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Wed Jul 04 to Fri Jul 06, 2012

Leader: **Carol Hunter**

Co-Leader:

Too much sun!

Too much fun!

That was the mantra of the 10 hikers who spent 3 glorious days on Flores Island. After being welcomed to Cow Bay by a magnificent osprey we dined on the beach while watching the spouts of humpback whales. The feeling of having found paradise continued on Thursday with an extended hike along sandy beaches punctuated with explorations on rocky headlands. Wolf tracks in the sand, continued sightings of whale spouts at sea and the brilliant coloured creatures in the tide pools were constant reminders of the abundance of life that surrounded us. This life and other wonders of Flores were the theme of a lunchtime game of charades. Ancient spruce, books on the beach and surf swimming brought us to another evening of barefoot baseball, sunset on the waters, yarns from the tarns (ask Sheila about the eels) and a relaxing fire on the beach.

Friday we started early and continued to explore and enjoy the myriad of beaches while we gradually made our way back to the water taxi for an exhilarating ride back to our vehicles.

This trip was made wonderful by the people involved. From Eddie and Tom, our water taxi drivers who gave us an amazing deal; to Travis, a guide from the "Walk the Wildside" office who met us at the dock and took us to the trailhead, to all of my fellow hikers who shared enthusiasm, stories, fun facts and laughter, even when they had to get up early.

Two of this group were new members to our club on a visit here from Germany. Henrietta and Harald appreciated being able to join our club for this hike and have asked me to post their email address in this report so if any club members are going to Germany and would like to go on a hike they can be contacted. fritzke.holztechnik@web.de

Every participant is contributing a photo to this report so they will gradually be uploaded. Check back to see all 10 pictures.

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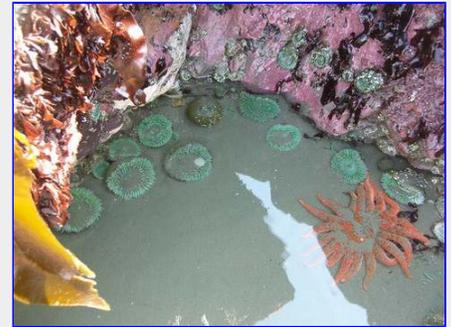
*Ready to take a walk on the
Wildside*
[Carol Hunter photo]



*Osprey greeting us on our
arrival to Cow Bay*
[Linda Hamilton photo]



*one of many small coves to
explore*
[Bob St.John photo]



tidal pool
[Catherine Poupard photo]



Forest trail
[Bev Kulak photo]



Sunset at Cow Bay
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Wide open spaces of Flores
Island at low tide*
[Glenn Ord photo]



[Henriette Friske photo]



[Henriette Friske photo]



Thanks Carol for a wonderful trip!

[Bev Kulak photo]

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