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Trip Report

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Fri Aug 26, 2011

 Leader: **William Wright**

Co-Leader:

A strong party of 3 completed this monstrous 28 K trek, with accumulated elevation of near 3000', in just over 10 hrs - knackered!

Snow was not as much as I anticipated and the trails were in reasonable nick - I even found that in some locations the terrain crossed, while bushwhacking, was easier to traverse in that there was less accumulated snow than in the lower gullies of the summer trail although, soggy around the ponds.

This was certainly a good punt and we had to moved steadily with a few short breaks.

We did use bug juice at one juncture but, we had gentle breezes that, for the most part, kept the pesky critters at bay.

We were able to cross the outflow from Circlet Lake without donning water booties but needed our poles to balance on rocks above the fast flowing water.

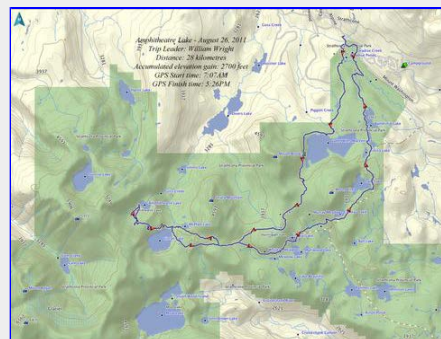
Input from another backcountry online site suggested that this trip was "not worthwhile and not to waste your time" - there were a couple of minor navigation issues on snow into this mountain lake but once there, our crew found it a lovely spot with fabulous views (pics, below, will attest to this).

I suppose another example of beauty in the eye of the beholder. I would return in a heartbeat to explore this area more fully - we even witnessed nice size pan-fryers in the inflow to the lake.

Nice day to wander in the hills - we also encountered a culturally diverse crowd from the many young backpackers we met, coming in for the weekend, to take advantage of fair skies and our incredible backcountry.

We debriefed over drinks in "Fat Teddies", watching the sun set over the mountains of Strathcona - a fitting conclusion to a fabulous day.

[More photos](#) are available for viewing.



GPS route map
[Tim Penney photo]



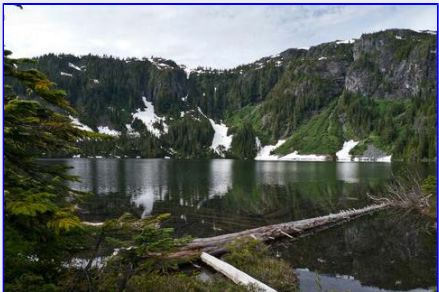
*Ranger's Cabin finally
free of snow - Damage
to the top right window
covering was from this
winter's heavy snow
accumulation.*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Sid William's Cabin survived the
winter*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Linda & William in front
of Sid William's cabin*
[Tim Penney photo]



Circlet Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



*On, or off, trail heading towards
Amphitheatre Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Quite a lot of snow on the trail to
the lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Fish bearing stream running into
the lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Looking across Amphitheatre
Lake back towards Mount
Washington - Strata Mountain
on the right*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Small Lake before dropping
down to Circlet Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]

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