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Trip Report

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Sun Aug 12, 2012

 Leader: **Geoff Brameld**

Co-Leader:

31 keen hikers made it out for this incredible hike on a hot sunny day. Our vehicle convoy was 7 strong leading to the trail head. We left Joan's car at the beginning of the last road section to the trail head and several members bumped over the cross ditches in the back of Ken and Tim's pick ups.

We started our hike at 10:10 and took a few catch up and rest breaks before reaching the open area just below Century Sam lake. Comox Creek was rushing with plenty of snow melt and hot temperatures. The first snow cave was visible here with a noticeable drop in temp. as we felt cool air from the cave.

Traversing the snow field (avalanche area) enabled us to cross the creek without incidence. We could see a great dept of snow here of 20 feet or more in places.

We arrived at the lunch spot on the bluff above the lake at 12:30 while several hikers took to the cold lake for a refreshing dip.

After lunch 2 separate groups approached the snow caves above the lake. One large spectacular cave had been formed from the snow melt off the glacier. We were able to walk right in and view the falls about 100 feet or more from the entrance. Great photo opportunities!

We left the lake at 2:00 arriving back to the vehicles around 4:00. This was an adventurous trip enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Ken and crew for road work and trail clearing so we could access this special area of the park.

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*At the trail head with view of
north aspect of the Comox
Glacier*

[Darrell Tomkins photo]

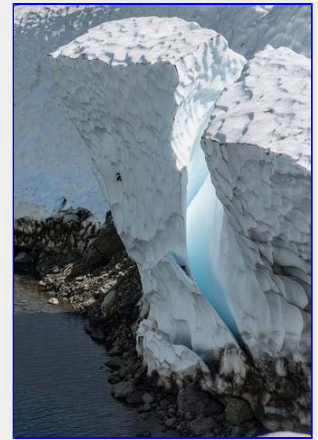


Just starting out on the trail

[Tim Penney photo]



Cave below the lake
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Cleaving off like a glacier
[Tim Penney photo]



Traversing the snow field
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Taking a dip in the crystal clear lake
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Leatherleaf Saxifrage at Century Sam Lake
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Trip leader entering the snow cave
[Glenn Ord photo]



*CDMC members exploring the
snow field*
[Glenn Ord photo]



*The group, sans Geoff the
photographer*
[Tim Penney photo]

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