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Sun Aug 21 to Wed Aug 24, 2016

Leader: **Julianna Wells**

Co-Leader: **Juanita Wells**

On Sunday, August 21st, the "CDMC Spectacular Seven" met at Raven Lodge, ready for adventure. We had an early start to a very long day of hiking. The weather was perfect for us as we headed out, stopping for short breaks and blueberries along the trail as we enjoyed the beauty around us along the way. Our route took us over Piggot Creek, past Lake Helen Mackenzie, up to the Ranger Cabin, past Hairtrigger Lake, and down to Whiskey Meadows. We had a side-trip to visit Sids Cabin on the way by and stopped for a lunch break at the Duck Pond before continuing on up to the ridge where the cool breeze helped us along in the sunshine as we headed to our camp spot up above the saddle to Frink. The wind was gusting and very cold at our destination, so campsites were quickly established, dinner made and eaten, and we tucked into our tents for an early night.

Our second day started early with a beautiful sun rise, and with the very cold wind still gusting we were kept moving to keep warm as we had breakfast and packed up to continue our trek. Heading off to Mt. Albert Edward, we left our packs below the summit and climbed up to the top to enjoy the views as the morning clouds lifted away from the top of the mountain. The air was still cool while we took photos from the summit and checked out our route for the rest of the day. We made our way back down to our packs and continued our hike down the shoulder of Albert Edward, taking breaks along the way for photos, snacks, shade, and sun with lots of stories and laughter shared along the way. After a short break in the meadow at our lowest elevation point for the day, we made the climb up to Ruth Masters Lake, arriving at 4pm with lots of time to set up camp and do some exploring before dinner. A wonderful evening followed as we enjoyed the company of the group in this beautiful setting.

On our third day, we started off early before the heat of the day to make the climb up from Ruth Masters Lake to the starting point for the route to the summit of Augerpoint Mtn. Only two of the group opted to make the climb up to the summit for some photos and views while the others enjoyed a break in the sun before everyone continued the trek upwards and across the ridge above Jack Shark Lake. The views were breathtaking from the ridge and many photos were taken to capture them as we traversed to the awaiting tarns and shade for our next break. After a cooling-down rest stop, we finished our days journey at a lovely tarn on the ridge overlooking Buttle Lake at 3pm, with time for naps in the sunshine, exploring wanders over the ridge, dinner, and stories of past treks over the many mountains surrounding us.

Day four gave us the luxury of a later start before we packed up and started off. Shortly after leaving camp most of us dropped our packs to make the short journey to the summit of Northwest Peak to enjoy one last view of the surrounding peaks before we started the long hike down the steep Augerpoint trail. The forest offered shade and a wonderful variety of plants, trees, and birds to identify along the way and we enjoyed several rest stops as we made our way down. Arriving at the end of the trail, we made the short walk down to an access to Buttle Lake and everyone enjoyed the refreshing waters while we waited for our shuttle to arrive.

The drive back to Raven Lodge was full of laughter as we remembered some

highlights from the trek:

- Where's the fuel?
- Gusting, freezing winds... who ordered that?
- German visitors in the hills
- All those **Edges**
- Its cold, deep, and hard to get through to!
- Packs on!
- Wheres the water filter?
- Full Moon Lake
- Name That Peak
- Franks chocolate (yes, Krista, he shared!)
- Bird calls in the forest
- McDonalds French Fries



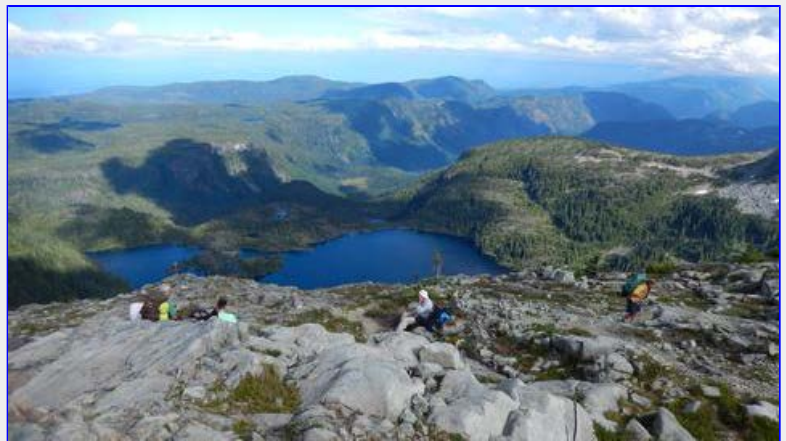
Raelene and Julianna
[Frank Hovenden photo]



The trail junction on Albert Edward
[Frank Hovenden photo]



*Susan H. with Divers Lake in the
background*
[Frank Hovenden photo]



*Taking a break with Moat Lake and the Cruickshank
Canyon below us.*
[Julianna Wells photo]



The first night was very windy, however it sure kept the bugs away. Mt. Frink is in the background
[Frank Hovenden photo]



Indian Paintbrush at the summit of Albert Edward
[Ed Tickner photo]



Heading off down the shoulder of Mt. Albert Edward
[Julianna Wells photo]



The loooooong way down the back side of Albert Edward
[Juanita Wells photo]



One of the many Edges :)
[Juanita Wells photo]



Lunch Break :)
[Julianna Wells photo]



*Our wonderful leaders the Wells sisters at Ruth Masters
Lake*
[Frank Hovenden photo]



*Otto Winnig at Ruth Masters Lake.
[Frank Hovenden photo]*



*Sunrise at the beauty spot of North
America.
[Frank Hovenden photo]*



*all the team
[Frank Hovenden photo]*



Looking back down at Ruth Masters Lake
[Ed Tickner photo]

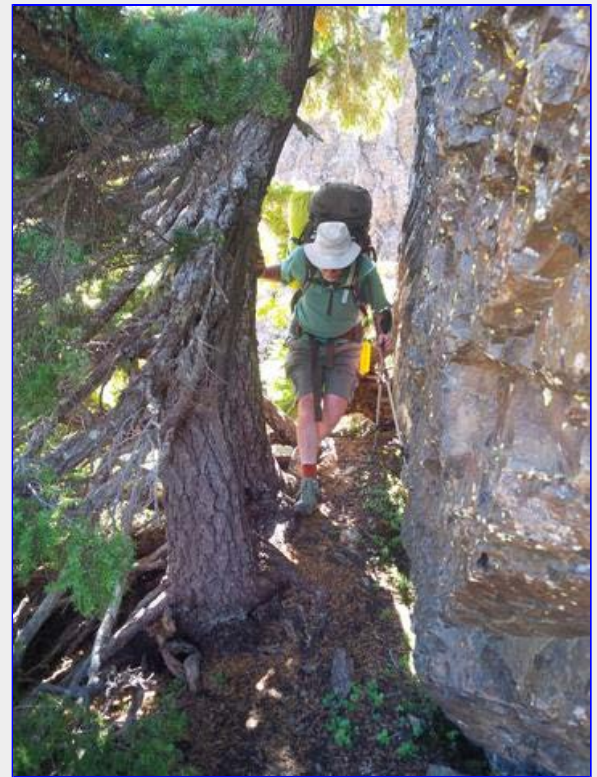


Susan, Ruth's Lake, Albert's shoulder, and George
[Julianna Wells photo]



Welcome shade on the ridge below NW Mountain

[Ed Tickner photo]



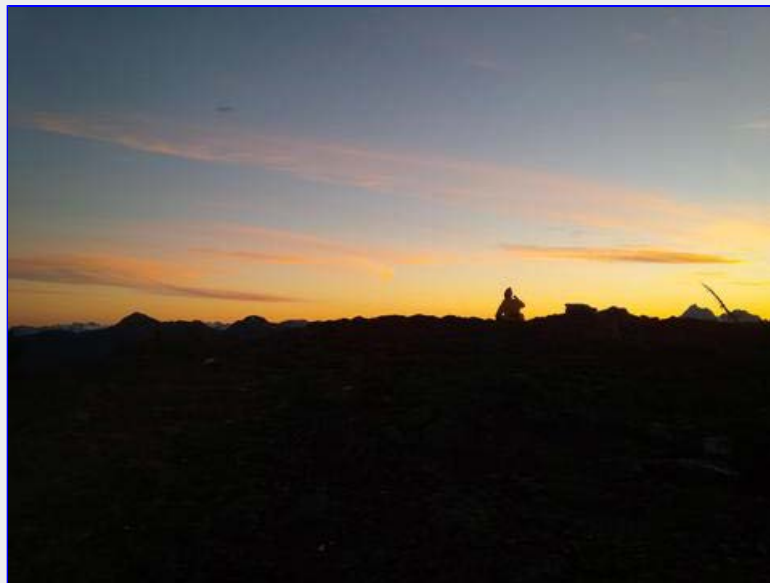
Navigating the tricky bits
[Juanita Wells photo]



*Looking back towards Auger Mt and the route from Ruth
Masters*
[Juanita Wells photo]



Ridge below NW Mountain, evening of our last night
[Ed Tickner photo]



Our last sunset was a beauty!
[Juanita Wells photo]



Tough descent hey Susan?
[Ed Tickner photo]



*Walking down through the old growth
Douglas-fir on the Auger Pt. trail*
[Frank Hovenden photo]



Rare level area for a rest on the way down to Buttle Lake
[Ed Tickner photo]



Cooling off in Buttle Lake waiting for the shuttle.
[Julianna Wells photo]

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