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Sun Sep 08, 2013

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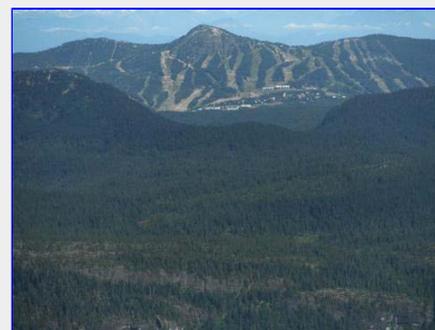
With meeting at the Court House under clear skies and warm temps, 8 of us signed in. On this trip we had our youngest member Daisy D., signing in to come along with her "Grandma ". Last year at the age of 8 years old, Daisy climbed to the north summit of the Comox Glacier. This year at 9 years old she is going to climb Castlecrag Mtn..

Heading up the lake and coming up to the gate, this Sunday it was already wide open with no one around, so we just kept on going. At the turn off onto the East Fork Main, we noticed a white van turning in with us. At first, I thought maybe it was a hunter, or a worker going to a job site, or another hiker going somewhere. After about 5 kms, we pulled over and found out it was a fellow member who had his time wrong for the Court house. After signing in, Ron came in my truck and we were off again. The road was good with no problems. We got to the end of the road at about 8:35 am, and started hiking around 8:50 am. The elevation at the start was 1,095 meters.

After a couple of short breaks, we found ourselves at the top of Castlecrag around 12 noon. The weather was great, just a light wind, but warm temps. The summit is at 1,770 meters. We had an approx. elve. gain of 675 meters. At the top, everyone had lunch and took pictures. A special time for Ian, who gave a speech on a great friend who past away 3 years ago, so we all had a special toast in honour of him. Thanks Ian for bringing up the brew.

After the group photo, it was time to head back down. Leaving at 1:30 pm, we were back down at the trucks at around 3:50 pm. A special Thank You to Claude (new member of 2 weeks) who clipped lots of brush away and to Ian who manned the marking instrument. After a quick cool down in a nearby stream (sorry Glen it wasn't deeper) we heading back down the road. As we got closer to the gate, it was about 5:20 pm and it was locked. It was a quick opening, and relocking the gate. We were all back in Courtenay by 5:45 pm

Thanks to the members who came out for this early morning hike. It is about 40 kms. of mostly logging roads one way.



*Daisy and Leslie at the summit.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Mt. George V (fifth)
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Claude and Glen getting close
!!!
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Ian taking a little Foot
Relaxation after all that Route
Marking !
[Claude Poirier photo]*

*Mt. Washington from Castlecrag
Summit.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*At the summit of Castlecrag
Mtn.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Sylvia enjoying The View with a
Cup of !!!
[Claude Poirier photo]*



*Phenomenal View of the Comox
Glacier :)
[Claude Poirier photo]*



Daisy just really enjoying the Heights of Castlecrag Summit & Hiding the Smarties :-0)
[Claude Poirier photo]



Our Tm Ldr - Ken & Leslie doing the paper work - well well Admin never stops !
[Claude Poirier photo]

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