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Sun Jul 24, 2011

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

Mount Elma crossover trip - July 24, 2011

I was standing beside my car, ticking off the minutes to 8 o'clock and wondering if anybody would turn up for my trip. Well, thank goodness, Kurt arrived just before the gong and then two other new club members, whom I hadn't met before, also arrived. We waited for about 5 more minutes before heading up the hill.

The conditions on the trail were great with a nice cool breeze that kept the horse flies at bay at the lower levels, and helped to avoid any heat stroke. We did the full route as I had planned, and it was certainly a good bit of exercise for Judy & Harold. I hope that they didn't have too many aches on Monday morning.

There was still a lot of snow at the higher levels, but quite a lot of the lower trail is now free of snow. The two lakes still look quite solid although the surface is now well pocked with water puddles. We certainly couldn't even walk along the edges.

We stopped for lunch at the usual Mount Elma lookout spot and then headed down to the saddle above Helen Mackenzie Lake. From there we took Bill Brown's blazed trail and emerged at just the spot I wanted alongside the Piggott Creek meadows.



GPS map
[Tim Penney photo]



Fascinating cloud formations
over Battleship Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



*Looking down to Helen
Mackenzie Lake from Mount
Elma*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Looking to Mount Drabble,
Indianhead, Becher & Alone
mountains*

[Tim Penney photo]



*The upper meadows above
Helen Mackenzie Lake*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Piggott Creek meadows with a
lot of snow hanging around*

[Tim Penney photo]

Lady Lake from the lunch spot

[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch break area was free of
snow*

[Tim Penney photo]



Piggott Creek meadows

[Tim Penney photo]



*Ponds area beside the summer
trail to Helen Mackenzie Lake*

[Tim Penney photo]

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