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Flower Ridge To Tzela Lake (hiking) Sat Aug 02 to Mon Aug 04, 2014

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With much emails and cancel out by members, I ended up with 3 of us going and 7 members from the IMR (island mtn. ramblers). With leaving Courtenay around 8 am, we met up with everyone else at the trail head at Buttle Lake around 10:10 am. With last minute gear checks, etc. we left the trail head around 10:40 am. With an elevation at the start of 230 meters. We could tell the day would be a hot one !!. Everyone had at least 2 liters of water for the hike up. Finally after a long 6 hr hike up, or 8.5 kms. (with breaks) and out of water we made it to our tenting area. The best spot along the ridge with 2 big tarns. The camping elevation was at 1,388 meters. Everyone found a spot to set up their tents. Then it was into the tarn for a swim. We watched a beautiful sunset and not a cloud in the sky.

In the morning, everyone said how cold it got in the night. After breakfast, We left at 8:40 am, hiked up the ridge for 3.5 hrs. We knew the day would be a hot one, so we called it on a ridge around 12:15 pm. We had lunch with the backside of Mt. Septimus facing us. The kms was 7 up, with the elevation at 1,650 meters. Coming back down we found 2 snow patches that provided some water and cool snow for our heads. We made it back down to the tents at around 4:10 pm. With a quick change of clothes it was time for another swim!.

Monday: Up at 6:50 am, breakfast, packed up and headed down at 8:50 am. Another cool one at night !! With some breaks going down, we made it back at around 1:30 pm. A quick drive to the Karst Creek boat launch area for a swim!! Then to the Campbell River D.Q. for a cool treat and then home to unpack. All in all it was a great weekend. No one got hurt, just the regular blisters and sore muscles. We didn't see much wildlife up there, no whiskey jacks, bears, cougars, sasquatch, wolf, or deer.



The best tarn up there, at least 10 ft. deep. [Ken Rodonets photo]



Some of our tents, as the sun was going down. [Ken Rodonets photo]



The backside of Mt. Septimus, Hanging Glacier and Green Lake. [Ken Rodonets photo]

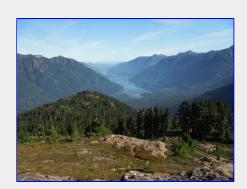


Almost the last peak, along the Flower Ridge Trail.

[Ken Rodonets photo]



Nine Peaks
[Ken Rodonets photo]



A view of Buttle Lake from Flower Ridge [Ken Rodonets photo]



Members from the Island Mtn. Ramblers and CDMC at the trail head.

[Ken Rodonets photo]

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