

SNOW DAY!

Well, it's got to be getting close . . . everyone's watching the hills to see if snow is showing up, in anticipation of the 2015-2016 ski season! Fact is, we used to get more snow around here. We even had our own local ski slope, complete with a double chair lift and three different rope tows.



The effort started in the early 1950s, with the proposal of a Mount Pilchuck State Park, supported by about 35 different civic groups. By 1957, the park was a reality, through the cooperation of the federal government. But there's a big difference between a park (often covered in snow), and an actual ski area.

Long-time residents undoubtedly remember the excitement when there was a stock offering in 1961, intended to raise money for the construction of a double chair lift on Mt. Pilchuck, along with improvements and expansion of the existing rope tows and facilities. The stock offering explained the background of the effort and listed a budgetary estimate of the overall costs to be incurred.

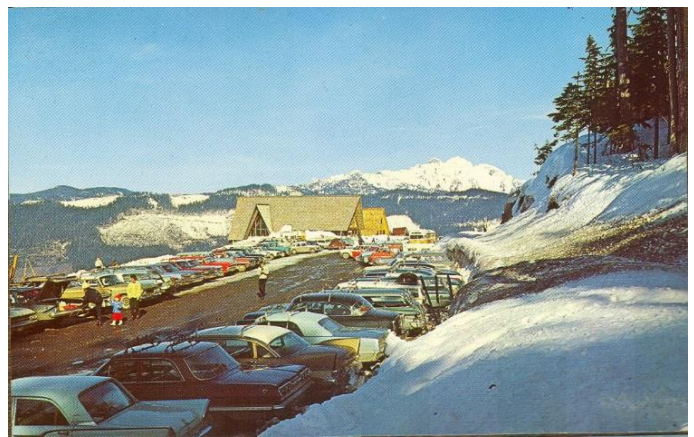
LOCATION OF RESORT AREA AND PURPOSE OF OFFERING

Mount Pilchuck State Park, on the north face of Mount Pilchuck, in Mt. Baker National Forest, is the only skiing resort in Snohomish County. It is located 34 miles northeast of Everett, 33 miles closer to Everett than Stevens Pass, and 63 miles from Seattle, 25 miles closer to Seattle than Stevens Pass. The altitude of the upper ski slopes is 5100 feet, about the same as Stevens Pass and Mt. Baker. Mount Pilchuck is also a well known resort for hikers and summer vacationers, where the State of Washington only recently in, 1957, obtained rights from the federal government for a state park.

The State has granted the issuer an exclusive concession to operate and develop all skiing and resort facilities at Mount Pilchuck State Park until September 3, 1980. The purpose of this offering is to finance development of this concession. The land upon which the issuer is to install improvements is under the jurisdiction of the State Parks and Recreation Commission by virtue of special use permits issued by the Federal government and by the State Bureau of Natural Resources.

Commissions on the sale of stock, maximum	\$ 45,000.00
Other estimated expenses of stock sales, including printing, advertising, legal fees, mailing, etc.	15,000.00
Accumulated bills for slope clearance, operations, etc.....	15,000.00
Mile Long Chair Lift, purchase and installation	200,000.00
Slope clearance, new and enlarged rope tows, children's play area, toboggan slide, enlarged restaurant, ski shop and National Ski Patrol facilities.....	25,000.00
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The results were great! Hundreds of people flocked to the slopes for almost 15 years. There was a beautiful A-frame lodge, with a smaller A-frame ski shop next to it. The road up the mountain was well-maintained, so buses and private automobiles had excellent access.



MOUNT PILCHUCK (Summit elevation 5,384', North Slope)

LOCATION: 34 miles east of Everett through Granite Falls on scenic Mountain Loop highway, 61 miles northeast of Seattle via U.S. 99, or Bothell highway through Snohomish.

SEASON: Open year 'round, weekends and holidays. Midweek night skiing.

FACILITIES: Pilchuck panoramic playground offers vista ride \$1.50, reduced rates for children.

1 Riblet double chair lift 4,000 feet long, 1,217 feet vertical rise.

4 rope tows, bunny to expert, 150 feet to 800 feet in length, varying from 50 feet to 300 feet vertical rise.

Alpine Chalet Lodge, snack bar and lunch room, ski shop and rental equipment. Elevation at lodge - 3,100 feet. Top of chair lift - 4,300 feet.

Average snow depth: 10 to 12 feet.

Ski runs: 20 acres groomed to grass at lower terminal, plus trails and upper slopes as alpine terrain.

Mount Pilchuk Ski School: Group and private instruction.

National Ski Patrol (winner of 1962 Safety Award).

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Director

RATE: Chair \$4.00 - Ropes \$1.75. Reduced rates for children.

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The terminus of the chair lift was 1200' higher in elevation than the lodge, and there were four rope tows ranging from 100 to 300 feet in vertical rise, providing skiing for people at all skill levels.

Unfortunately, the climate didn't cooperate, and the winter rains ruined skiing far too often. In 1978, the operation closed. It's interesting that the lodge was dismantled in part, however, then carefully moved down the mountain, where it still sits today on the South Fork Stillaguamish near Blue Bridge. The drive up Mt. Pilchuck to the old ski area is still a beautiful drive, and of course the hike to the summit is one of the most popular (and most satisfying) hikes in the area.