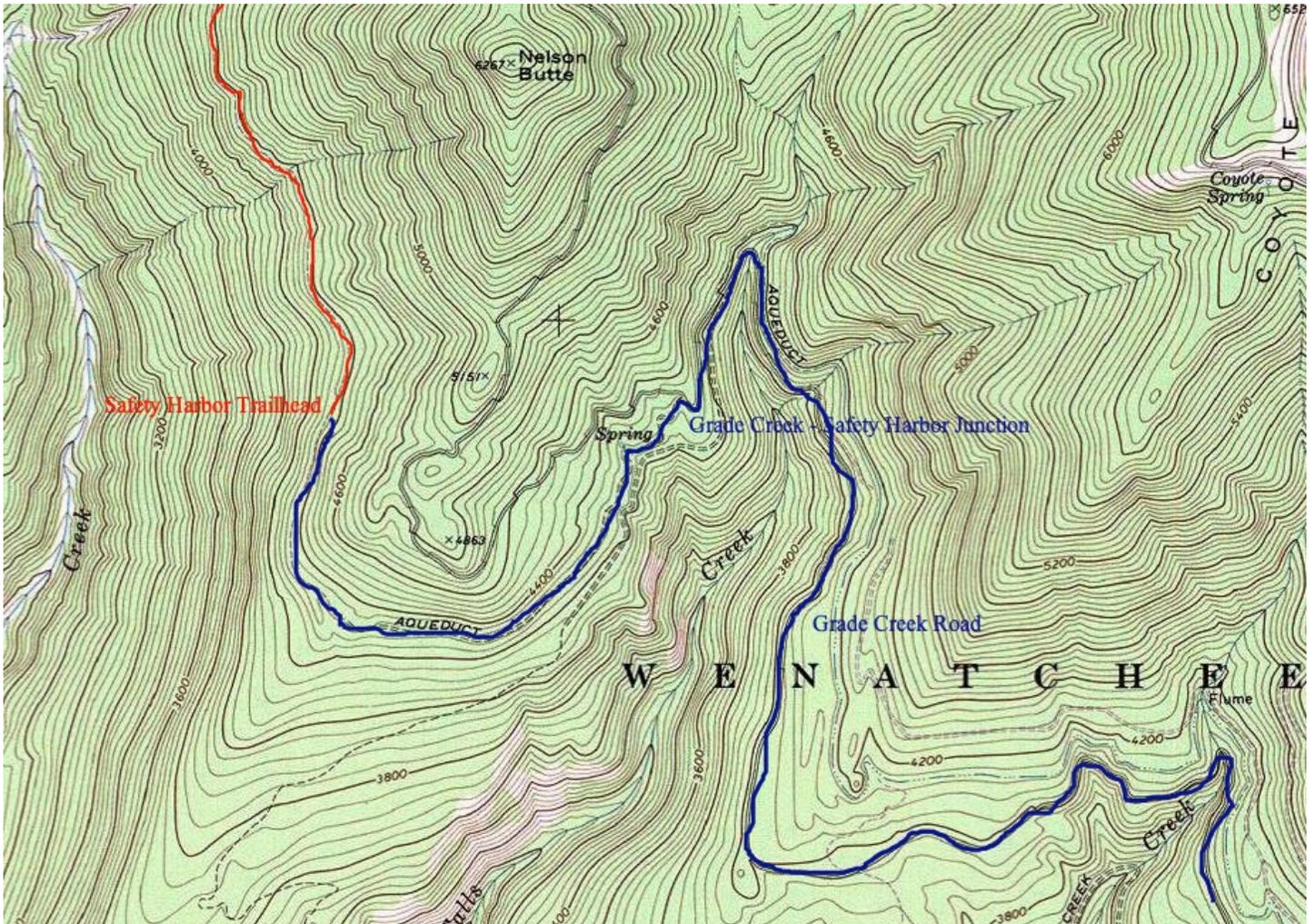


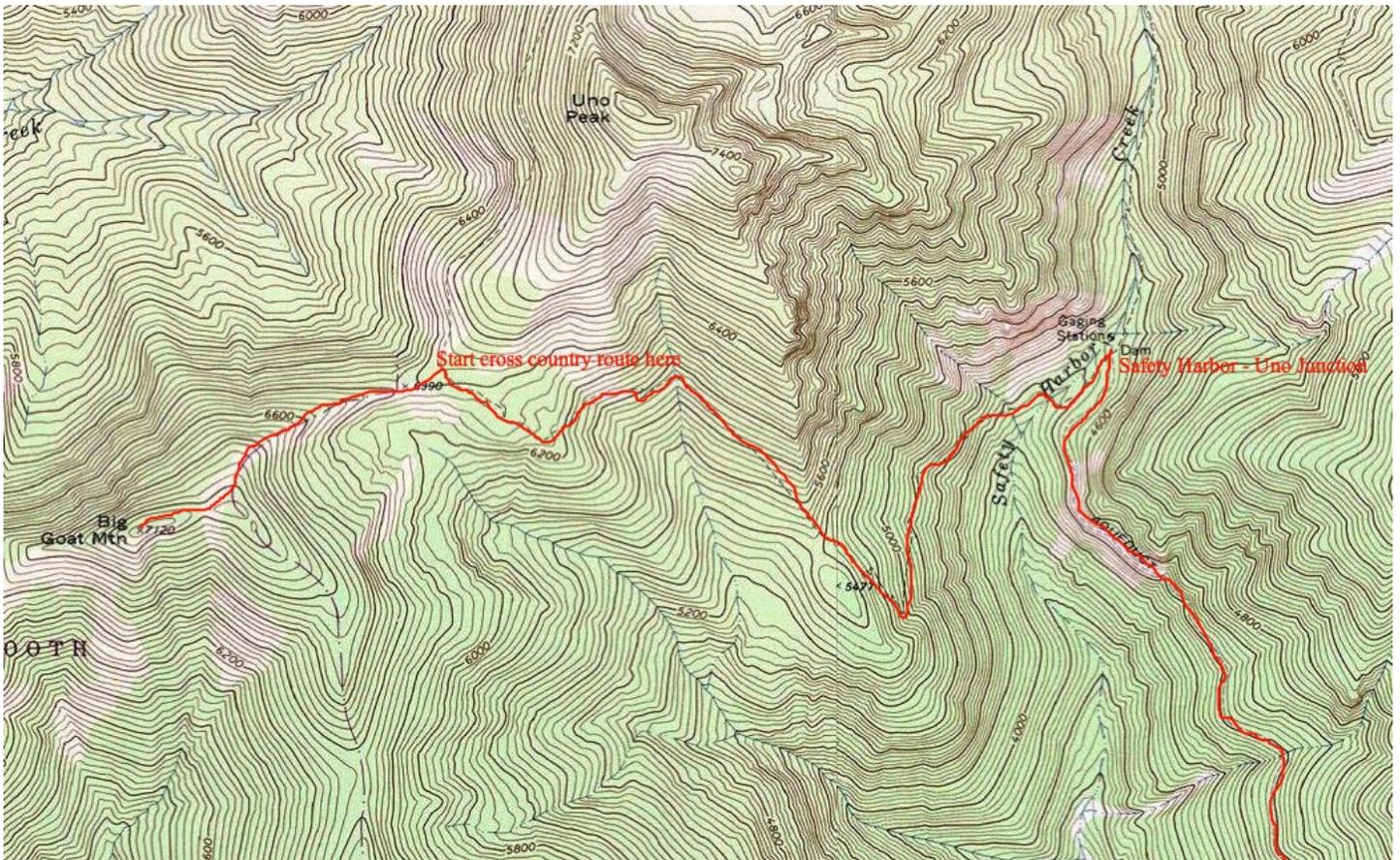
## Big Goat Mountain

During a time in the pandemic when some trails are very crowded, here's an alternative. Big Goat Peak is a 14 mile roundtrip hike, 12 miles on maintained trail and about 2 miles on easy cross country travel. While the departure from pavement to gravel isn't far from the town of Manson, the total time to the Safety Harbor Trailhead from Wenatchee is about 2 hour 45 minutes, making it technically out of the "one hour from Wenatchee" range that Wenatchee Outdoors tends to filter. Expect 1.25 to 1.5 hours each way on the gravel Grade Creek Road, depending upon pace. While bumpy in places, the road is suitable for autos. The Grade Creek Road out of Antilon Lake is historic, following the Grade Creek aqueduct, long ago abandoned. The first three miles of trail from Safety Harbor Trailhead follows the nearly level aqueduct route. Water is available at the crossing of Safety Harbor Creek, and at a few spots along the ascent towards the southwest shoulder of Uno Mountain.



The view of Pyramid Peak on the opposite side of Lake Chelan shows off the easy slopes on its south side. Long ago Pyramid had a lookout structure on its summit.





The east ridge of Big Goat Mountain has some vague tread and a few cut logs, indicating perhaps that this route may have been a sheep trail eons ago. One could carry water up to this ridge for fair weather camping. The top of Big Goat Mountain sports nice views of the southern portion of the Chelan Crest and sweeping views towards a couple of sections of Lake Chelan about 6000 vertical feet below. Pyramid Peak is prominent on the opposite of the lake.

At the same spot that the cross country route heads west towards Big Goat Mountain, one could also ascend northeast cross country and head up to Uno Peak. A ~16 mile loop hike that circles Uno Peak is another hiking option.



A large cairn and some shade are at the top of Big Goat Mountain.

