



Three Finger Jack Trip Report

DATE	ROUTE, TYPE & DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION	TOTAL GAIN	ROUND TRIP DISTANCE
6/27/2025	R1	7,841 ft	~3,000 ft	~12.5 miles

Leader: Shonee Langford

Assistant Leader: Laurie Muhlbauer

Climbers: Chris Shaw, Elijah Bezayiff, Karen Parent

Link to Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/jSj3kbUt2nyvp8nQ8>



Trip Information

This trip got posted with short notice, but Shonee managed to rope a few of us climbers into this climb. Some of us camped at the trailhead the night before. The weather forecast had us thinking we'd have decent weather. We didn't know we'd end up having to deal with JUNE-UARY. On Friday morning, we started in the mist surrounded by clouds. It was chilly and windy. We took the usual trail until we hit snow. This caused us to slow for the next 1.5 miles because of route finding and side hilling. When we topped out on the south ridge, it was mostly bare and for the rest of the ascent, we were off snow. No more snow meant that we hit the typical loose scree. There were spots with a bit of exposure, so we stepped cautiously.

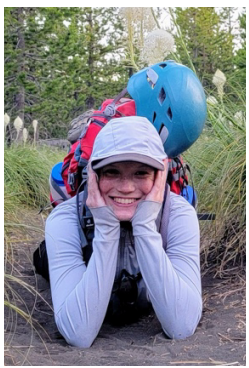
At the base of The Crawl, the team hung out while Shonee led and set a fixed line. He hooked a couple of pitons along the way and put in a couple of pieces of gear. The team scrambled the rock step and took a variation to the left to the base of the Chimney. Shonee then led the Chimney setting a fixed line as he went. It stretched to the summit. We didn't spend long at the top. We traced our route back on the fixed line and abseiled down the chimney from an anchor around a boulder. By the time we were headed back down, clouds began to part, and we had some warmer weather and views. Karen spotted a herd of mountain goats down in the valley. We took time and watched them during one of our breaks. The rock step that was doable on the way up appeared a little more precarious on the descent, so we slung a boulder, and members individually got lowered a short distance. We headed back down crummy scree. When we got down to the trail, we were able to follow footsteps and stay on the trail which allowed for a little quicker pace. Once back in bear grass territory, we got swarmed by mosquitos, so we booked it out of there and back to the trailhead.

Karen, Elijah, Chris, and I got our first summit of Three Finger Jack. Thanks, Shonee for leading this one!

Gear used: 60m rope x2, alpine draws, slings, cams, Rocky Talkies

Written by: Laurie M





When the bear grass puts on a show, one must take senior high school inspired photos. Thankfully everyone went along with my silly idea!