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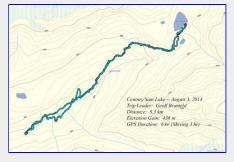
Changes II today IN yesterday II < 7 days II < 30 days Century Sam Lake (hiking) Sun Aug 03, 2014 Leader: Geoff Brameld Co-Leader: Tim Penney

This was a hot day for hiking with temperatures reaching 30 degrees. We made several needed water breaks on the ascent to Century Sam Lake. On our arrival several overheated hikers took the plunge to cool off but were quick to get out of the freezing water. We had lunch at noon on the beautiful lookout rock above the lake. Looking at the snow cave area through binoculars gave us encouragement that we might see caves. Our thoughts had been that due to a low winter snow pack we might not see much in the way of caves this year but this area always has surprises. On our arrival into the bowl area we found several large cave entrances and exploring the caves found them to extend a great distance under the snow pack. This area produces a micro climate of its own with a cold wind passing through the tunnels so standing in front of or exploring the inside of the caves is like being in a freezer. We left around 1:30 and arrived back about 2 hours later where Marianne had refreshing & cold watermelon for all.

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More pictures can be seen here: <u>http://public.fotki.com/TimPenney/cdmc-trips/century-sam-lake-3-/</u>



[Darrell Tomkins photo]



The Lake [Geoff Brameld photo]



Looking into the cave entrances - Check the scale against the



[Darrell Tomkins photo]

club member in front of the entrance [Tim Penney photo]



8 shot panorama [Tim Penney photo]



Light through the thin ice of the cave ceiling [Tim Penney photo]



Stream crossing on our return [Geoff Brameld photo]



Enjoying the beauty [Geoff Brameld photo]



Flowers in the meadow above the lake [Darrell Tomkins photo]



Rock slide on the trail on the way out [Darrell Tomkins photo]

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