

**Trip Name:** Mount Myra

**Trip ATES Rating:** Challenging

<b>Avalanche Forecast Region:</b>	Vancouver Island
<b>Local Name:</b>	Mount Myra via Tennant Lake and the West Ridge.
<b>Primary Use:</b>	Ski Touring/Snow Shoeing, Mountaineering.
<b>Access Trail Name:</b>	Tennant Lake
<b>Access Point:</b>	Phillips Ridge Parking
<b>Egress Point:</b>	Same as Access
<b>Objective:</b>	Mount Myra Summit
<b>Objective Longitude</b>	-125.60670
<b>Objective Latitude</b>	+49.54402
<b>Description:</b>	Penstock Road to East Tennant creek (crossing can be hazardous) and on to Tennant Lake. From North end of lake at dam to southern toe of West Ridge of Myra, up steep slopes to gain the west ridge. West ridge to summit with a turn to the southern side for the final 80-100m.
<b>Terrain Classification:</b>	Challenging.
<b>Below Treeline</b>	45%
<b>Treeline:</b>	15%
<b>Alpine:</b>	40%
<b>Other Resources:</b>	Island Turns and Tours by Philip Stone.
<b>Cautions</b>	Main caution is with steep slope used to gain south toe of west ridge circa 1200m. This is unavoidable avalanche terrain with traps below and wind affected start zone. Other cautions would be with staying on the crest of the west ridge above avoiding start zones on either side and convexities en route. Final climb to the summit also involves unavoidable exposure to avalanche start zones and tracks. Two main options exist. Both entail hazard. Summer route is usually the less desirable option in winter.
<b>Mitigation opportunities:</b>	Stick to west ridge out of start zones off either side and avoid convexities as much as possible on the ridge top.
<b>Recommended times for use</b>	Not recommended in times when tree line hazard makes the one steep section at 1200m a problem. Also not recommended in times of Considerable or higher hazard in the alpine.
<b>Rescue and public safety information</b>	BC Parks, RCC, RCMP.