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Fri Jul 03 to Sat Jul 04, 2015

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader: **Julianna Wells**

With everyone meeting at my place for 6:30 pm, we signed the T.W. wavers, and other paperwork, carpooled, and then off driving to our camping area. We had to leave one vehicle down on the road due to the low clearance and the "new" cross ditches. With using my truck as the relay we got everyone to the camping area and set up for the night. (1,200 meters) Some of us got to watch the full moon as it came up over the coast mtns., and then went to bed. Thru the night the wind was strong, causing a restless sleep night for most of us. We got up at 5 am, quick breakfast, packed the tents away and left at 6:10 am.

Heading up the "route" to the Castlecrag trail, we were soon on the trail and heading up around Castlecrag Mtn. We stopped at the junction where the trail goes up to Castlecrag Mtn for a short break at 7:50 am. (1.75 kms)(1,655 m) Leaving at 8:05 am, we headed up towards Mt. Frink. Stopping at 9:05 am for a short break. (elv. at 1, 908 m.) We left at 9:30 am, with Mt. Albert Edward in site but a long way off yet.

We made the top of Mt. Albert Edward by 11:20 am !!! (elev. of 2,098 m.) Being a Sat. and the weather was good, there were lots of people coming from and going to the summit. I would guess at least 30 people or more. With the GPS, it said that we travelled around 6.75 kms. from the start to the top of Mt. A. Edward, with an elevation gain of 1,100 meters. We left the summit at 12:20 pm and headed back down and across to Mt. Frink. We stopped at 1:15 pm at a nice deep water spot to refill up. Surprising there is still enough snow/ice,water up there making it no problem, at least for now. Leaving at 1:25 pm and heading for the side of Mt. Frink. We stopped for a break at 2:15 pm off the shoulder of Mt. Frink. That is when we noticed a lot of smoke over towards the Port Alberni area. It was a small forest fire in the Sproat Lake area. Leaving at 2:30 pm it was all downhill and then up to Castlecrag Mtn. We were back at the Castlecrag trail junction by 3:20 pm.

Due to the heat, some members stayed in the shade, while some of us went to the summit of Castlecrag Mtn. Julianna put in a new summit book, as the old one was filled up. We were back down to the other members by 4:10 pm and left at 4:20 pm. We were back at the trucks by 5:30 pm. With some cold drinks and a break, we were off to relay some gear and members back to the lower vehicle and get re-organized. The logging roads were very dusty, coming out. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to everyone who signed up for this "1st. time" route. Special thanks to Julianna and Kurtis in helping out our newest member Nicolas to get him back out. I will also say a BIG Thank You to everyone for their part in keeping Nicolas o.k. We did have a wind to keep us cool, if we had no wind, and just the sun, we may not have made the summit of Mt. A. Edward due to the heat.

Fun Facts : Around 40 kms of driving , one way. Our parking area was at 1,200 meters.

Top of Mt. Albert Edward : 2,098 meters. Rounding off it was a 1,100 meter elevation gain and loss. GPS route of 6.75 kms one way, so again rounding it off to at least 14 to 15 kms trip. This does not include the trip up to Castlecrag summit and back down.



[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



Lubosh enjoying the view
[Julianna Wells photo]



Checking out our upcoming route to the summit of Albert Edward from Frink
[Julianna Wells photo]



A view of Hope lake and Mt. Albert Edward
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Group shot on the summit of Mt. Albert Edward.
[Ken Rodonets photo]



A refreshing cold water break on our way back to Mt. Frink
[Julianna Wells photo]



[Julianna Wells photo]



A view of Moat Lake.
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*View of Castlecrag Mtn. from
the Mt. Frink side.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*On the trail back to the vehicles
[Julianna Wells photo]*

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