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Trip Report

Ball Lake (snowshoeing) [return to Reports list](#)

Mon Mar 28, 2016

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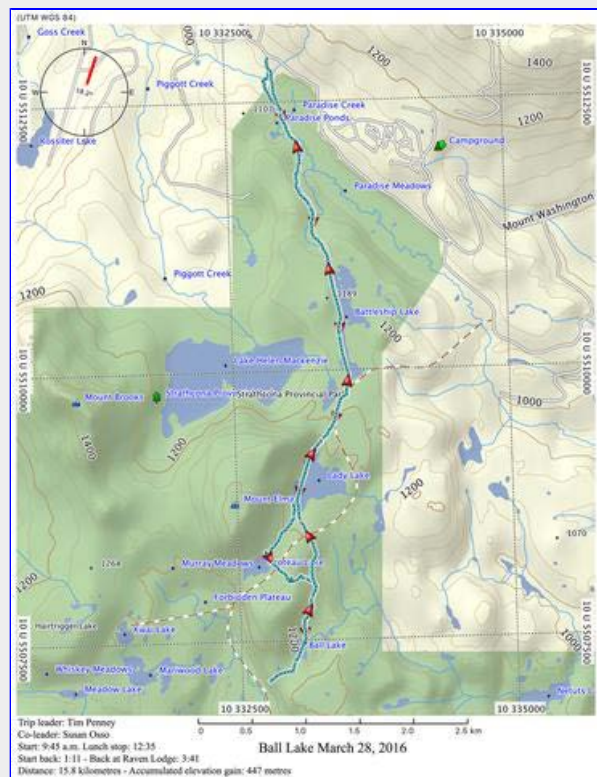
 Co-Leader: **Susan Osso**

Today's trip out to Ball Lake was quite a contrast to the trip in March of last year when there was very little snow on the ground and the lakes were starting to seriously melt at the edges.

The brilliant sunny weather today made for a very pleasant stroll out to Ball Lake. Outgoing we went via Croteau Lake and then down the steep gully at the north end of the lake. As expected, the heavy winter snow made our route rather more hilly than usual, but it was still quite easy to find a good way down to Ball Lake. We continued on beyond the lake to the spectacular viewpoint that looks across to the Cruickshank Canyon and our local mountains. We spent about 35 minutes enjoying the view and our lunch. It was a bit windy, but the warm sunshine and down jackets rather mitigated the problem.

On our return we kept to the lower route back to Lady Lake and then followed our morning tracks back to the lodge.

Another excellent day in the hills with a happy group of hikers. Many thanks to Susan who was my co-leader.



GPS track and stats
[Tim Penney photo]



Deep snow at the north end of Lady Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



At the north end of Lady Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Approaching Croteau Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Outflow from Croteau Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Down the steep gully
[Tim Penney photo]



Lunchtime viewpoint group shot
[Tim Penney photo]



Lunch stop
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Stellar views
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