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Cape Scott - Apr 14-16 (hiking)

Fri Apr 14 to Sun Apr 16, 2017

Leader: Julianna Wells

Co-Leader:

After signing in at the trailhead at 9am, the group set out with blue skies, clouds, and light drizzles alternating above, and made our way along the trail past Eric Lake and along to Fisherman River where we stopped for a good lunch break. The pleasant weather continued as we headed out again, stopping to check out some interesting historic sights and signs along the way to Nels Bight. We arrived at the beach in time to set up our tents and a cooking tarp to make our dinner out of the rains that were starting in the early evening. After the long day of walking, fresh air, and great story-sharing, we found our way to the water source and food cache were ready for an early night.

Following a night of heavy rain, we were happy for only light showers in the morning over breakfast. We headed out on our walk to the lighthouse in the late morning, taking the scenic beach route with the low tide and enjoying the pocket coves along the way. As we reached Experiment Bight, the showers ended and shortly after arriving at the lighthouse we were happy to see the skies clear up completely. We enjoyed as visit with some fellow hikers and the lighthouse keepers while we had lunch, and after some group photos started our trek back via Guise Bay and the main trail. We arrived back to Nels in time for dinner and to greet the 2nd CDMC group coming in from their long hike in. Dinner was cooked, a camp fire was built, stories were told, and everyone enjoyed a great evening together.

Our last day started early with breakfast and packing of gear and a visit by the Easter bunny with some Easter treats for everyone. We headed out, taking the Lagoon route, and were happy for sunshine on the trail as we stopped at Fisherman River for lunch. Many blowdowns later we arrived back at the trailhead still in the sunshine with smiles all around.

Thanks to everyone for a great hike Rick for his unofficial co-leading. Jim for the great fire. Kurtis for great humour in all situations. Paula for all the smiles. Mike for all the laughs.



Contemplating the Danish settlement. [James Wright photo]



Underrated spring flower.
[James Wright photo]



The tractor that lost to the rainforest.
[James Wright photo]



Camping near the surf.

[James Wright photo]



Kelp designs.
[James Wright photo]



More contemplation.
[James Wright photo]



Sand, sea, and rainforest.

[James Wright photo]



At the lighthouse.
[James Wright photo]



Lunch out of the wind.
[James Wright photo]



Scott Islands.
[James Wright photo]

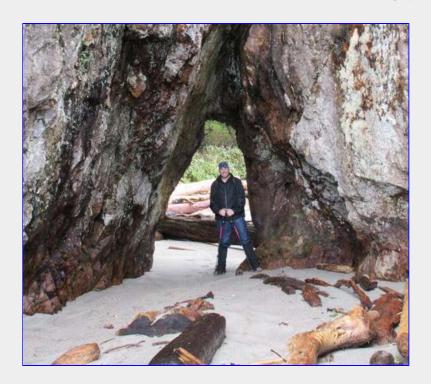


blue sky beach walkin' [Julianna Wells photo]



Much nicer than walking on corduroy.

[James Wright photo]



under the arch [Paula Field photo]



Crashing surf.
[James Wright photo]



Where farming and fishing met.
[James Wright photo]



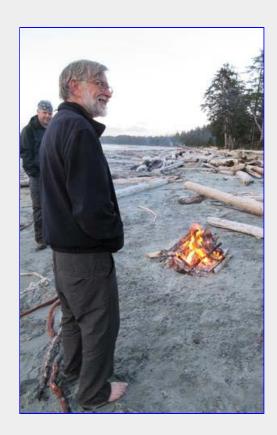
Guise Bay [Paula Field photo]



blue is beautiful [Paula Field photo]



sunlit surf [Paula Field photo]



our fire and its maker [Paula Field photo]



the 2 group beach shot [Mike Hincks photo]

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