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Sun Sep 16, 2012

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

Carey Lakes - 16-9-2012

Another sunny Sunday, with hardly a cloud in the sky, and seven club members turned out for this excellent hike to Carey Lakes and the higher ridge.

The drive in is on 30 kilometres of logging road from the end of Comox Lake. The roads are in good condition, although rather steep for the last few kilometres to the trailhead. Nothing, however, that a decent SUV or four 4WD truck can't handle. We stopped at a high point on the road in that afforded good views of the Comox Glacier, the road up Kwieshun Valley and an especially good view of Alone Mountain in the early morning light.

A good portion of the trail is flagged and Ken R. recently did some trail clipping that greatly enhanced our way in. There are still some areas where bush whacking in hard to avoid until the higher elevations are reached. Also, we had several steep rocky outcrops that had to be clambered up, but these presented no problems for the hardy hikers.

We had an excellent spot for lunch with a magnificent 360 degree view of the local scenery including Mount Washington, The Comox Glacier, Rees Ridge, George V, and other local mountains. It's always interesting to see our local mountains from a different angle, and then try to identify them.

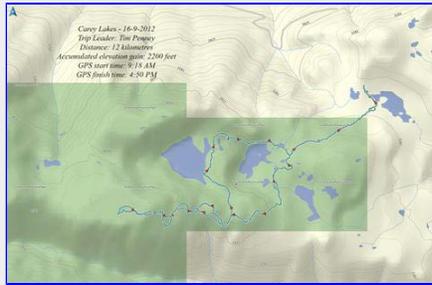
On the return leg of our trip, after descending from the higher plateau, we took a northerly track to take in the highest of the Carey Lakes, where we stopped for awhile to enjoy the scenery. It was a very pleasant spot and one where we were reluctant to leave. However, we eventually continued on to the lower lakes, but not before stopping to check out the waterfall on the way down. The water cascading over the drop was the lowest that I have seen it and enabled us to cross to the other side of the creek for some better views and pictures.

From below the waterfall we continue heading down in a narrow gully and then have to do quite a miserable bushwhack to traverse alongside the lower lake. On a future trip it would be a good idea to see if we can find a better route for this section of the hike.

We were back to the vehicles by 4:50 and to the locked gate at around 6:00 PM.

Another fine day in the mountains with a good group of hikers.

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*Viewpoint on the drive in*  
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*Alone Mountain in the early morning sunlight*  
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*Glacier from the drive in*  
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