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Fri Jul 30 to Mon Aug 02, 2010

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

(July 30th.) 8 of us met at the leaders house (Ken), and left at 10 am for Port Alberni where we would meet Carol & Linda at the Tim Hortons. After a half hour break there, we were all off to Great Central Lake to catch our boat for 1 pm. We were all loaded aboard, and off down the lake, enjoying the views. In about an hour we were at the trail head for Della Falls. With the warm weather and time we all had a quick swim before heading up the trail to the Margaret Creek Campsite. It was only a 2 hr. hike up to the campsite, where we had it all to ourselves. With a quick setup of the tents, supper done, it was time to battle the bugs !!!

July 31st. (Sat.)..... Up at 6:30 am, breakfast, packed up and headed up the trail by 8:10 am. In 2 hrs. we were at the "bridge out" section or km 11 of the trail. We had to do a bushwack up the side of the river for half a km to a shallow part of the river where everyone crosses. With everyone taking the boots off, and crossing safely it was time for an early lunch break. Thank you to Dany to making sure some ladies made it across as the water was a little deep to some. With a full stomach and dry feet, we were off at 11:45 am. With some more bushwacking just to find the trail, we crossed the upper 2 metal bridges in 45 mins. We were at the Della Falls campsite area at 2:30 pm. We set up our tents, had a break, snacks and in an hour heading up to see the falls around 3:30 pm. It was still about a 1 km walk to the falls, thru some overgrown salmonberry bushes along the trail. We had the falls to ourselves except when a mother black bear and 2 clubs came out of the bush to see the falls !! They soon turned around and headed back into the bush.

Aug. 1st. (Sunday)..... Up at 6 am, breakfast, packed up, and headed out at 8 am for the Love Lake Trail and view point. We left our packs at the trail junction and headed up to the view points. The trail rises quickly, and in less than 2 hrs. we were at the top of the view point. With cameras clicking at the falls, snacks being eaten, it was time to go back down to our packs and head back towards Margaret Creek Campsite. We made it back down in about 1 hr 15 mins. We decided to have lunch at a creek, which was about 2 kms down the trail. After a 40 min lunch, we left at 1 pm back to the river crossing. Arriving at 2:10 pm, a break, crossing the river, drying our feet, boots back on, bushwacking thru the salmonberries, we were back on the trail by 3 pm. We were back at the Margaret Creek Campsite by 5 pm. We were surprised to have the campsite to ourselves (besides the mice).

Aug. 2nd. (Monday)..... Up at 6:30 am, breakfast, packed up and headed down to the trail head/ lake at 9 am. Before heading off, 2 of our members found out that the mice liked the mouth pieces of the water lines, as both of them had chew marks in them !! In 2 hrs. we were back the lake. Everyone had a swim and snack before our boat came at 12:45 pm to pick us up. At 1 pm, we were heading back down the lake, back to our cars. With everyone Thanking Norm (our boat driver), it was back to the cars, and heading off to Whiskey Creek for Ice Cream!!. After licking ourselves full of ice cream it was time to say goodbye to everyone.

SOME NOTES; Thank you to Norm, our boat captain for driving us up and back down the lake.

To the 9 members that went, thank you. It was a great trip and good company.

Dany.... For helping some ladies with the river crossing going up the trail and back

down. The water was up to your knees and cold. The trail is getting grown in with brush, and some blow downs that we had to go over or under. We "moved" every day. You did not have to worry about the bears, it was the mice that you had to worry about!!!.



Della Falls
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Hiking group at trail head.
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Boat ride to & from trail head
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Dany, cooling off in Margaret Creek.
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Base of Della Falls
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Group at the base of Della Falls
[Ken Rodonets photo]

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