GET YOUR BEARINGS

Mistakes in navigation while traveling to or from Camp Muir during storms and "white-outs" have resulted in lost climbers and hikers and fatalities. To decrease the possibility of this happening to your party, this map list compass bearings to and from Camp Muir (true and magnetic north) as well as prominent landmarks. This map will not substitute for a USGS topographic map.

Proper bearings alone will not ensure a safe trip. Camp Muir and the Muir Snowfield are nearly surrounded by glaciers: the Nisqually Glacier to the west, the Cowlitz Glacier to the north and east, and the Paradise Glacier to the south and east. A minor error in navigation may lead you onto these glaciers were there are crevasses and other hazards. STAY ON COURSE. YOU MAY HAVE TO CORRECT YOUR DIRECTION OF TRAVEL TO THE WINDWARD OF PREVAILING WINDS.

Always beware of steep cliffs to the east of Camp Muir to Anvil Rock and the the east of McClure Rock. These cliffs, obscured by snow and cornices in the winter, have been the sites of mountaineering tragedies. Panorama Point is a dangerous avalanche area.

While traversing the Muir Snowfield, approach rock islands with care because of holes which form around them as snow melts. Crevasses occasionally open up on the snowfield in the vicinity of Anvil Rock in late summer and may be hidden by snow.

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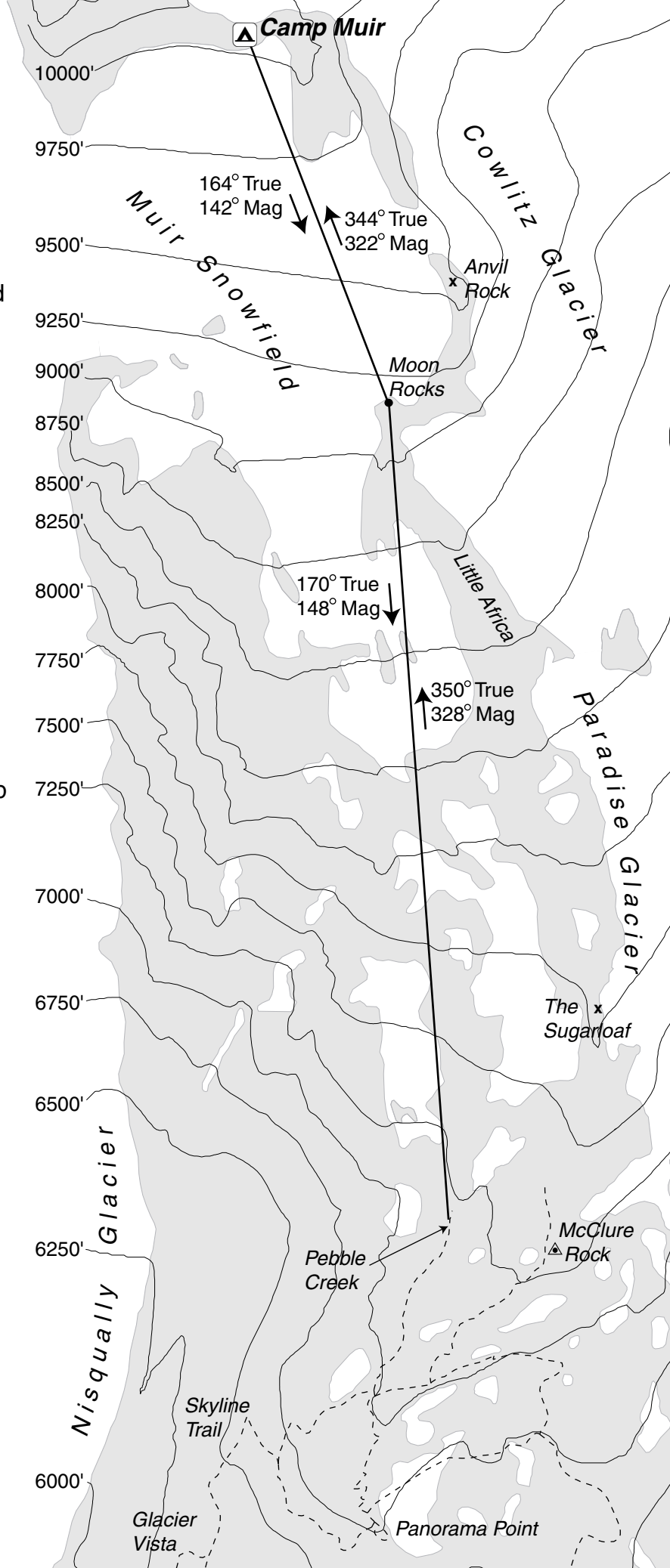
Miles
250' Contours
22° Declination

Snow and Ice

Bare Ground
(during maximum snow melt)

Trails