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Sun May 11, 2014

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

This hike was a combined hike with the Island Mt. Ramblers. A "Happy Mother's Day " Hike . With meeting at an early 7 am, signing in members, carpooling members, 19 were off to meet the IMR at 7:35 am at the Cook Creek Turnoff. There was 12 members from the IMR waiting for us. After a short hello's, and more carpooling we were all underway. A convey of 7 vehicles making our way up the logging road. At the turn off (15 kms) we left one SUV at the bottom. The other 6 made it up to the parking area.

At 9 am, we were under way hiking uphill . With a large group of 31 we all kept going up. The weather was overcast with the clouds slowly coming closer, or were we getting closer to them ? At around the 3 km mark of the route, we came up to the snowline. Due to the warm temps, the snow was soft. Thanks to the fast members to stomp down a "trail" for us. Everyone was sinking in around 3 to 4 inches. With a large group, hiking times to the summit might be different, but the average hiking time to the summit would be 3 hrs. With no snow, it might only take 2.5 hrs. During lunch we had some small views, but the clouds were all around us. During the return hike, members had some fun, sliding down the snow and the clouds were lifting and we got some views! Back to the trucks around 3:30 pm and the drive back to Courtenay. Everyone was back by 4:30 pm. A great day even with out the views !. Driving was :(1 way) pavement :38 kms. gravel :15 kms. 4x4 ing :3 kms. Start hiking elv.: 620 meters. Summit @ 1, 478 meters. A 858 meter gain and loss. Thanks to the members who came out on this mother's day.

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*Foggy conditions on the way up  
to the summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*It's a party on the summit!*  
[Richard Matthews photo]



*Ken making his shopping list at the summit =)*  
[Richard Matthews photo]



*Cougar Country!*  
[Richard Matthews photo]



*Still a winter wonderland in the alpine....*  
[Richard Matthews photo]



*Great views of Mt. Joan and Squarehead Mt. as we made our way back.*  
[Julianna Wells photo]



*We had some better views on the way down as the fog lifted*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*We even had some sunshine on the way down*  
[Tim Penney photo]

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