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## Trip Report

**Brooklyn / Lazo Nature Hike** (hiking) [return to Reports list](#)

Wed Nov 12, 2014

Leader: **Krista Kaptein**

Co-Leader: **Don Kulak**

Ten hikers explored the Brooklyn Creek & Lazo watersheds on this sunny & birdy day.

We started up the stairs at Goose Spit & met Chris who had walked from town to meet us at the top. We walked through the still-rural neighbourhood of Croteau Beach, passing by the former residence of noted ornithologist Major Allan Brooks, through Macdonald Wood to the mouth of Brooklyn Creek, viewing both Shakesides & Baybrook houses of naturalist Hamilton Mack Laing.

Then up the creek, noting geologic features such as an oxbow (former meander) We diverged from its course at the former Brooklyn School grounds & headed up to the high ground of the Ridgemount area of Comox, to the Lazo watershed. Into the Northeast Woods, on the marked circle route, with a detour to the perhaps 'not-so-secret' spring that is the source of the waters of Lazo Marsh. Before we left the woods, Chris left us to head home (so we lost 10%!)

Surrounded by birds, we had lunch at the marsh, where recent excavation by Ducks Unlimited has opened up water habitat for birds (though with unknown effects on frogs) Then we headed for Curtis Road with a stop at the beach & an education about dead salmon. Then back to Goose Spit (and a glimpse of another famous house, the Filberg House, designed by architect Arthur Erickson) with a spectacular view to end the day.

Total of 14 km, 5 hrs (including lunch) 240 m cumulative elevation gain which included at least 201 steps! (149 at Goose Spit)



*The Alpaca Whisperer*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Resident Eagle of Croteau Beach Neighbourhood*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Female Northern Flicker in  
Macdonald Wood  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Varied Thrush in Northeast  
Woods  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Hilton Spring- Source of Lazo  
Creek  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*New Open Water Habitat at  
Lazo Marsh  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Steller's Jay at Lazo Marsh  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Spotted Towhee at Lazo Marsh  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*It's Comox - have to include a  
Deer!  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Magnificent View at end of hike  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*

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