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What is apparent to me, after completing this trip, is that access to the heart of Strathcona Park is less logistically difficult than I had previously thought - when you think that it is 3 hrs round-trip to take many of the logging roads that lead to the Comox Valley end of Strathcona Park, there is not much difference to the Buttle Lake area.

The total travelling time from the Comox Valley to do this trip, which included a fabulous supper at the Park Lodge on our return, was not much more than 12 hrs!

I would conclude that there are many doable day-trips, at this end of the park, which would fall within the above reasonable time-frame.

A journey well worth the effort not to mention a great natural stair-master and at the steady pace we undertook, with numerous short breaks, many of us were surprised at both the brevity of the ascent as well as how few ill-effects were felt - our climb up was assisted by overcast but dry skies that made for a bearable temperature.

This trip mainly consisted of what one would experience during the final leg of doing the Augerpoint Traverse and great views are gained on the summit of Northwest Peak - although skies were mostly cloudy, with intermittent breaks of sunshine, the ceiling was consistently above the peak so our views were unimpeded and the photography was enhanced with much moody lighting.

T'was a nice day in the hills and a pleasant surprise to have so many along, who seemingly were also looking for a bit of exercise!

[Check out these additional photos](#) from my Fotki site.



GPS Map & Trip Stats.
[Tim Penney photo]



A brief respite on the way up.
[Tim Penney photo]



*Morning Break - Only 4000'
More!*
[William Wright photo]



*The rockslide section near the
top of the ridge.*
[Tim Penney photo]



*The easy but short part of the
hike.*
[Linda Hamilton photo]



Crew Ascending South Ridge.
[William Wright photo]



Bob takes a shortcut.
[Tim Penney photo]



*Looking across to Syd Watts &
Sid Williams Peaks.*
[Tim Penney photo]



Solitary Summit.
[William Wright photo]



At the Summit.
[Linda Hamilton photo]

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