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Mon Oct 10, 2016

Leader: **Juanita Wells**

Co-Leader: **Janet Beggs**

After an hour drive to the trailhead on a cool blue sky morning, the Dynamic Dozen headed up the trail at 9:15. The well worn trail gave evidence to the many more travellers that have had the good fortune of gaining access to this area due to the repair of the last 2km of road for logging and the opening of the Comox Lake gate for almost every weekend throughout the summer.

Careful navigation of wet, muddy and icy surfaces had the group happily arriving at the lake at approximately 11:30.

I must say that I am happy to report that even though there has been a huge amount of people along this trail and at the lake this year, I did not see any garbage or the usual toiletry signs that litter so many other popular areas.

At the lake pictures were taken, the rock cairn log book was signed and then a few members continued on to the ice caves at the end of the lake while the rest chose to stay behind on the warm sunshiney side of the valley and start their lunch break early.

The end of the lake below the dusting of new snow on the towering ridges above, revealed a shaded surreal landscape covered in frost that made one feel as if they had entered another world. Except for the sound of the rushing water nearby the silence in this other world was deafening and made you feel as though you should whisper at it's wonder.

After a bit of exploring the caving group returned to the warmer side of the valley to nap and lunch with the rest of the group. Leaving the lake at 1:30 the group arrived back at the vehicles at about 3:30.



[Mike Hincks photo]



*The end of the valley*  
[AI Tranfield photo]



*Lakeside conversation and lunchbreak decisions*  
[AI Tranfield photo]



*Two members near the opening of the snow cave.  
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*The opening of the snow cave.  
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Looking out from within*

[Julianna Wells photo]



*Juanita under a small snow cave.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



[Mike Hincks photo]



*Century Sam Lake and the Valley below*  
[Julianna Wells photo]



*The Dynamic Dozen*

*[Julianna Wells photo]*

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