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Sat Jul 30 to Mon Aug 01, 2016

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader: **Thomas Mclellan**

Meeting at the leader's house for 9 am on Sat.. Paper work , collecting of the \$, all done, we then carpoled and were off to the trail head. Getting closer, we noticed about 4 vehicles off to the side of the road, near the trail head the side of the road was full of cars and trucks. Due to the social media reports on Century Sam Lake, everyone is now discovering how beautiful the lake is and is wanting to go in there. We started out at around 11 am at the 553 meter elevation level. Having a few breaks as we climbed up to the alpine, it was 2 pm by the time we got there. After a break we carried on to the end of the 1st. ridge, getting there at 3 pm. We all found a spot to pitch our tents.

Sunday July 31st.... Up at 6:30 am to clear skies. We left around 8 am. Got to Lone Tree Pass at 10:40 am Break time, with snacks and water. We noticed that the clouds were starting to come in and not leave !. We left at 11:05 am, heading for the South Cairn. Got up there in the clouds and a little wind by 12:10 pm. Due to the low clouds making it very risky to travel across to the North Summit, we stayed at the South Summit for two hours, hoping for a break. In that time, we had our lunch, pictures were taken and we had 3 "special guests" that came up behind us..... Our own Strathcona Park rangers Andy Smith and senior ranger (Alec), along with Andy's wife. What a great way to spend some time at the South Cairn with the Park Rangers, and having lunch.

With no luck that the clouds were going to lift, we headed back down at 2 pm. Back at Lone Tree Pass by 3:20 pm. Left at 3:30 pm, some breaks on the way down, with two members finding a bee's nest before the rope section. We were back at the tents by 6 pm.

Monday Aug. 1st. Up at 7 am, breakfast, packed up and ready to head down the hill by 9:15 am. With a few breaks along the way down, we were all back at the trucks by 1 pm. We were still amazed on how many vehicles were there !!. Back in Courtenay by 2:30 pm to sort out the packs and to say good bye to a great group after a great outing. A Special Big Thank You to my Co-Leader Thomas on doing a great job going up the trail and also coming down. Your calmness and patience was great. Thank You. Thank you to all who signed up and was able to come along.

We also met Rick Ward, along with my friend Jody, who were up near the South Summit, flying and filming with Rick's drone. I posted the video to the Forum page for 3 months. Please watch it.

Fun Facts. :

Starting elevation : 553 meters.

1st. Alpine spot : 1,300 meters (3.65 kms of UP)

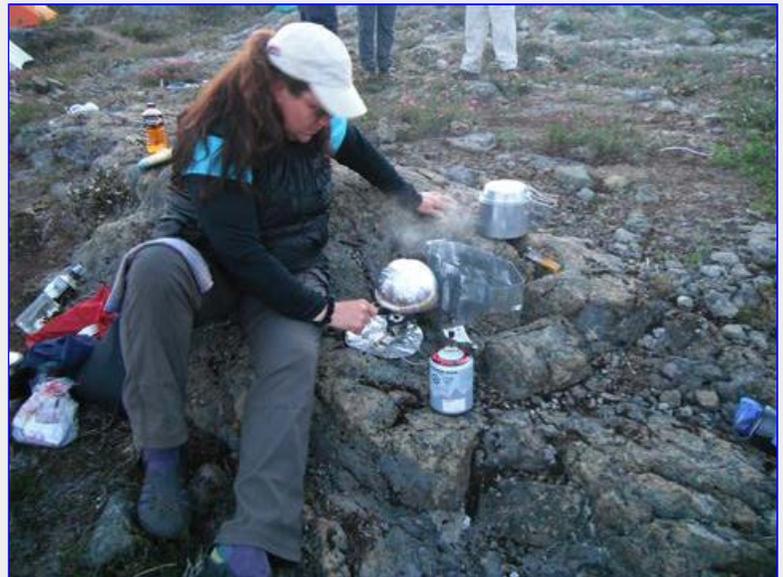
End of 1st. Ridge (camping area) 4hrs. total , 1,400 meters 5.05 kms.

Lone Tree Pass : 1,514 meters, 7.24 kms

South Cairn : 1,848 meters 8.32 kms



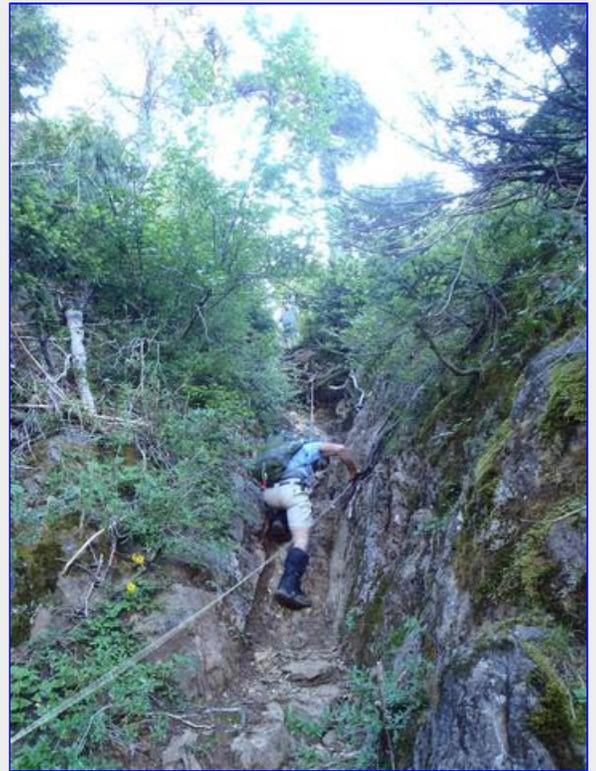
Tenting area, with the glacier in the background.
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Anybody up for some Jiffy Popcorn ? yes, it tasted good
!!! :)*
[Ken Rodonets photo]



Sunrise
[Juanita Wells photo]



Starting off day 2.....
[Juanita Wells photo]



*And we thought it was all up to the Glacier,
lo!
[Juanita Wells photo]*



*Peak a boo views to the north summit.
[Juanita Wells photo]*



Group Shot.
[Julianna Wells photo]



Sunday morning shot, before the clouds rolled in.
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Another group shot with our flag at the South Summit.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Our tents are way down there....
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Monday morning group picture, with the clouds on the glacier.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



[Thomas Mclellan photo]



[Juanita Wells photo]



Packed and ready to go.

[Juanita Wells photo]

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