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# Trip Report

**Century Sam Lake** (hiking) [return to Reports list](#)

Sun Aug 11, 2013

Leader: **Geoff Brameld**

Co-Leader:

We packed up and left the trail head at 9:45. Thanks to the crew last week we found the trail in great shape with no difficulty navigating the two slide areas. Weather was warm and humid but with a steady pace we made it up to the lunch spot by 11:30.

This hike always surprises and today was no exception. We encountered very different conditions from this time last year. The approach to the lake last year had 20 or more feet of snow with interesting features and this year it had all melted back leaving a large boulders and debris in the avalanche path way. The meadow area by the lake was covered with a spectacular display of wild flowers this year. The snow cave area had much less snow than last year but was a photographers paradise with arches, caves, and calved off ice sheets.

Thanks again to Tim's trail clearing trip last week

[Check out some more pictures here](#) from my Fotki site.

The mystery 'seedy plant' looks like sweet coltsfoot (*Petasites frigidus*). Seeing the leaves would confirm. (Krista)



*Gully to the north above Comox Creek*

[Tim Penney photo]



*The Lake*

[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Looking southwest to the Comox Glacier trail ridge*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Beyond the lunch rock the valley was covered in wild flowers*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Linda on approach to main cave*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Supporting Ice columns*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Geoff under snow arch*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Sitka Columbine*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Can anyone name this seedy  
plant?*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Dull day, but plenty of colour in  
the flowers*  
[Tim Penney photo]

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