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Kooso Lake (snowshoeing)

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Sat Feb 23, 2013

 Leader: **William Wright**

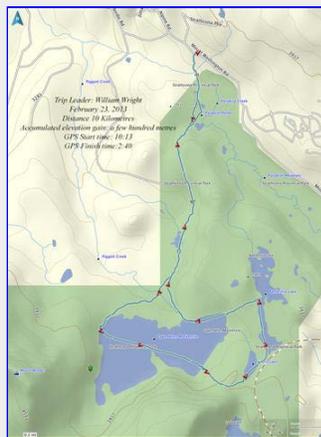
 Co-Leader: **Glenn Ord**

This trip was originally posted with a destination of Hairtrigger Lake. However with the avalanche hazard as high as it is, William decided to choose a route that did not take the group into any potential slide terrain. Therefore we ended up hiking up to Helen Mackenzie Lake, walking along the perimeter of the lake, crossing a small ridge up and over into a ravine leading us to Kooso Lake. We had our first coffee break at Helen Mackenzie, with no coffee (a lapse on our leader's part). After crossing Kooso Lake we stopped for lunch in a lovely high spot with the sun occasionally shining down on our group, providing some warmth. When the clouds obscured the sun, which happened frequently, we had to put extra layers on. Our breaks were fairly short since the weather wasn't conducive to lounging around. After our Kooso lunch stop, we made our way over to Battleship Lake; halfway down Battleship we cut across through old growth forest and back to Helen Mackenzie, following Piggott Creek back down to Paradise Meadows. We had departed from the Strathcona Wilderness Institute building at 10:25 a.m. and we were back at Raven Lodge for tea by 3:00 p.m.

Distances covered were estimated at anywhere between 12 km and 18 km - however Tim's downloaded GPS data actually indicates we covered 10 km; obviously we have a higher opinion of our abilities than the hard reality of technology reveals. Elevation gain/ loss was "a few hundred metres".

At Raven Lodge we met up with Linda Hamilton who had gone out on her own, wanting to cover more ground than the club trip planned. She had hoped to meet up with us around Hairtrigger Lake; however our plans had changed that morning.

It was a great day with plenty of opportunities for Tim to take pictures and the rest of us to enjoy being in an environment we love with a group of interesting folks. Many thanks to William for taking the initiative and leading us once again.



Trip Route
[Tim Penney photo]



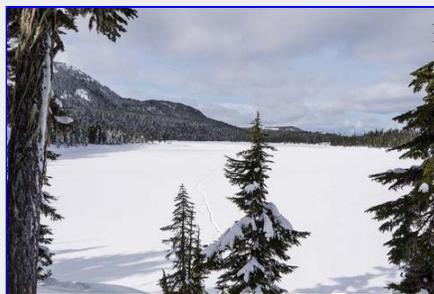
Tweedledum and Tweedledee
[Glenn Ord photo]



*William employing advanced
navigational system*
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Shadows of Ourselves across
Helen Mackenzie*
[Tim Penney photo]



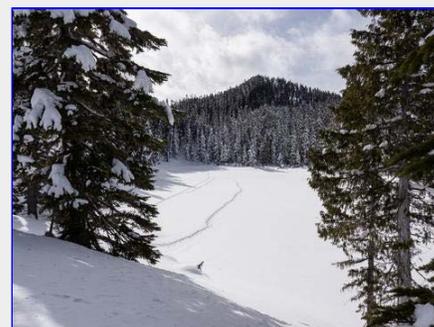
*The Following Trail on Helen
Mackenzie*
[Tim Penney photo]



Climbing up to Kooso Lake
[Glenn Ord photo]



The view from above
[Glenn Ord photo]



*A Look Back to Kooso below NE
Ridge of Elma*
[Tim Penney photo]



Kooso Klan
[Tim Penney photo]



*Piggott Creek Outflow from
Helen Mackenzie Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]

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