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## **Trip Report**

Bloedel Creek (hiking) retu

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Sun Aug 26, 2012

Leader: Bucky Buchanan

Co-Leader:

Fourteen brave members accepted the challenge to ascend the narrow slippery, boulder strewn, log choked Bloedel Creek. The slow pace allowed ample time for photography and sharing knowledge of the local flora, fauna, history, geology and fossils (the marine kind not CDMC members). Some of the more notable observations were a delicate monkey flower in the middle of the creek bed, a red back salamander, an ammonite fossil but the find of the day was a hand made spike likely from a long gone bridge. Although we didn't see any American Dippers there was some evidence of their presence.

Besides the boulders to navigate and logs to clamber over there were five waterfalls to climb each one higher than the previous. Bucky had the foresight to bring a climbing rope and Wylie the skill to guide everyone to use the easiest route up the falls.

In spite of the numerous deep pools and slippery footing no one managed to fall in although there were some close calls

Some of the group saw several American Dippers including one which flew over us at the lunch stop. Also several red-legged frogs were observed. Frank H



typical log jam [Bucky Buchanan photo]



snack time
[Bucky Buchanan photo]

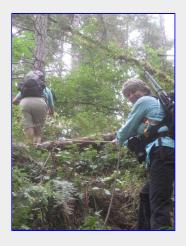




You want to climb that! [Bucky Buchanan photo]



one BIG step [Bucky Buchanan photo]



another steep climb [Bucky Buchanan photo]



a short step across [Bucky Buchanan photo]

waiting in line [Bucky Buchanan photo]



lunch at last! [Bucky Buchanan photo]



view from above [Bucky Buchanan photo]



the last climb [Bucky Buchanan photo]

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