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Thu Jan 10, 2013

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Co-Leader:

#### Mount Elma Crossover snowshoe trip - 10-1-2013

With the prospect of another brilliant day in the mountains, 9 of us turned out for this snowshoe trek up and over Mount Elma. We had to break trail most of the way on the outward trek, and back again until we were down to Helen Mackenzie Lake on the way home. With so much snow it was a tough slog climbing the Elma Ridge, but with a good group taking turns to break trail, we made steady progress.

Shortly after leaving the Raven Lodge this morning we met up with Bill V. from the Island Mountain Ramblers. He was just starting to break trail up from the meadows and was delighted to join in with our group for the rest of the trip.

It was a cold day with temperatures around -6, but with the north east wind chill factor it certainly felt a lot colder than that during our short launch break. After lunch we retraced our trail to the point where we could start the drop down to Helen Mackenzie Lake. Heading down the steep hillside was quite therapeutic after the climb up on the other side. The deep soft snow added to the effect of sort of gliding down the hillside.

At Helen Mackenzie Lake we followed a well defined ski-doo track part way across the lake, most probably left from the recent rescue of an injured skier, and then continued on in well defined snowshoe tracks all the way back to the Raven Lodge. A few of us enjoyed a relaxed half hour at the lodge before driving back down the hill.

This was another excellent snowshoe trek in optimal conditions and, I am sure, well enjoyed by all the participants.



*GPS Map*  
 [Tim Penney photo]



*Tea break at the North end of  
 Battleship Lake*  
 [Tim Penney photo]



*On Battleship Lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Taking a break on the way up  
the Elma Ridge*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading towards the viewpoint*  
[Tim Penney photo]



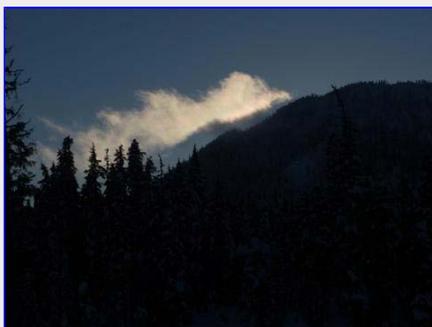
*Lunch break group shot*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Mt Albert Edward*  
[Carol Hunter photo]



*Snowy paradise*  
[Carol Hunter photo]



*Cloud reproduction of the ridge  
on Mt Alan Brooks*  
[Carol Hunter photo]



*On top of Elma*  
[Carol Hunter photo]

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