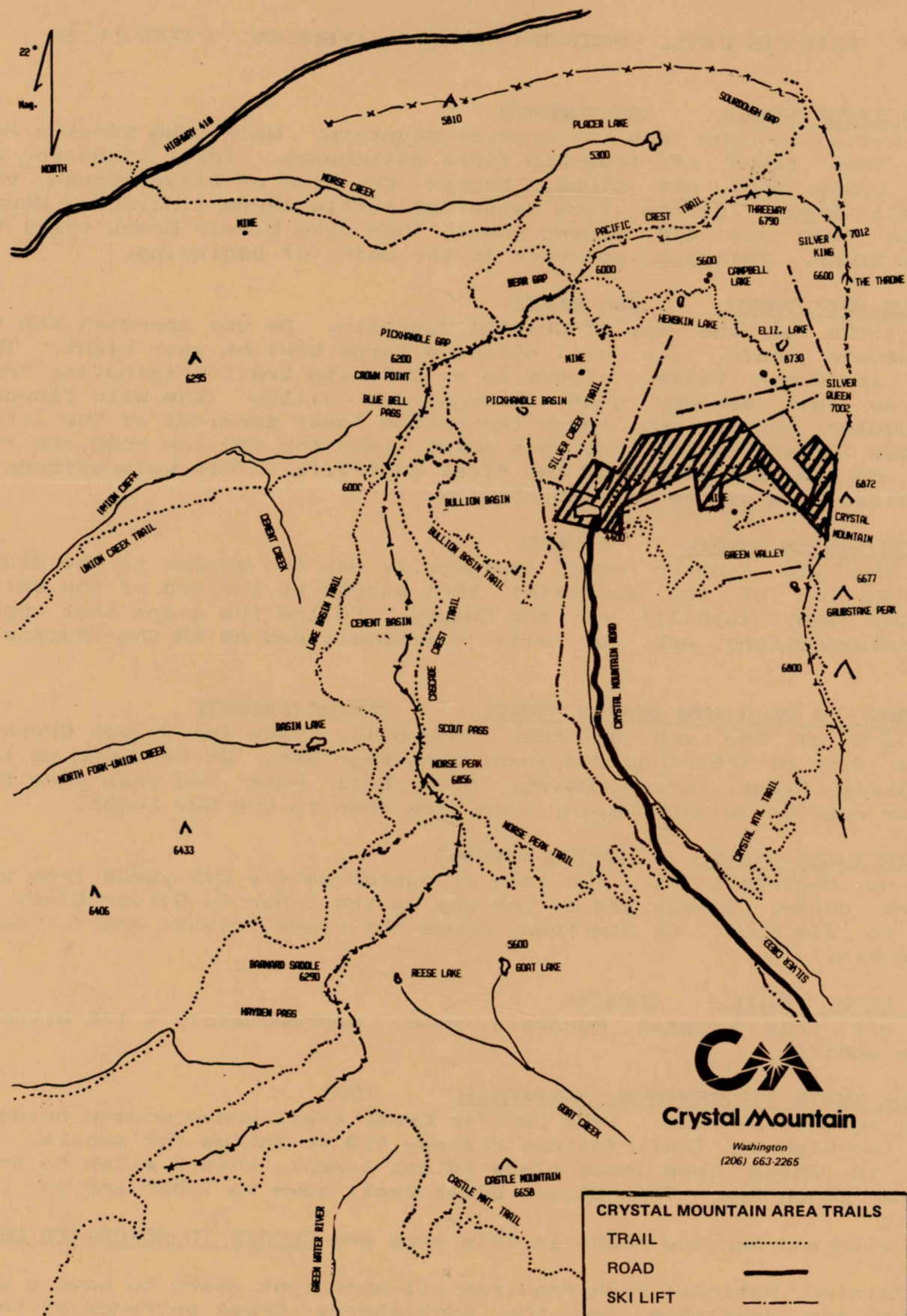
CHINOOK PASS TO CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN [EASY]

Drive to Chinook Pass. Take Pacific Crest trail where wooden bridge goes over the highway. Trail follows Highway 410 to Yakima for awhile. Hike 2 miles to Sheep Lake (nice place to eat lunch), then 3 miles to Bear Gap via Sour Dough Gap. Take Silver Creek trail down to T-Bar and Day Lodge.

All trails and service roads in this area are CLOSED TO MOTORIZED USE.

Mt. Rainier National Park requires all overnight users to have a permit. Permits are available for the Huckleberry Creek entrance at the U.S. Forest Service office in Enumclaw. Permits can also be obtained by writing: Backcountry Desk, Mount Rainier National Park, Longmire, WA. 98397.

Crystal Mountain is located in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest under special use permit.



WARNING!!! Blasting may occur at any time Monday through Friday between May 23 and October 1, 1988. Please check in with the Main Office for daily updates and **OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS** on hiking trails. Thank you.