“The Mount Ogden Hike Tradition”
On October 4, 1922 a group of over 350 Weber College students, faculty and administrators hiked to the summit of Mount Ogden to erect a 20-foot steel flagpole. David O. McKay, noted Weberite, dedicated the site accompanied by a chorus of “Purple and White.” The Mount Ogden (and later “Flaming W”) Hike was held intermittently through the years, but was officially re-instituted in 1987. The trek to the top of the Peak has continued every year since—sometimes in wind, rain and even snow, but most often in beautiful Fall weather.

“Join the Tradition, October 5, 2019”
This year, the Mount Ogden Annual Hike tradition continues. We extend a special welcome to WSU students, faculty, and staff. We encourage WSU affiliates, families, and general public to come get involved. The annual program will begin promptly at 12:00 noon on the saddle. Join us as we sing the WSU Fight Song, and carry on this long standing Weber State tradition.

There are three designated trails to choose from: Snowbasin Trail, Beus Canyon Trail, or Taylor Canyon Trail. WSU Outdoor Program student trip leaders will be available at the Snowbasin trailhead to lead this years hike along with WSU President Brad Mortensen beginning at 8:30 a.m. Check in is at the registration booth in front of Earl’s Lodge. Experienced hikers are welcome to select from any of the three trailheads listed. Suggested starting times are listed on back. Hikers should aim for a summit arrival by 11:00 a.m. and return to the Saddle for the traditional program at 12:00 noon.

Suggestions / Information
Recreational hikers, please check in at the Registration Table (Snowbasin), be sure to sign Trailhead Register and collect your Kind Bar!
Attire: Wear/Bring layers of clothing. Bring a jacket or sweater and a hat or cap. Wear sturdy shoes.
Food/Drink: Carry water (two quarts minimum per person). Bring food for lunch and trail snacks. Please don’t litter.
Courtesy: Don’t shortcut the trail switchbacks! Please don’t throw rocks!!
First Aid: Personnel will be available at Snowbasin Resort and at the Saddle.
Return Trip: Be extra careful on the way back down! Tired hikers make mistakes! Sign back out at the Trailhead Register so we know you’re safely off the mountain.
Weather: The hike will be cancelled if severe weather is forecast. Call 801-626-6373 (WSU Outdoor Program) for cancelation notification or for last minute questions. No “Rain Date” is scheduled for the hike.
Notice: Additional or “last minute” information is available by calling the WSU Outdoor Program 801-626-6373 or Campus Recreation Office 801-626-7967. Visit: www.weber.edu/outdoor
1) Mount Ogden via Snowbasin
(Shortest and most popular route to Mount Ogden)
Difficulty: Moderate long hike
Distance: 8.4 miles round trip
Elevation gain: 3,400 feet
Registration Table: Snowbasin Resort
Group Hike Options: 8:30 a.m. (Meet at registration Table)
Trailhead: Main Snowbasin parking lot - signs!
Trail: Follows ski area access roads to the saddle. Top of Wildcat lift = over 1/3 of the way. Top of “Porky” lift = 3/4 of the way. Saddle = another 20 minutes to summit
Suggested Start Time:
7:30 a.m. Less-conditioned hikers
8:30 a.m. Conditioned hikers
9:30 a.m. Well-conditioned hikers

2) Mount Ogden via Taylor Canyon
Difficulty: Very tough hike
Distance: 10.2 miles round trip
Elevation gain: 4,800 feet
Trailhead: Top of 27th Street
Trail: 1 mile up Taylor Canyon- turn right to Malan’s Lookout.
Malan’s Peak = about 1/3 of the way
Malan’s Basin = 1/2 way+
Last mile (Basin to Saddle) not well defined in places - Steep!
Suggested Start Time:
6:30 a.m. Less-conditioned hikers
7:00 a.m. Conditioned hikers
8:00 a.m. Well-conditioned hikers

3) Mount Ogden via Beus Canyon
Difficulty: Long, tough hike
Distance: 12 miles round trip
Elevation gain: 4,600 feet
Trailhead: Top of 46th - Beus Trailhead parking lot
Trail: Two miles up Beus Canyon (1/3 of the way) trail climbs right, to ridge above Burch Creek canyon.
Trail then climbs steadily along and over ridges to the saddle.
Suggested Start Time:
6:30 a.m. Less-conditioned hikers
7:30 a.m. Conditioned hikers
8:00 a.m. Well-conditioned hikers

Thanks to our organizers & supporters:
• Snowbasin Ski Area
• WSU Homecoming Committee
• WSU Campus Recreation
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