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Sun Jul 03, 2011

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

This group of 7 hikers started off with Otto's group, heading for Mount Ginger Goodwin, but then split off at the junction for Capes & Idiens Lakes and headed up towards Teesdale Peak on the Lee Plateau. The first 2700 feet of elevation to the turnoff point was made in good time with Otto in the lead making a good steady pace.

At the point where the two groups went their separate ways we were already on fairly deep snow, and that continued for the remainder of the route to the summit. We made use of the GPS to keep on a good line as we climbed another 900 feet to Teesdale Peak at 4137 feet. To the north we had good views down to Idiens Lake that was still pretty much frozen over, except for a few small patches of water sitting on the ice.

We went a few hundred feet beyond the peak where we were treated to splendid views of the Comox Glacier and a spectacular view of Kweishun Creek and Mirren Lake, albeit both of which were well and truly still covered in deep snow. After spending some time admiring the scenery, and taking lots of photographs, we stopped for lunch on a rocky outcrop with a very open view down to Capes Lake. This lake was also still frozen over with only small pockets of open water at each end.

Heading out after lunch we had no trouble following our own tracks back to the start of the steep descent to the vehicles. We finally arrived at the parking lot just as the other party were leaving.

Before heading back to Courtenay we drove out to the Mirren Lake access road to see what, if any, road clearing had been done since our last visit a few weeks ago. The road has been cleared a bit and we can now drive about 1 mile further than last time. That will still leave approximately 1.69 miles to walk in to the trailhead. There might also be more road washouts in addition to the one that we already know about.

After a fairly long day, not to mention all the exercise, we stopped at the Union Street Grill for some welcome refreshment and some tasty eats. We were joined by the good company of Christine and Glenny at our table for nine.

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GPS map
[Tim Penney photo]



Heading up through the logged off area
[Tim Penney photo]



Passing Turtle Rock on the Mount Ginger Goodwin ascent
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



View looking toward Mirren Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



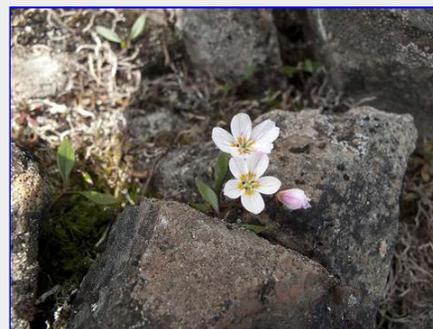
View to Capes Lake from our lunch spot
[Tim Penney photo]



Summit Push
[William Wright photo]



Lunch break
[Tim Penney photo]



Claytonia lanceolata (Western Springbeauty) at lunch spot
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



The hikers
[Tim Penney photo]



*Mirren Lake Cirque from
Teesdale Peak*
[William Wright photo]

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