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Mount Drabble From The North Ridge (hiking)

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Sun Aug 18, 2013

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

The road to the trail head is in good condition with only one steep section that really requires a 4WD vehicle. Just before turning onto the steep section I couldn't miss a welcoming sign nicely laid out in the middle of the road by some anonymous back roads traveller. The architect of said sign is still a mystery to me, but I expect all will be revealed at some time in the future.

With a relatively short trip, better weather than forecast, and such nice scenery we did rather amble along the trail with numerous detours to check out points of interest along the way. At nearly every stop the photographers were taking their award winning pictures, whilst the non photographers took the opportunity to feast from the abundant, and well loaded, blueberry and huckleberry bushes.

On this trip we were joined by two guests from Tasmania. Merv M. who used to live in the valley and in years gone by had climbed the Comox Glacier several times, done the Augerpoint Traverse and numerous other local peaks and trails all in addition to exploring below ground as well. John, his son, born in the Comox Valley, but raised in Tasmania, was a delight to have along on this trip and reminded us older hikers, hobbling along with our hiking poles, just how agile we used to be.

During lunch break on the summit we all signed the cairn logbook and enjoyed the non view of our local mountains. On the way back down the ridge the fog cleared a bit and the sun made a few brief appearances allowing us to see some of the local peaks between the clouds.

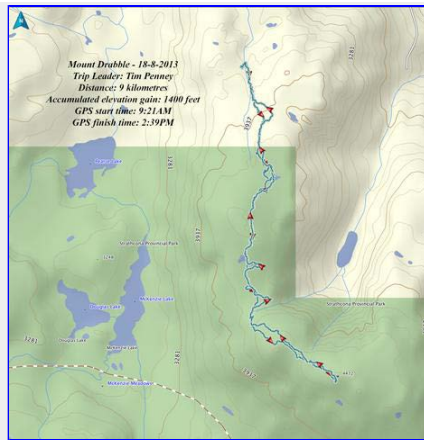
After a few more pictures and lots more blueberries we were back to our vehicles by just after 2:30.

Eleven of us in total made a nice size group for this excellent day in the hills for both members and non member alike.

Thanks to my co-leader Harold O. who help me keep this unruly bunch of hikers in some sort of order and had all of us safely returned to the starting point.



Signs on the road
[Tim Penney photo]



GPS Map and stats
[Tim Penney photo]



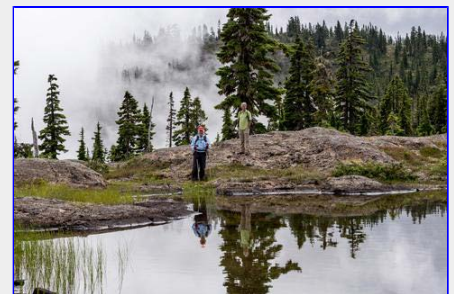
Near the beginning of the trip
[Tim Penney photo]



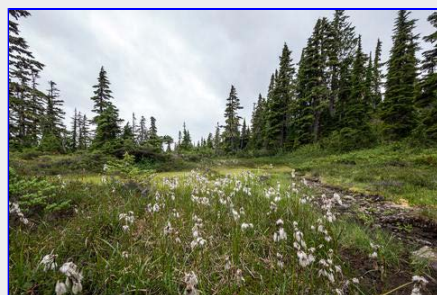
Fringed Grass of Parnassus
[Tim Penney photo]



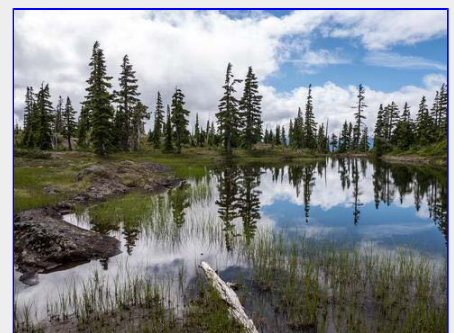
Relaxing summit lunch break
[Tim Penney photo]



*One of many small tarns and
some hiker reflections*
[Tim Penney photo]



Cotton grass
[Tim Penney photo]



A bit of blue sky
[Tim Penney photo]



More reflections
[Tim Penney photo]



Our guests from Tasmania
[Tim Penney photo]

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