

# CDMC

## Trip Report

**Cumberland Chinatown To Comox Lake Ramble** (hiking) [return to Reports list](#)

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Everyone met up at the Cumberland Rec Center under surprisingly sunny skies and headed off towards the Coal Creek Historic Park at about 10:30am. Traveling along the trail below Jumbo's cabin, it was noted that the trees had not begun to blossom yet like they were at the same time on the same trip last year. Continuing on through the frog serenade and skunk cabbage fields of the swamp, a brief side trip was taken through the Japanese town site to admire the trees and the crocuses pushing up through the beds of fallen leaves.

Reaching the Comox lake road this trip would have normally continued down the old railway grade to the Perseverance Creek crossing but due to high water levels and a bridge washout, a bypass was taken along a local logging road.

After about 10 minutes the connection was made back onto the railway grade and after a short break at the creek, the group continued on to explore the #4 mine. From the mine it was a short walk to the lake, where with a cool breeze coming in off of the water, a quick lunch break was taken before the group headed back to retrace their steps to the vehicles. About half way back rain jackets and ponchos were quickly donned as the skies opened up. At 1:45 with signing out done, most headed for home, while some gathered at a local coffee shop for hot drinks, treats and great conversation.

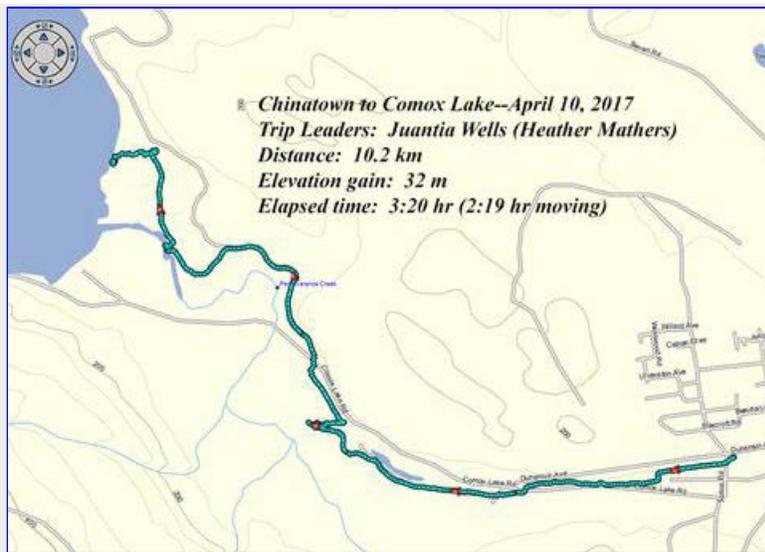
A huge thank you to Heather for sharing her wonderful knowledge of our local history!!

Darrell: We had everything! Sunshine, grauple, pelting rain! We had a lovely stop at the quiet turn in the Perseverance Creek. Unfortunately I didn't take a photo there, so I wrote a haiku:

High water this Spring  
Still and quiet through the trees  
Turns to Comox Lake.

Thanks to both Juanita and Heather for sharing there knowledge of the Cumberland trails.

Feel free to add or subtract photos.



*With the detour around the creek crossing, the total distance was 10.2 km*  
*[Darrell Tomkins photo]*



*Sunshine at the start: Porkey's Path*  
*[Darrell Tomkins photo]*



*A ruffed Red-tailed Hawk being pestered by a Common  
Raven*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Swamp Lanterns light the woods*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*A tree for Juanita's challenge: "Can you find the M&M?"*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Tender Crocus pushing through the winter leaves*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Our destination: lunch at Comox Lake*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Intrepid Explorers; Juanita, Otto and Darrell.  
[Marly Wietzke photo]*



*Fire safety from days gone by.  
[Marly Wietzke photo]*



*Former competitive log roller, Juanita,  
can scale just about anything!  
[Marly Wietzke photo]*

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