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Sun Sep 23, 2012

Leader: **Otto Winnig**

Co-Leader:

Boston Ridge & Mount Becher - 23-9-2012

Otto led a group of seven snipping and clipping hikers on this annual hike to Boston Ridge and Mount Becher.

Starting from the old Forbidden Plateau Ski Hill parking area, we headed downhill for awhile to pick up the Boston Ridge Trail. Due to the long hot summer Boston Creek was absolutely bone dry, with nary a drop of running water.

From the dry creek crossing we steadily gained elevation to the first hump at 3340 foot level. This was a good point for a mid morning break with a view. After relaxing for awhile, especially after all the hard work snipping out the trail, we had to drop down again, cross a logging road and then work our way up through a logged off area that had been well flagged and the trail greatly improved since last year's trip.

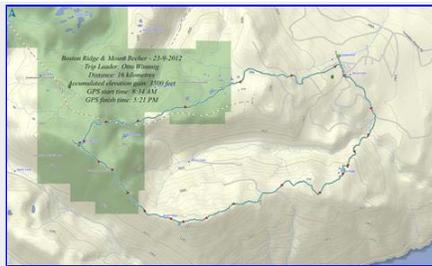
We stopped for lunch at Otto's secret viewpoint on Boston Ridge that provided us with excellent views down into the Pearce Creek Valley and across to our local mountains. Bands of smoke from nearby forest fires could be clearly seen shrouding the tops of our local mountains.

After lunch we had to loose some elevation as we descended into the gully before entering Strathcona Park and climbing another 1000 feet to the Becher summit. At the summit we met up with several other hikers and spent some time enjoying the warm weather and the views. Whilst still on the summit we were all delighted to see a flock of 14 Sandhill Cranes, with their distinctive cries echoing off the mountainside, present us with an almost choreographed flypast.

From our perch on the summit we had an easy stroll back to the vehicles, but not before admonishing a group of three mortised hikers, well inside the park boundaries, stirring up the mud and making a mess of the already poor trails. They were either in the process of, or decided to turn around after our encounter with them. The two adults were, if fact, the same two people that William W. and I had encountered earlier in the year making one hell of a mess in mud and snow when we were doing a hike from the Comox Lake to the top of Wood Mountain.

Another very enjoyable hike in the mountain that, even with such a small turnout, accomplished a satisfactory day's hike and trail work.

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GPS map and trip details
[Tim Penney photo]



Satellite overview
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Clipping along the start of the trail to Boston Ridge
[Tim Penney photo]



Approaching the first hump
[Tim Penney photo]



Morning break with a view of Boston Ridge
[Tim Penney photo]



Lunch break at viewpoint on Boston Ridge summit
[Tim Penney photo]



Geoff composes a shot with advice from Otto
[Tim Penney photo]



Rocky drop off to the Pearce Creek Valley
[Tim Penney photo]



*Nearly to the summit of Mount
Becher*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Betty captures a flock of
Sandhill Cranes as they make a
noisy flypast*
[Tim Penney photo]

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