



Mt. Whitney Skills and Climb Route Descriptions

The summit of Mt. Whitney is at 14,505' feet and is the highest point in the Lower 48 states.

Mountaineers Route (Black) is a non-technical climb and is rated as a 3rd class scramble. There are many variations to this route and guides can make it more difficult for stronger parties. In the winter and spring this is a steep snow and ice route. In the picture, this route disappears behind the face of Whitney and climbs up the west side.

East Face (White) This route is rated at 5.7, is 13 pitches long and requires traversing. You should be able to climb a multi-pitch 5.7 with a pack on. The Mountaineer's Route is used for the descent.

East Buttress (Yellow) This route is rated at 5.7 and is 11 pitches long. This is a more direct route compared to the East Face. The Mountaineer's Route is used for the descent.

Route lines are approximate.

