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## Trip Report

**Croteau Lake Backcountry Ski Trip** (backcountry skiing)

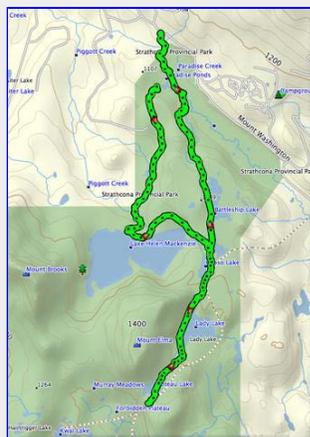
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Sun Nov 28, 2010

 Leader: **Linda Hamilton**

Co-Leader:

This trip was an addition to Geoff's snowshoe trip so as to not mix skiers and snowshoers. We had planned to head to Battleship Lake first but found that chatting and direction finding did not mix and when I realized that we were on our way to Lake Helen Mackenzie, we just decided to keep on going as the trail was broken and in good condition. The day was spectacular with the trees heavily laden with lots of snow and sun streaming through the branches making patterns on the snow. Shortly after catching up with Geoff's group we passed them and broke trail to Croteau Lake. Our destination for lunch was the hill to the left end of Croteau Lake. Distant fog prevented us from having the great view of the mountains. We headed back after lunch and had some technical difficulties with the slush on the lake freezing to our skis and/or skins and scrapping was necessary to get that great glide for our downhill trip.



*Our route, 13.5k*

*[Linda Hamilton photo]*



*Piggot Creek*

*[Linda Hamilton photo]*



*Lots of fresh snow*



*Bob coming up the trail*

*[Linda Hamilton photo]*

*made for a deep track*  
[Linda Hamilton photo]



*A light mist on Lake Helen  
Mackenzie*  
[Linda Hamilton photo]

*Meeting up with Geoff's group*  
[Linda Hamilton photo]



*Karl crossing Croteau Lake*  
[Linda Hamilton photo]

*interesting tracks in the snow*  
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*Lunch on Croteau Hill*  
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