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Sat Jun 07, 2014

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

We had a good turnout of 10 people for this 12 kilometre Saturday hike to the summit of Indianhead Mountain.

The roads were in good condition with no problems through to the trailhead above Pearse Lake. The trail through to the north end of Mackenzie Lake was mainly clear of blowdown and easy to follow. Crossing the creek outflow at the lake was easy enough on the rocks without getting wet feet. A few hikers, without poles for assistance on the slippery rocks, decided to wade across instead.

Following the trail alongside Mackenzie Lake was a bit muddy in places, but provided a delightful collection of Marsh Marigold flowers liberally interspersed with a contrasting display of Western Bog Laurel that was in full bloom. The trail, which crosses over to Douglas Lake for awhile before returning to Mackenzie Lake, brings us out at the north side of MacKenzie Meadows which required a bit of careful navigation to avoid wet feet.

After traversing the wet meadows area we started on the 1100 foot climb to the summit of Indianhead. Initially the trail is well established and heads all the way to the old Forbidden Plateau ski hill area 10 kilometres away, but we diverge onto a cairned and ribboned route for the rest of our climb to the summit with lots of snow patches encountered as we gained elevation. We did take a short break at a good viewpoint on the way up.

Lunch on the summit provided the usual excellent views of local mountains and, although cloudy, the peaks were all visible. From the summit plateau we also had a good view to Mount Becher and Mount Drabble. After a short lunch break on the summit we sort of followed the markers back down to the good trail and on down to the meadows. We made a brief detour to check out the old cabin on Douglas Lake before continuing on to our vehicles. A spot or two of rain on the way back turned into a heavier downpour just before we reached the vehicles.

Another excellent day in the hills with an energetic and lively group of hikers, two of whom were out for the first time.

Statistics for this trip:

Start time: 9:46

Finish time: 3:58

Total time hiking: 6 hours 12 minutes

Distance 12 kilkometres

Accumulated elevation gain about 1400 feet.

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At the north end of Mackenzie Lake

[Tim Penney photo]



Brief stop alongside Mackenzie Lake

[Tim Penney photo]



Same Willow catkins

[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Western Bog Laurel were blooming from the meadows to the summit

[Tim Penney photo]



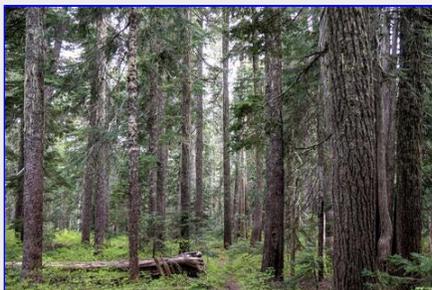
Excellent view and lighting of Mount Harmston and Iceberg Peak

[Tim Penney photo]



Panoramic view from the summit

[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Delightful forested trail on the way back down to Mackenzie



Afternoon reflections on

Meadows
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking across Douglas Lake
[Darrell Tomkins photo]

Mackenzie Lake
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Careful creek crossing on the way home
[Tim Penney photo]

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