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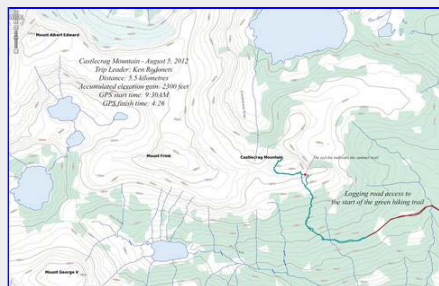
 Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

With an early start at 7 am, 7 CDMC members and 1 guest from the I.M.R. (island mt. ramblers) showed up at the Court House. We soon departed the Court House and headed out around Comox Lake. This time around, the gate at the lake was locked, so we had to stop and unlock it, then relock it. With getting closer to the starting point, as we climbed up in elevation, the photo ops was to good to pass up. On the 2nd. stop, Tim's truck decided to give Darrell a good enough bump in the head to cause it to bleed!! Darrell was in good shape after 15 mins (the bleeding stopped), so we stopped at a near by creek to let her get cleaned up and grab some cold water.

We finally got hiking at around 9:30 am, starting elevation was at 1,080 meters. This was a steep hike, going thru the old growth trees and coming out into the alpine. Most of the snow has melted away, with some big patches still around. As we got out of the old growth and into the open alpine, we could feel the heat of the day. Most of us got to the summit between 3 hrs. and 3.5 hrs. Except Harold, who was just having a bad day with his new boots, so he stayed down lower in the shade and had a great view of the mtns, between naps. We did meet William W. on the summit and he decided to come down with us, rather hike all the way out to the Raven Lodge. The summit of Castlecrag is 1,770 meters (gps reading). We had to depart at 2:10 pm, with some short breaks coming back down, we were back at the trucks by 4:35 pm. We had a short break at the creek to wash the sweat, bug spray, etc. off. We were back in Courtenay just after 6 pm. We started off with 8 members and ended up with 9 at the end of the day !! Thanks for the members who turned up for this hike !! A great day with full sun, great views!! Hope Darrell's wound heals fast. Fun Facts : 40 kms drive one way , A 690 meter elevation gain over an 2. 45 kms "route".

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*GPS map*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*On the road in. George V on the left and Castlecrag on the right*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Start of the hike*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Nearly onto the summer trail*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch break on the summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Group shot on the summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Darrell getting first aid and  
lots of attention before the  
trip started*  
[Karl Stevenson photo]

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