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Sat Jun 27, 2015

Leader: **Ron Lepine**

Co-Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Meeting at 6 am at the Old Church Theater, 5 of us were off to Port Alberni to meet the other 5. We left Port Alberni at 7:30 am, and started driving towards Tofino. A short drive on the pavement, and we were on the very dusty logging roads for a while. After a series of lefts and rights on the logging roads, we were at our trailhead parking area. We started at 9:10 am with an elevation of 515 meters. The day was already getting hot!!

We hiked up the old logging road for a bit and then it turned into a trail thru the old growth. We past a shallow pond/lake at 10:30 am, Stopped for another break at 11:50 am. Leaving that break at 12:10 pm, we made the final push to the summit. We a small patch of snow near the summit, some of us filled our water containers with the snow/ice so we could have some fresh,cold water to drink on the way down. Reaching the summit at 1 pm, it was almost a 4 hr. HOT hike up !! With some beautiful views from the summit, lunch was eaten, pictures were taken. The summit was at 1, 648 meters (GPS taken) Rounding that off, it was an 1,135 meter elevation gain !!! in 4 hot hours.

We left the summit at 1:45 pm for the hot hike down. We stopped at the shallow lake at 3:25 pm. Our leader was the only one to go for a swim. Leaving the lake at 3:50 pm, we stopped at the only good water source to fill our containers and were back at the trucks by 5 pm. It only took us 3 hrs. 15 mins to get back down. (could have been faster but our leader needed a swim)

It was a dusty ride back to Port Alberni, were we gathered the cars, and headed for Whiskey Creek for ice cream on this very hot day. Total hiking distance to the top was 6.56 kms making that a 13 kms round trip.

Lots of driving for this one..... Approx..... 270 kms round trip.

Start hiking at 515 meters, Summit at 1, 648 , Rounding it off... 1, 135 meters gained and lost.

Approx. 6.56 kms one way Total of 13 kms of hiking up and down in very hot conditions.

See some more shots from this very hot hike:

<http://public.fotki.com/TimPenney/cdmc-trips/kiltsa-mountain-27-/>



Heading up towards the Alpine
[Tim Penney photo]



*View down to Sproat Lake and
back to Port Alberni*
[Tim Penney photo]

*Steep slopes as we near the
summit*
[Tim Penney photo]



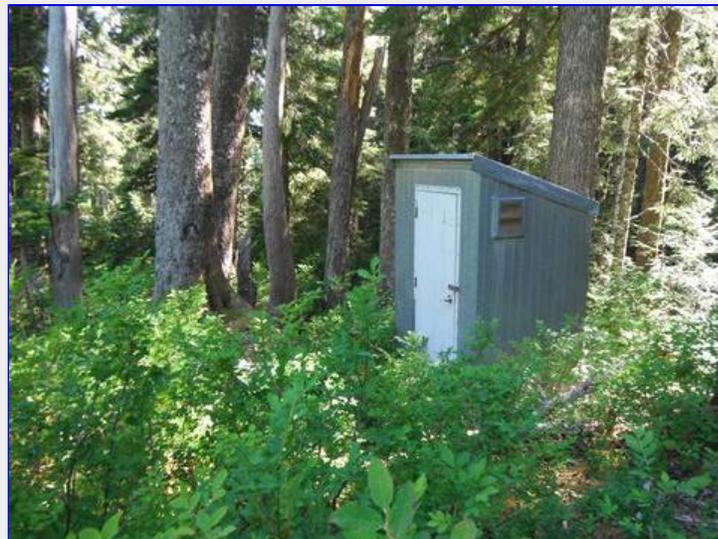
*Summit shot with two missing
from the group*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading back down from the
summit.*
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Going back down, thru a dry
creek bed and thru the old
growth.*
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*No, this is not an outhouse, but an old weather
station.*
[Ken Rodonets photo]

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