**NORTH AMERICA, UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON, CUTTHROAT PEAK, “The PORTLY GENTLEMAN'S ROUTE”**

Publication Year: *1995.*

Cutthroat Peak: “Portly Gentleman’s Route.” On August 28, Brian Buck and I left the North Cascades Highway 1.8 miles west of the Washington Pass scenic turnout, crossed State Creek and ascended steep alpine meadows as if heading for the west-ridge route. At the basin southwest of Cutthroat’s summit area, two prominent gullies lead toward the main (north) summit. We entered the first (the south gully) and the more direct line to the main summit, climbed past grassy ledges until it widens into steepening clean rock below the orange-colored west face. We climbed several pitches of low fifth class towards a spacious ledge below a left-facing corner. Thirty feet left of the corner, we face-climbed to an easy rightward-slanting ramp, which we followed for 20 feet to a belay ledge. We continued leftwards up easy slabs to the shoulder of the west ridge. We climbed the face above and gained a short chimney. We climbed the obvious 5.10+ overhanging hand-crack above until it became off-width, where 10 feet of face climbing leftwards took us to a large block to belay. To the left around a corner we found a 20-foot hand-crack, which was followed by a short scramble to the summit. (III, 5.10+.)

*Fletch Taylor, Portly Gentlemen Alpinists Association*