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Sun Apr 30, 2017

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Nile Creek Hike

Sunday, April 30

5 hikers, down from 8 originally on the list, with 14 on the waiting list. Seems we had competition from another hike offered on the same day. A nice problem to have.

When we scouted Nile Creek last week, we were faced with very wet, very muddy, slippery trails. Where there were planks of wood lining the trail, above hwy 19, they were floating in a couple of inches of water. True there was still some of that today, but the trails had dried considerably. Still slippery in spots though.

We set out at 9:00AM from Harmston and returned at 4:25PM, with about 6 hours of hiking for ~16km return on Nile Creek, although we did go about 30 minutes beyond where we had scouted it. The hike was advertised as one at a relaxed pace, and we did stop to smell the 'roses', as evidenced by the photos. Fawn Lilies were a big attraction,

And speaking of the falls, after last week's pre-hike, we decided not to go above the falls because the trail rocks were so slippery. However, it was so much drier today, and after a group consult, we decided to go higher after all and that was where we found the Fawn Lilies. We hiked for 30 minutes or so, and then returned.

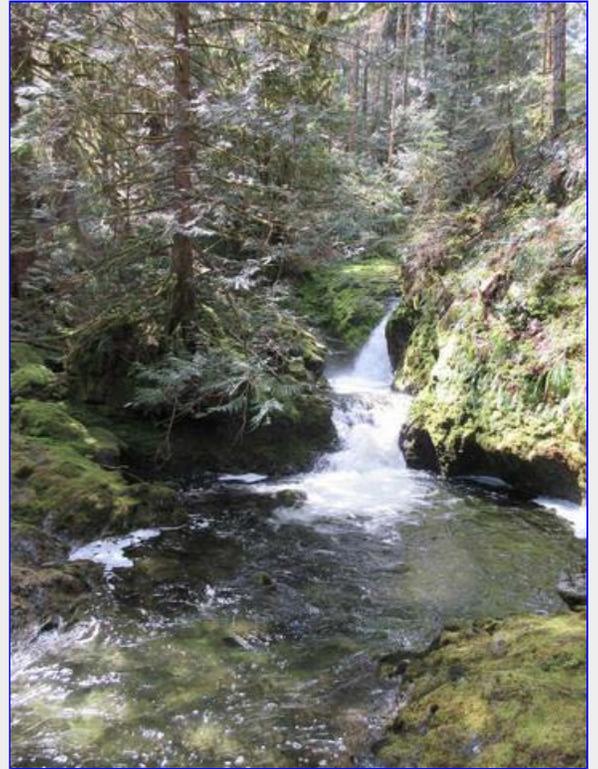
Shooting Stars, and Bleeding Hearts greeted us on our return path as we got closer to the trail head.

When asked about their favourite parts of the hike, our hikers responded: the falls, the fawn lilies, and sunshine on the mossy branches hanging over the creek where blowdowns had been recently sawn, and the scent of cedar was still in the air.

What a wonderful day! Thanks everyone:)



waterfalls and moss
[Paula Field photo]



lunchtime view
[Paula Field photo]



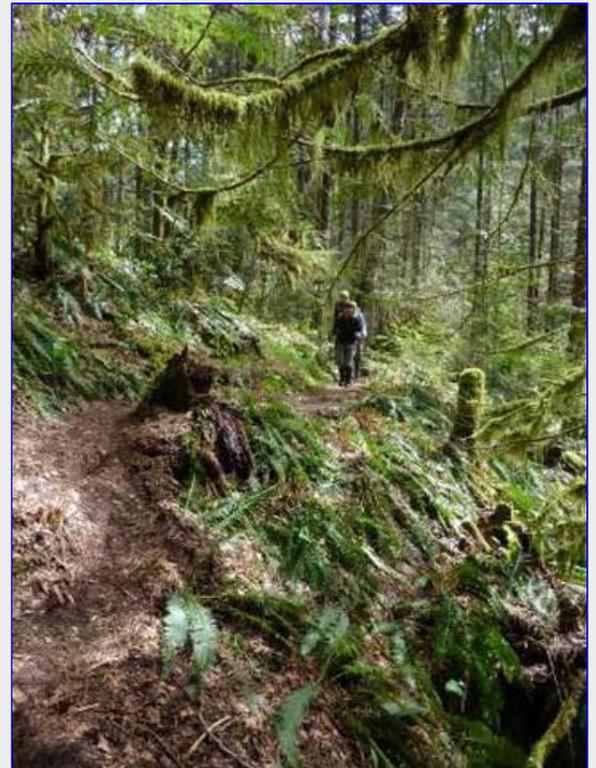
white fawn lily
[Paula Field photo]



lots of them
[Paula Field photo]



Relaxing in the glade
[Melanie Bagley photo]



Magnificent woods
[Melanie Bagley photo]



Iridescent moss
[Melanie Bagley photo]



Joys of spring!
[Melanie Bagley photo]

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