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Trip Report

Menzies Lookout (hiking)
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Sun Jun 02, 2013

 Leader: **Bob St.John**

 Co-Leader: **Carol Hunter**

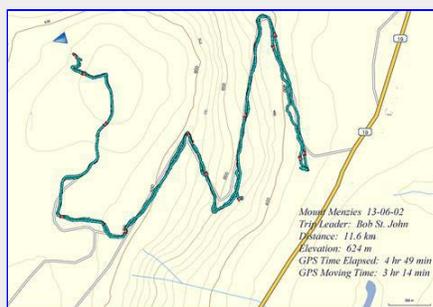
Postponing this trip from the rain of two weeks ago to the brilliant sunshine of this day was, in hindsight, a good decision. For not too much effort one is rewarded with superb views of the peaks of Vancouver Island and the Coast Range.

Thirteen members met at the Courthouse, and were joined by four more at the Campbell River meeting location by the bridge. Some cars parked just off the road at the trailhead, while others drove 200 meters up the much the improved logging road to a larger parking location. The reason for the road improvement soon became evident... active logging has started again in this area. But for whatever reason, perhaps being Sunday, there was no activity on this day, and we continued our trip despite the sign shown below. Who knows what is in store for this trip next time... hiking up a clearcut anyone?

The walk up the road to the summit plateau took 2 hours at a moderate pace. I had hoped, judging by the the amount of bear scat seen on the way up, that we may spot a black bear family feeding by the ponds... but not this time. We were pleasantly surprised by the good condition of the short trail up to the summit block, but as we had brought some pruning equipment along (Geoff with club hand clippers, and me with two clipping shears), we improved it anyways.

My estimate of two hours up, an hour for lunch, and two hours down was about right, with us arriving back to our vehicles at 3pm. Having a co-leader helped a lot (Carol in this case), especially with a large group. Thanks Carol! Refreshments in Campbell River topped the day off for some.

You can see more photos on [Darrells picasa page](#)



[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Active logging now
[Bob St.John photo]



The first lookout
[Carol Hunter photo]



expansive views
[Carol Hunter photo]



Looking back over Campbell River
[Carol Hunter photo]



The Johnstone Strait and the Coast Range
[Carol Hunter photo]



Beautiful alpine tarn
[Carol Hunter photo]



The bear scat got bigger as we went higher.
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Gosh.....I forgot to bring my squirrel suit.
[Glenn Ord photo]



Mt. Menzies inukshuk
[Denise Allard photo]

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