**Peaks Beckey Attempted to Climb Most Often**

Below is a table listing the peaks that Beckey attempted to climb most frequently, minimum of four attempts.

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| **Peak** | **Location** | **Total Attempts** | **Succeeded** | **Failed** | **First Ascent** | **New Route** | **First Winter Ascent** |
| The Tooth | Cascade Range, Washington | **9** | **8** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mt Index-North Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 9 | 3 | **6** | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mt Rainier | Cascade Range, Washington | 8 [1] | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Forbidden Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Mt Adams | Cascade Range, Washington | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | **4** | 0 |
| Mt Baker | Cascade Range, Washington | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Liberty Bell | Cascade Range, Washington | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Slesse Mtn | Cascade Range, British Columbia | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Sloan Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Snowpatch Spire | Purcell Mountains, British Columbia | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Mt Humphreys | Sierra Nevada Range, California | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| East Peak of Gothics | Selkirk Mountains, British Columbia | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mt Hood | Cascade Range, Oregon | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kangaroo Temple | Cascade Range, Washington | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | **4** | 0 |
| Lone Pine Peak | Sierra Nevada Range, California | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

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| **Peak** | **Location** | **Total Attempts** | **Succeeded** | **Failed** | **First Ascent** | **New Route** | **First Winter Ascent** |
| Mt Shuksan | Cascade Range, Washington | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| South Early Winter Spire | Cascade Range, Washington | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Mt Baring-North Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bugaboo Spire | Purcell Mountains, British Columbia | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mt Carillon | Sierra Nevada Range, California | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Mt Goode | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Grand Teton | Grand Teton Range, Wyoming | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guye Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hozomeen Mtn-South Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| The Innominate | Bighorn Mountains, Wyoming | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Inspiration Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lundin Peak | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mt Stuart | Cascade Range, Washington | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pingora Peak | Wind River Range, Wyoming | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **Totals** |  | 151 | 114 | 37 | 5 | 52 | 2 |

**[1]** Includes successful climb of the Edmunds Headwall route in 1957, which was a new route. However, because of whiteout conditions, the group finished their climb at Liberty Cap, and did not attempt to climb to Columbia Crest.

**Most Frequently Climbed Peak and Route**

The peak that Beckey successfully climbed most often was The Tooth, a total of eight times, including twice in one day for a film.

* 8-2-38, South Face
* 7-29-39, South Face
* 9-21-40, South Face (Twice)
* 10-25-42, Southwest Face, new route
* 4-20-52, unknown route
* 1964, unknown route
* June 1985, South Face

The failed attempt on The Tooth was on July 27, 1941, when Ed Kennedy took a leader fall and injured his back.

See below for article from the Seattle Times.

A close up of a newspaper

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*Seattle Times*. July 30, 1941, 14.

The routes he repeated the most often were the South Face of The Tooth, at least five times. He climbed the West Ridge of Lundin Peak four times.

**Alpine Peaks in which Fred Beckey made a First Ascent along with multiple New Routes on that Peak.**

Here are details about three peaks from the above table, in which Fred established the first ascent of the peak and followed up with multiple new routes on that peak over the years.

**Kangaroo Temple (Cascade Range):**

•       **First Ascent**:

o   Northwest Face on 6-20-42

•       **New Routes**:

o   Southeast Buttress on 6-12-55

o   South Face on 10-8-56

o   Northeast Face on 5-30-66

o   East Face on 10-07-71

**Forbidden Peak (Cascade Range):**

•       **First Ascent**:

o   West Ridge on 6-01-40

•       **New Routes**:

o   North Ridge on 6-8-52

o   East Ridge Direct on 5-25-58

o   Northwest Face on 7-15-59

**Liberty Bell (Cascade Range):**

•       **First Ascent**:

o   Southwest Face (Beckey Route) on 9-27-46

•       **New Routes**:

o   West Face on 6-15-58

o   North Face on 7-4-59

o   Serpentine Crack on 7-6-67

**Examples of Fred Beckey’s Perseverance**

I’m of the mindset that you can tell just as much about a person in how they deal with failure, as how they handle success. Here is a list of peaks that Fred failed on numerous times, before he successfully reached the summit.

**Mt Index-North Peak (Cascade Range): failed four times**

•       North Face: 1940

•       East Face: 6-1-41

•       North Face: 7-19-41

•       North Face: 5-16-42

**Succeeded**

•       North Face: 7-1-45

Note: Beckey failed due to poor weather on another attempt of Mt Index-North Peak by the North Face, when the group attempted the first traverse of the three Index Peaks on August 5, 1950.

**The Gothics-East Peak (Selkirk Range, Adamant Peaks): failed four times**

•       Southwest Face: August 1980

•       Southwest Face: August 1980

•       Southwest Face: 1981

•       Southwest Face: 1983

**Succeeded**

•       Southwest Face: 7-26-84

**Hozomeen Mountain-South Peak (Cascade Range): failed three times**

•       Southwest Route: October 1945

•       Southwest Route: June 1946

•       Southwest Route: 5-31-47

**Succeeded**

* Southwest Route: 6-15-47

Note: Fred failed on a fourth attempt of Hozomeen Mountain-South Peak in 1970, but the route is unknown.

**Devil’s Thumb (Stikine Icefield, Alaska/British Columbia): failed three times**

•       Beckey Route (East Ridge): 7-15-46

•       Beckey Route (East Ridge): 8-19-46

•       Beckey Route (East Ridge): 8-24-46

**Succeeded**

•       Beckey Route (East Ridge): 8-25-46

**Mount Humphreys (Sierra Nevada Mtns): failed three times**

* March 1975
* April 1975
* January 1976

**Succeeded**

* 12-26-1976, unknown route.

**Greatest Span of Time Between Successful Climbs of the Same Peak**

Here is a list of peaks were 50 or more years elapsed, between the first and last time Beckey successfully climbed it. Those peaks highlighted in purple text, he climbed the peak at least once at some point during the intervening years.

* South Early Winter Spire, Cascade Range, Washington: 1942-2006 (64 years)
* Mount Walker, Olympics Mountains, Washington: 1937-1991 (54 years)
* Dome Peak, Cascade Range, Washington: 1940-1994 (54 years)
* Chair Peak, Cascade Range, Washington: 1938-1991(53 years)
* Mount Louis, Canadian Rockies, Alberta: 1948-2000 (52 years)
* Claw Peak, Waddington Range, British Columbia: 1947-1997 (50 years)

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