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Mon Jun 20, 2016

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Co-Leader: **Gary Hanson**

This trip was posted for today based on a poor weather forecast for Sunday and, thankfully, the hiking conditions today were near perfect.

Not much snow left of the boardwalks around Battleship Lake but plenty of mud on the trail. Almost no snow on the climb from the saddle up to the Elma Plateau except at the last open steep section where it was easy to kick in steps to the top. Plenty of snow on the plateau with depths ranging from 2 to 3 foot. The very scalloped and uneven surface made walking in a straight line a bit of a challenge.

Our lunch time viewpoint was completely devoid of snow so we were able to find our usual summertime rocky seats. Excellent views to all the local mountains only marred by the swarms of flies waiting for any opportunity to feast themselves on us hapless hikers. Thank goodness for a bit of fly repellent.

We took about 1 hour for lunch and then started on our return stroll via Helen Mackenzie Lake on the way home.

Started hiking at 9:01. Lunch viewpoint at 11:22. Started back at 12:20 and back to the SWI Centre by 2:52 having stopped a few times on the way back to just enjoy the scenery and being out in the mountains. We were not out there alone today, though, as we came across lots of other hikers out enjoying the lakes and trails.

Many thanks to Gary, my co-leader for this trip, who is keen to start leading some of his own trips. Thank goodness that his first experience today as a co-leader wasn't too onerous so shouldn't put him off his plans for future trips.

We hiked 14.6 kilometres and gained about 476 metres in accumulated elevation.

Thanks to all who came out today for this enjoyable trip.

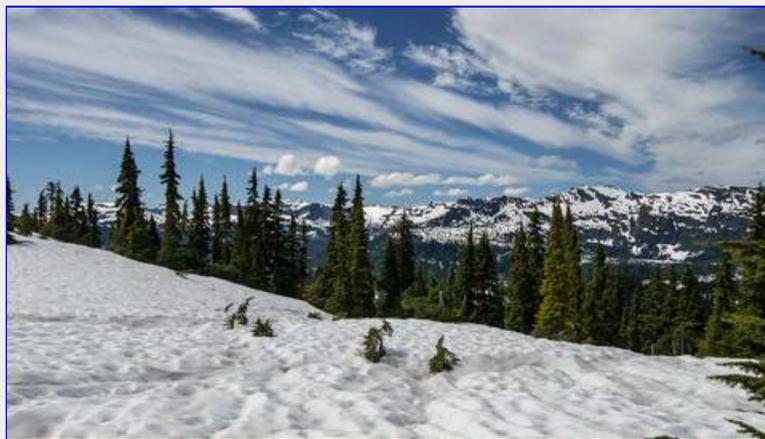


*Tea break at the north end of Battleship Lake*

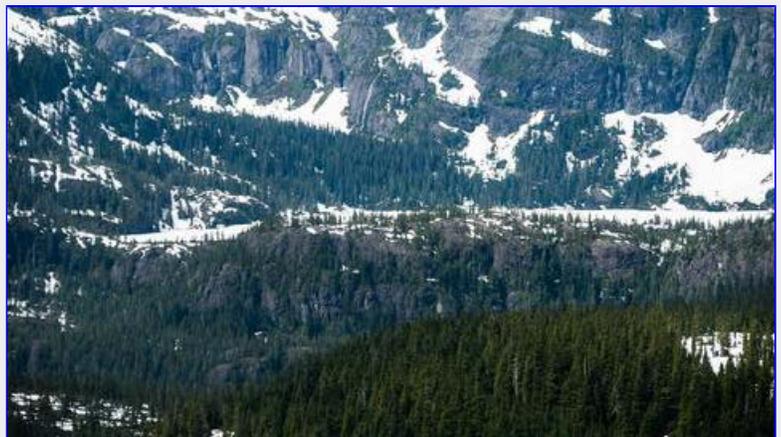
*[Tim Penney photo]*



*At the edge of the plateau*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Uneven scalloped snow with excellent views to our local mountains*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Still ice on Moat Lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*No snow at the lunchtime viewpoint*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*View to George V, Castlecrag and Frink*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*At the meadows between Battleship and Lady Lakes*  
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