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Sat Jun 13, 2015

Leader: **Ron Lepine**

Co-Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

With an early start from Courtenay at 6:30 am on Sat., we met the rest of the group in Port Alberni. Continuing on past Sutton Pass for a few kms, then turning left onto Marion Main Line logging road. We drove the road for about 9 kms. and then parked at the trail head. Three of our members wanted to do the circle route of 5040, so we dropped them off @ 7 KM. With our special guest from the Port Alberni Outdoor Club, Robert Gunn, who was going to be their leader to the summit from the lower 5040 trail. We would see them at the top.

We started our hike at 9:40 am at 611 meters. Climbing up we went, getting higher and higher. Stopped at an Alpine Cobalt lake for a break. (1,156 meters) Continuing on around the left side of the lake and up !! Ron took us to the other summit 1st. for a look. Looking back at the main summit we could see the other 4 members already there. After about an half hour we were at the main summit. 'excellent views of Triple Peak, Cats Ears, Nahmint, Adder, Mt. Pogo, Triple Peak, Big Intereior, Red Pillar, The Comox Glacier etc (12:40 pm) Elevation at 1,533 meters. After lunch and some picture taking we all left the summit at 1:25 pm.

We made our way back down to Cobalt lake, where we had a good long break and some members went in for a swim. We were back to our trucks by 3:50 pm. With a quick stop in Port Alberni to get a car back, we were off to Whiskey Creek for ICE CREAM ..... Sorry to our leader and guest who lives in Port Alberni, for missing out on the treat. It took about 3 hours hiking time to get to the main summit.

Driving distance..... About 150 kms each way. ( 300 kms total) Starting elevation was 611 meters, Summit was 1,533 meters Approx. 922 meters in elevation gain. Trail distance by GPS was 3.20 kms, one way. So rounding it off to 6.50 kms for a round trip. Thanks Ron for leading this one, Another new one for myself.



*Find the Ptarmigan*  
[William Wright photo]



*Nearing summit from upper meadows on north ridge*  
[William Wright photo]



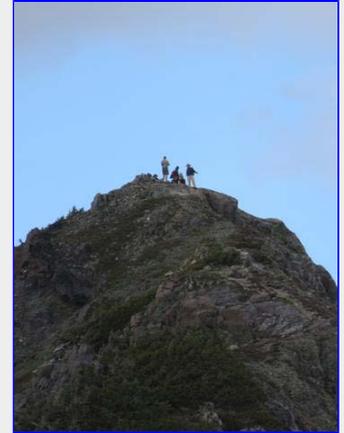
*onwards and upwards*  
[Paula Field photo]



*What a view!!*  
[Tammy Sundby photo]



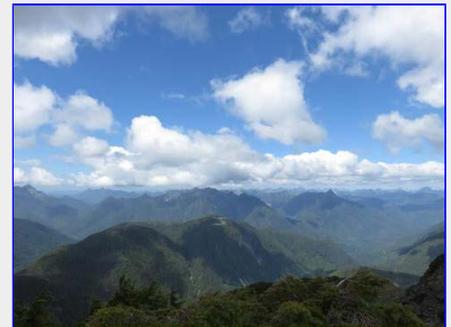
*The view of where we were*  
[Amber Gargus photo]



*Looking across peak to peak*  
[Amber Gargus photo]



*Group shot at the summit*  
[Amber Gargus photo]



*View North (East) from the summit*  
[Amber Gargus photo]





*A cool dip in the lake  
after reaching the  
summit.*

*[Tammy Sundby photo]*

*Ice Cream after  
[Amber Gargus photo]*

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