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Sun May 24, 2015

 Leader: **Otto Winnig**

Co-Leader:

The day started out cool and cloudy; great for climbing up to the top of Alone Mountain. Otto set a steady pace, with rest stops at a number of viewpoints along the route. Grouse could be heard calling their spring-time mating calls. The variety of wildflowers was astounding, with a mix of spring & summer blossoms, including: calypso orchid, monkeyflower, spring gold, Indian paintbrush, honeysuckle, columbine, penstemmon and heather, to name but a few. The trail was surprisingly dry for this time of year, with much of the moss on exposed rock looking more like August conditions. We discovered that Alone Mountain trail has ticks, as Otto had acquired two by the time we hit the lunch spot. During our breaks, Otto regaled us with tales of the Comox Valley and its colourful characters; whiskey seemed to be a theme for many of the stories. All this from a man who swears he doesn't drink. We're not sure what the truth is about that, but what we do know is that we had a great day with an interesting bunch of people. Jon McMillan, a new member, was designated the official photographer as well as the sweep. No one got lost, and other than ticks, no medical support was required. Check out Otto's hike to Mount Ginger Goodwin for even more fun on a steeper, longer trail.



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