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Trip Report

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Sun Sep 30, 2012

 Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

Third time's a charm!

First trip in on this route, suggested by Karl Stevenson, was on snowshoes from the Mount Washington Road on June, 1st this year. Second time in was in thick fog on June, 19th with very limited visibility. So, today's trip in pretty good weather, considering the forecast, was definitely a charmer.

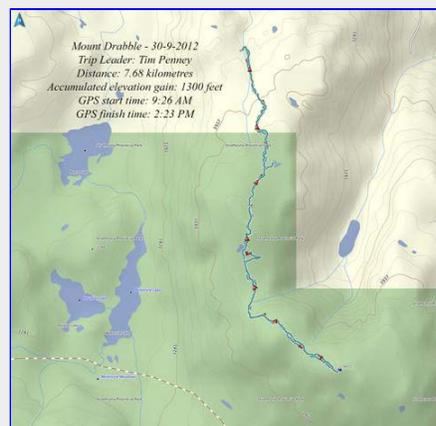
Twenty two of us in total enjoyed a fairly slow pace to the summit as we meandered between rocky areas and several delightful tarns. The fall colours of the blueberry bushes and grasses certainly kept the photographers busy.

The less than 4 kilometre hiking route to the summit starts from a small gully after driving 7.5 kilometres on logging roads from the Mount Washington Road. We found fairly easy access to the start of the hike by scrambling up the road bank to the east of the gully. For the last two kilometres of the drive in, at the start of a steep section of the road, we parked 2 non 4WD vehicles and transferred the passengers to Ken's truck.

On the way to the summit I used my previously recorded GPS track that guided us past several points of interest that had been previously photographed in quite different conditions. Ken R. also took the opportunity to use yellow flagging tape to mark the route for future use.

Lunch break on the summit provided us with an excellent view of the local mountains. We were also able to serenade Sheila O. with Happy Birthday greetings on her ?? birthday on Sunday. Although the weather was excellent for the hike, sitting around on the summit with a bit of a fall nip in the breeze, had us heading back down the trail before 1 o'clock. It only took us a little over one and a half hours, including stopping for more photographs, to get back to the vehicles.

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Parking area at trailhead
[Tim Penney photo]

GPS route map

[Tim Penney photo]



One of many tarns along our route

[Tim Penney photo]



Approaching the Drabble Summit

[Tim Penney photo]



Group shot at the Drabble Summit

[Tim Penney photo]



Heading back

[Tim Penney photo]



Another beautiful tarn with a view west to our local peaks

[Tim Penney photo]



Lovely weathered wood

[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Living kruppelholz

[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Conglomerates

[Darrell Tomkins photo]

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