When considering how to determine what was Fred Beckey’s greatest climbing year, one can simply look at which year he accumulated the largest number of successful climbs. Or one could see which year he achieved the most First Ascents. Or somehow look at the quality of the climbs or routes that he climbed in a year.

I thought about what type of categories to use to measure the greatest year of Beckey’s career, such that it wouldn’t come down to just the largest number of climbs in a year or the largest number of First Ascents. Sure, these two categories are important. But I don’t believe 1948 to be Beckey’s greatest climbing year, just because he successfully climbed the most peaks and the recorded the largest number of First Ascents in that year.

Most the climbs he did in 1948 were in the area that is called Cashmere Crags in his book *Challenge of the North Cascades*, or what we locals now call the Enchantments. Most of these climbs are short technical climbs of crags. If any sort of values is applied to these climbs in 1948, such as 400 feet of prominence or minimum number of four pitches (See Fred Beckey’s 100 Favorite North American Climbs for example.), a lot of these climbs wouldn’t count or qualify. As Beckey states in the Appendix of *Challenge of the North Cascades*, at the end of the year 1948,

“Too many Crag climbs for one season.”

I put together a way to evaluate the climbs in a year using the fore mentioned factors, along with other considerations. And I used a ranking system with points awarded, to help evaluate the climbs in a year.

Here is an explanation of the 11 categories I used to evaluate the climbs for a given year.

***The first three categories measure the quality or difficulty of a climb.***

**The first category is the Los Alamos Mountaineering (LAM) North American Classic Climbs list of 100 routes.**

Within this list, the top 25 climbs are identified, but not ranked.

I developed the following scoring system for these climbs.

The Top 25 climbs are scored as follows

Succeeded in climbing the route: 4 points

Climb was a new route: 4 additional points

Climb was a first ascent: 8 additional points

For the remaining 75 climbs on the list, they are scored as follows:

Succeeded in climbing the route: 2 points

Climb was new route: 2 additional points

Climb was first ascent: 4 additional points

Fred Beckey climbed seven of the 25 top routes. He and his climbing partners established a new route for three of the seven climbs.

Of the remaining 75 climbs, Fred Beckey and his climbing partners climbed 20 of these routes. Three of these routes were new routes and three routes were first ascents.

**Second category are the routes listed in Fred Beckey’s 100 Favorite Climbs of North America.**

The climbs on the list are scored as follows:

Succeeded in climbing the route: 2 points

Climb was a new route: 2 additional points

Climb was a first ascent: 4 additional points

In summary he succeeded in climbing 71 of the routes. Of the 71 routes he succeeded on, five were first ascents and 31 were new routes when he and his climbing partners ascended them.

**Third category are the Ten Most Difficult Climbs of Washington State.**

The climbs are scored as follows:

Succeeded in climbing the route: 2 points

Climb was a new route: 2 additional points

Climb was a first ascent: 4 additional points

Of these ten climbs, Fred Beckey climbed nine of them, some multiple times. Fred Beckey achieved a first ascent on seven of the ten peaks and established two new routes among the lot.

***The fourth through seventh categories are just a measure of the largest number for each category.***

**Fourth category is the largest number of successful climbs in a year.**

For this category, along with all the remaining categories, I used a ranking system for the 20 most productive years. The years are ranked first through twentieth, with 20 points being awarded for the year with the most successful climbs. For example, in 1948 he successfully climbed 56 peaks, his largest total for a year. So, 1948 received 20 points.

**Fifth category is the largest number of first ascents climbed in a year.**

Again, just using the top 20 years. In this category, 1948 was the year Beckey achieved the largest number of first ascents of 40. So, 1948 is awarded 20 points.

**Sixth category is the largest number of new routes climbed in a year.**

The year 1962 saw Beckey climb the most new routes, a total of 23. The year 1962 received the maximum point value of 20 points in this category.

**Seventh category is a combination of the largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents climbed in a year.**

The year 1962 just edged out 1963 in this category, with a combination of 31 first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents.

***The eighth through tenth categories measure the number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents on a percentage basis***

**Eighth category is a measure of the percentage of climbs which were first ascents, in relation to all the successful climbs for that year**.

In 1953, 92% of Beckey successful climbs, were first ascents. The highest percentage for any year in his career, so this year is awarded 20 points.

**Ninth category is a measure of the percentage of climbs which were new routes, in relation to all the successful climbs for that year.**

In 1960, 81% of Beckey’s successful climbs were new routes. This is highest percentage for any year in his career, so 20 points are awarded for 1960.

**Tenth category is a measure of the percentage of the combination of first ascents, new routes & first winter ascents climbed, in relation to all the successful climbs for that year.**

In 1953, 100% of Beckey’s successful climbs were either a first ascent, new route or first winter ascent. 1953 is awarded 20 points.

**The eleventh and last category is just a measure of the diversity or number of the different places he climbed in a year. It is total of all the different states, provinces and countries, he climbed in that year.**

In the year 1987, Beckey climbed in eleven different places: Mexico, Kenya, Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, West Virginia, North Carolina, British Columbia, Wyoming, California and New York. So, 1987 is awarded 20 points

The results are!

Fred Beckey’s greatest climbing year was 1962.

See attached table for a list of the top 20 years of Beckey’s climbing career.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **LAM 100 NA Classic Climbs** | **Beckey’s 100 Favorite NA Climbs** | **10 Hardest Climbs Wash State** | **Largest Number of Climbs in a Year** | **Largest Number of FAs in a Year** | **Largest Number of NRs in a Year** | **Largest Number of FAs, NRs, FWAs in a Year** | **% of FAs in a Year** | **% of NRs in a Year** | **% of FAs, NRs, FWAs in a Year** | **Different Climbing Locations** | **Total Points** |
|  | **Quality or Difficulty of Climb** | | | **Largest Number of Climbs** | | | | **Percentage of Climbs** | | |  |  |
| 1962 | 0 | **20** | 0 | 17 | 10 | **20** | 19 | 0 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 115 |
| 1966 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 110 |
| 1963 | 12 | 16 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 99 |
| 1967 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 96 |
| 1961 | **18** | 14 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 15 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 94 |
| 1948 | 0 | 6 | 0 | **20** | **20** | 0 | **20** | 17 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 91 |
| 1965 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 17 | 15 | 0 | 16 | 8 | 16 | 90 |
| 1959 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 17 | 14 | 0 | 19 | 5 | 0 | 87 |
| 1952 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 19 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 83 |
| 1973 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 15 | 76 |
| 1950 | 0 | 2 | **8** | 0 | 18 | 0 | 9 | 19 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 73 |
| 1972 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 17 | 15 | 70 |
| 1953 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | **20** | 0 | **20** | 0 | 61 |
| 1960 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | **20** | 10 | 0 | 56 |
| 1964 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 56 |
| 1969 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 9 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 54 |
| 1954 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 49 |
| 1971 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 49 |
| 1970 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 47 |
| 1976 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 47 |

See the following table for a summary of prominent climbs and achievements for each of top 20 years of Fred Beckey’s climbing career.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1962 | 1 | 39 | * Established a new route for the following five climbs on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite climbs of North America: * Mt Fury-East Peak, the North Buttress. * Squamish, Angel's Crest, pitches 9-13. * Oubliette Mtn, East Buttress, aka Greenwood-Beckey-Gordon. * Warrior I, NE Face. * Lone Peak Cirque-Summit Wall, West Face, Triple Overhangs. * Had the fourth largest number of successful climbs during this year. * Established the largest number of new routes in his career in 1962. * Had the second largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. * Had the eighth highest percentage of climbs which were new routes during this year. |
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| 1966 | 2 | 43 | * Climbed the following three peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: * A first ascent of Mt Seattle. * NE Buttress of Mt Goode, establishing a new route. * Mt Lefroy via the West Face.      * Tied for seventh place for the largest number of successful ascents. * Had the third largest number of new routes during this year. * Had the third highest percentage of climbs which were new routes during this year. * Climbed the fifth largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. * Climbed in the third most different locations in 1966. |

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| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1963 | 3 | 40 | * Climbed the following four peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America. * NE Buttress of Mt Slesse, which was a new route. This route is also on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list and rated as one of the Top 25 climbs in North America. * Musembeah Peak, West Buttress, which was a new route. * Day Needle, aka Hilda Crooks Peak via the East Buttress [Beckey-Reese East Face Direct (East Buttress-Left Side)], which was a new route. * East Buttress of Mt Whitney. * Climbed the following peaks on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list. * The North Ridge of Mt Stuart. * Grand Teton, North Ridge. * Successfully climbed the second largest number of peaks of his career in this year. * Climbed the second most new routes in this year. * Climbed the fourth most combination of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1967 | 4 | 44 | * Climbed the following peak on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: Devils Tower, via the El Matador route which was a new route. * Climbed the following two peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite climbs of North America: * Whitney Portal Buttress, by the Beckey/Callis route, which was a new route. * Climbed the Lucky Streaks route on Fairview Dome. * Kain Route (South Ridge) route on Bugaboo Spire. * Had the tenth highest percentage of his climbs which were new routes, in this year. * Had the third highest percentage of climbs which were first ascents, new routes or first winter ascents, in 1967. * Climbed in the sixth most different locations during this year. |
| 1961 | 5 | 38 | * Climbed the following peaks on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list. * Mt Rainier, Liberty Ridge route, which is rated as a Top 25 climb in North America. * South Howser Tower via the Beckey-Chouinard (West Buttress) route, which is rated a Top 25 climb in North America. This was also a new route. This climb is also on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite climbs of North America. * Mt Edith Cavell via the North Face Direct (Chouinard/Beckey/Doody), which was a new route. This climb is also on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite climbs of North America. * Grand Teton, by the Direct Exum route. This climb is also on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite climbs of North America. * Did the following climb on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite climbs of North America: The Thumb (Super Slab) route in Little Cottonwood Canyon. * Successfully climbed the third largest number of peaks of his career in this year. * Climbed the sixth most new routes in his career in 1961. * Had the seventh largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. |
| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1948 | 6 | 25 | * Climbed the following peak on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: Bugaboo Spire, South Ridge. * Ascended the largest number of successful climbs in 1948. * Achieved the largest number of first ascents during this year. * Had the highest percentage of climbs which were a combination of first ascents, new routes or first winter ascents, in this year. * Had the fourth highest percentage of his climbs which were first ascents during this year. |
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| 1965 | 7 | 42 | * Climbed the following peak on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: Mt Robson, North Face. This climb is also on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America list. * Climbed the following peak on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: Forbidden Peak, West Ridge. * Had the ninth largest number of successful climbs during this year. * Climbed the fourth largest number of new routes during this year. * Climbed the sixth largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents in this year. * Had the fifth highest percentage of his climbs which were new routes in this year. * Climbed in the fifth most different locations in this year. |

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| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1959 | 8 | 36 | * Climbed the following peaks on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: * Bugaboo Spire, NE Ridge. * Grand Teton, North Face. * Mt Moran, Direct South Buttress. * Climbed the following peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: * Mt Hood. Yokum Ridge, which was a new route. * Squamish, the Squamish Buttress route, which was new route. * Snowpatch Spire, East Face, (Beckey-Mather), which was a new route. * Mt Owen, Crescent Arete, which was a new route.      * Climbed the fourth largest number of new routes during this year. * Climbed the seventh largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. * Had the second highest percentage of climbs which were new routes during this year. |
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| 1952 | 9 | 29 | * Successfully climbed the fifth largest number of peaks of his career in this year. * Climbed the second largest number of first ascents in this year. * Had the third largest number of climbs which were first ascents, new routes or first winter ascents, in 1952. * Had the third highest percentage of his climbs which were first ascents, in this year. * Has the ninth highest percentage of climbs which were first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. |
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| 1973 | 10 | 50 | * Had the ninth largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents in this year. * Had the second highest percentage of his climbs which were a combination of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. |

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| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1950 | 11 | 27 | * On the Difficult Ten Peaks of Washington State list, he achieved a first ascent of Middle Index. He followed this up later in the year by climbing a new route on Middle Index. * Had the third largest number of first ascents during this year. * Had the second highest percentage of his climbs which were first ascents during in this year. * Had the fourth highest percentage of climbs which were a combination of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. |
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| 1972 | 12 | 49 | * Had the seventh highest percentage of climbs which were a first ascent during this year. * Had the fourth highest percentage of climbs which were a first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during this year. |
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| 1953 | 13 | 30 | * On the Difficult Ten Peaks of Washington State list: Achieved a first ascent of Burgundy Spire, via the North Face. * Climbed the sixth largest number of first ascents during this year. * Had the highest percentage of climbs which were first ascents in this year. * Had the highest percentage of climbs which were a first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during 1953. |
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| 1964 | 14 | 41 | * Climbed the following route on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: Squamish, Angels Crest, pitches 1-8, which was a new route. * Had the seventh largest number of successful climbs of his career during this year. * Had the eighth largest number of new routes during 1964. |
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| 1960 | 15 | 37 | * Climbed the following two peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: * Snow Creek Wall, Outer Space, which was a first ascent. * The Shark's Nose, the SW Face, which was a new route. * Climbed the tenth largest number of new routes in 1960. * Had the highest percentage of climbs which were new routes during this year. |
| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1969 | 16 | 46 | * Climbed the following peak on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: Lone Pine Peak, The Bastille Buttress route, which was a new route. * Climbed the eighth largest number of new routes during 1969. * Had the seventh highest percentage of climbs which were new routes during this year. |
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| 1954 | 17 | 31 | * Climbed the following peak on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: Mt Hunter, West Ridge, which was a first ascent. * Climbed the following two peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: * Mt Deborah, South Ridge, which was a first ascent. * NW Buttress of Denali, which was a new route. * Had the seventh highest percentage of climbs which were new routes in this year. * Had the seventh highest percentage of climbs which were first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents during 1954. |
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| 1971 | 18 | 48 | * Climbed the following peak on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: Middle Cathedral Rock, East Buttress. * Had the sixth highest percentage of climbs which were first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents, in 1971. |
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| 1970 | 19T | 47 | * Climbed the following peak on the Los Alamos Mountaineers Classic Climb list: Charlotte Dome, SW Face, which was a new route. This climb is also on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America. * Climbed the following other peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: * Lone Pine Peak, South Face which was a new route. * Warlock Needle, South Face, which was a new route. |
| **Year** | **Rank** | **Beckey's Age** | **Prominent Climbs and other Career Achievements** |
| 1976 | 19T | 53 | * Climbed the following peaks on Fred Beckey's 100 Favorite Climbs of North America: * Fremont Peak, the West Buttress, which was a new route. * Thunderbolt Peak, the SE Face - Underhill Couloir, which was a first winter ascent. |

Some observations.

Even though 1948 was the year Beckey successfully climbed the most peaks, none of the climbs achieved any quality or difficulty points under the first three categories. Furthermore, the year didn’t crack the top 20 in new routes and as a result the year’s percentage of new routes didn’t make the top 20 either. Also, Beckey climbed in just five different locations, receiving a low score in that category.

The year 1954 is nearly the direct opposite of 1948. It is an example of Beckey not accumulating very many climbs yet ranks high on the list of greatest climbing years of his career. The year finished tied for 17th place with a total of 49 points, getting zero points in the four “Largest Number of Climbs” categories. Beckey attempt seven peaks and was successful on six of them. But did well enough in the three “Quality or Difficulty of Climb” categories along with the three “Percentage of Climbs” categories to finish in the top 20 years of his career. If the four “Largest Number of Climbs” categories were eliminated from the scoring system, this would be the result:

* 1967 61 points
* 1966 58 points
* 1954 49 points
* 1962 49 points

1954 would be tied with 1962 as the third greatest year of Beckey’s career, despite just 6 climbs.

The year 1963, in which a lot of people rant and rave about as the year he went on a climbing rampage after not being selected to be a member of the United States 1963 Mt Everest Expedition, he finished a surprising third place. The year saw him successfully climb the second most peaks and new routes, but the year didn’t make the top 20 for first ascents. Also, in the categories of percentage of first ascents, and percentage of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents 1963 didn’t make the cut for the top 20. Oddly the year 1963 saw him climb the second largest total of new routes, but his total of successful climbs was so large it resulted in only 44% of his climbs for the year being a new route, just barely cracking the top 20. To me the year 1963 dispels the myth that Beckey’s primary focus was on first ascents and new routes. Of the 50 successful climbs in 1963, 23 were not a first ascent, new route or first winter ascent. Furthermore 1963 was in the middle of a string of years when he was racking up impressive climbing totals, again a sizeable percentage of which were not first ascents or new routes. To use a slightly derogatory term, he was “Technical Peak Bagger”.

The climbing year which surprised me was the second-place year of 1966. By this period, Beckey was in full Road Warrior mode, so he was climbing in a lot of different locations. This year scored well on new routes categories (third largest number and third highest percentage), along with seventh largest number of climbs and even managed to barely crack the top 20 in number of first ascents, when by this time the pendulum had swung to Beckey climbing more new routes in a year than first ascents. This year also picked up bonus points in the quality categories.

Even though the year 1962 was shutout on two of the quality categories it racked up 20 points on Beckey’s 100 Favorite North American Climbs category. The year did well in the categories of largest number of ascents (4th place), largest number of first ascents, new routes and first winter ascents combined (2nd place), the number and percentage of new routes to put it at the top of the list. So, in conclusion I endorse the year 1962, as Fred Beckey’s greatest climbing year.

See Appendix on the following pages for additional detailed information.

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**Appendix**

**Additional Detailed information**

See below for the Tables listing the scoring for the top 20 years in each of the 11 categories.

**Category One: The Los Alamos Mountaineering Classic Climbs of North America List**

Example calculation for 1961.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Peak** | **Route** | **Top 25 Route** | **Remaining 75 Routes** | **New Route** | **Total** |
| Mt Rainier | Liberty Ridge | 4 |  |  | 4 |
| South Howser Tower | Beckey-Chouinard (West Buttress) Route | 4 |  | 4 | 8 |
| Mt Edith Cavell | North Face Direct (Chouinard/Beckey/Doody) |  | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Grand Teton | Direct Exum route |  | 2 |  | 2 |
|  | | | | | 18 |

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| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Points** |
| 1961 | 18 |
| 1963 | 12 |
| 1959 | 8 |
| 1970 | 8 |
| 1946 | 6 |
| 1940 | 6 |
| 1954 | 6 |
| 1967 | 4 |
| 1945 | 4 |
| 1986 | 4 |
| 1979 | 2 |
| 1994 | 2 |
| 1975 | 2 |
| **Year** | **Points** |
| 1971 | 2 |
| 1978 | 2 |
| 1965 | 2 |
| 1998 | 2 |
| 1942 | 2 |
| 1977 | 2 |

**Category Two: Fred Beckey’s 100 Favorite Climbs of North America List**

Example calculation for 1962.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Peak** | **Route** | **Succeeded** | **New Route** | **Totals** |
| Mt Fury-East Peak | North Buttress | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Squamish | Angel’s Crest (pitches 9-13) | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Oubliette Mtn | East Buttress (Greenwood- Beckey- Gordon) | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Warrior I | NE Face | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Lone Peak Cirque-Summit Wall | West Face- Triple Overhangs | 2 | 2 | 4 |
|  | | | | 20 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Points** |
| 1962 | 20 |
| 1959 | 16 |
| 1963 | 16 |
| 1961 | 14 |
| 1970 | 12 |
| 1966 | 12 |
| 1960 | 10 |
| 1954 | 10 |
| **Year** | **Points** |
| 1978 | 8 |
| 1967 | 8 |
| 1998 | 8 |
| 1958 | 8 |
| 1946 | 6 |
| 1948 | 6 |
| 1976 | 6 |
| 1977 | 6 |
| 1995 | 6 |
| 1956 | 4 |
| 1968 | 4 |
| 1964 | 4 |
| 1991 | 4 |
| 2000 | 4 |
| 2003 | 4 |
| 1985 | 4 |
| 1969 | 4 |

**Category Three: The Difficult Ten: Washington’s Hardest Peaks**

Example calculation for 1950.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Peak** | **Route** | **Succeeded** | **First Ascent** | **Total** |
| Middle Index | NE Route | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| North Index | North Face | 2 |  | 2 |
|  | | | | 8 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Points** |
| 1950 | 8 |
| 1956 | 8 |
| 1951 | 6 |
| 1940 | 6 |
| 1941 | 6 |
| 1946 | 6 |
| 1947 | 6 |
| 1953 | 6 |
| 1960 | 4 |
| 1945 | 2 |

**Category Four: Largest Number of Successful Climbs in a Year**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Number** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1948 | 57 | 1 | 20 |
| 1963 | 51 | 2 | 19 |
| 1961 | 43 | 3 | 18 |
| 1962 | 38 | 4 | 17 |
| 1939 | 34 | 5T | 16 |
| 1952 | 34 | 5T | 16 |
| 1964 | 32 | 7T | 14 |
| 1966 | 32 | 7T | 14 |
| 1965 | 31 | 9 | 12 |
| 1940 | 30 | 10T | 11 |
| 1980 | 30 | 10T | 11 |
| 1958 | 27 | 12 | 9 |
| 1959 | 26 | 13 | 8 |
| 1949 | 25 | 14 | 7 |
| 1987 | 23 | 15 | 6 |
| 1967 | 22 | 16T | 5 |
| 1985 | 22 | 16T | 5 |
| 1969 | 22 | 16T | 5 |
| 1976 | 22 | 16T | 5 |
| 1986 | 22 | 16T | 5 |

**Category Five: Largest Number of First Ascents in a Year**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Number** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1948 | 40 | 1 | 20 |
| 1952 | 24 | 2 | 19 |
| 1950 | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| 1949 | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| 1947 | 12 | 5 | 16 |
| 1953 | 11 | 6 | 15 |
| 1973 | 10 | 7 | 14 |
| 1940 | 9 | 8T | 13 |
| 1942 | 9 | 8T | 13 |
| 1946 | 9 | 8T | 13 |
| 1972 | 8 | 11T | 10 |
| 1962 | 8 | 11T | 10 |
| 1945 | 6 | 13T | 8 |
| 1951 | 6 | 13T | 8 |
| 1955 | 6 | 13T | 8 |
| 1967 | 6 | 13T | 8 |
| 1966 | 5 | 17T | 4 |
| 1971 | 5 | 17T | 4 |
| 1941 | 4 | 19T | 2 |
| 1976 | 4 | 19T | 2 |
| 1977 | 4 | 19T | 2 |

**Category Six: Largest Number of New Routes in a Year.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Number** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1962 | 23 | 1 | 20 |
| 1963 | 22 | 2 | 19 |
| 1966 | 21 | 3 | 18 |
| 1959 | 20 | 4T | 17 |
| 1965 | 20 | 4T | 17 |
| 1961 | 18 | 6 | 15 |
| 1958 | 15 | 7 | 14 |
| 1969 | 14 | 8T | 13 |
| 1964 | 14 | 8T | 13 |
| 1974 | 13 | 10T | 11 |
| 1960 | 13 | 10T | 11 |
| 1967 | 13 | 10T | 11 |
| 1957 | 12 | 13 | 8 |
| 1971 | 11 | 14T | 7 |
| 1973 | 11 | 14T | 7 |
| 1976 | 11 | 14T | 7 |
| 1968 | 9 | 17T | 4 |
| 1975 | 9 | 17T | 4 |
| 1970 | 7 | 20T | 1 |
| 1972 | 7 | 20T | 1 |
| 1984 | 7 | 20T | 1 |
| 1985 | 7 | 20T | 1 |

**Category Seven: Largest Number of First Ascents, New Routes and First Winter Ascents in a Year.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Number** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1948 | 44 | 1 | 20 |
| 1962 | 32 | 2 | 19 |
| 1952 | 28 | 3 | 18 |
| 1963 | 27 | 4 | 17 |
| 1966 | 26 | 5 | 16 |
| 1965 | 24 | 6 | 15 |
| 1959 | 20 | 7T | 14 |
| 1961 | 20 | 7T | 14 |
| 1967 | 19 | 9T | 12 |
| 1973 | 19 | 9T | 12 |
| 1964 | 18 | 11 | 10 |
| 1950 | 17 | 12T | 9 |
| 1969 | 17 | 12T | 9 |
| 1972 | 17 | 12T | 9 |
| 1958 | 16 | 15T | 6 |
| 1971 | 16 | 15T | 6 |
| 1976 | 16 | 15T | 6 |
| 1974 | 15 | 18 | 3 |
| 1949 | 14 | 19 | 2 |
| 1960 | 13 | 20 | 1 |

**Category Eight: Highest Percentage of Successful Climbs that were First Ascents in a Year.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Percentage** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1953 | 92% | 1 | 20 |
| 1950 | 75% | 2 | 19 |
| 1952 | 70.6% | 4 | 18 |
| 1948 | 70.2% | 3 | 17 |
| 1947 | 63% | 5 | 16 |
| 1949 | 52% | 6 | 15 |
| 1942 | 50% | 7T | 14 |
| 1951 | 50% | 7T | 14 |
| 1972 | 50% | 7T | 14 |
| 1954 | 50% | 7T | 14 |
| 1945 | 46% | 11 | 10 |
| 1946 | 45% | 12 | 9 |
| 1955 | 42% | 13 | 8 |
| 1973 | 40% | 14 | 7 |
| 1940 | 30% | 15 | 6 |
| 1967 | 27.3% | 16T | 5 |
| 1981 | 27.3% | 16T | 5 |
| 1971 | 26% | 18 | 3 |
| 1977 | 25% | 19T | 2 |
| 1956 | 25% | 19T | 2 |

**Category Nine: Highest Percentage of Successful Climbs that were a New Route in a Year.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Percentage** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1960 | 81% | 1 | 20 |
| 1959 | 77% | 2 | 19 |
| 1966 | 65.6% | 3 | 18 |
| 1974 | 65% | 4 | 17 |
| 1965 | 64.5% | 5 | 16 |
| 1975 | 64.2% | 6 | 15 |
| 1969 | 63.6% | 7 | 14 |
| 1957 | 63.2% | 8 | 13 |
| 1962 | 60.5% | 9 | 12 |
| 1967 | 59.1% | 10 | 11 |
| 1971 | 57.9% | 11 | 10 |
| 1968 | 56.25% | 12 | 9 |
| 1958 | 55.6% | 13 | 8 |
| 1973 | 55% | 14 | 7 |
| 1970 | 53.8% | 15 | 6 |
| 1982 | 50% | 16T | 5 |
| 1976 | 50% | 16T | 5 |
| 1956 | 50% | 16T | 5 |
| 1984 | 46.7% | 19 | 2 |
| 1963 | 43% | 20 | 1 |

**Category Ten: Highest Percentage of Successful Climbs that were First Ascents, New Routes and First Winter Ascents in a Year.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Percentage** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1953 | 100% | 1 | 20 |
| 1973 | 95% | 2 | 19 |
| 1967 | 86% | 3 | 18 |
| 1950 | 85% | 4T | 17 |
| 1972 | 85% | 4T | 17 |
| 1971 | 84% | 6 | 15 |
| 1951 | 83% | 7T | 14 |
| 1954 | 83% | 7T | 14 |
| 1952 | 82.3% | 9 | 12 |
| 1962 | 81.60% | 10 | 11 |
| 1960 | 81% | 11T | 10 |
| 1966 | 81% | 11T | 10 |
| 1965 | 77.4% | 13 | 8 |
| 1969 | 77.3% | 14 | 7 |
| 1948 | 77.20% | 15 | 6 |
| 1970 | 76.90% | 16T | 5 |
| 1959 | 76.90% | 16T | 5 |
| 1974 | 75% | 18T | 3 |
| 1956 | 75% | 18T | 3 |
| 1976 | 73% | 20 | 1 |

**Category Eleven: The Most Different Climbing Locations in a Year.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Different Locations** | **Rank** | **Points** |
| 1980 | 11 | 1T | 20 |
| 1987 | 11 | 1T | 20 |
| 1966 | 10 | 3T | 18 |
| 1985 | 10 | 3T | 18 |
| 1965 | 8 | 5 | 16 |
| 1961 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1963 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1964 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1967 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1970 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1972 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1973 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1975 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1976 | 7 | 6T | 15 |
| 1962 | 6 | 15T | 6 |
| 1978 | 6 | 15T | 6 |
| 1984 | 6 | 15T | 6 |
| 1948 | 5 | 18T | 2 |
| 1969 | 5 | 18T | 2 |
| 1971 | 5 | 18T | 2 |
| 1974 | 5 | 18T | 2 |
| 1977 | 5 | 18T | 2 |
| 1979 | 5 | 18T | 2 |