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### Mount Elma Crossover (snowshoeing)

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Sun Dec 11, 2011

Leader: **Tim Penney**

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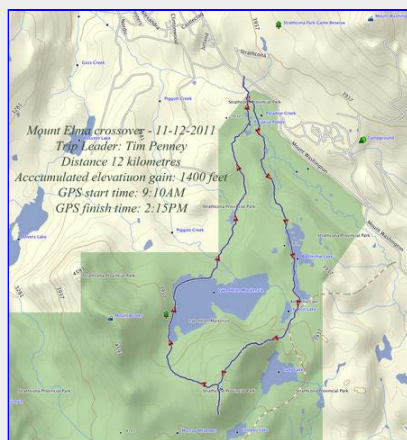
We had a cold start from the Raven Lodge parking area shortly after nine. It was clear and sunny but the cold north wind certainly gave as a good example of the wind chill factor.

We had very easy going out to Battleship Lake on a well compressed trail. After stopping for a short coffee break we were able to walk the length of the lake on the ice without any problems. The steep climb up the ridge of Mount Elma was one of the easiest that I have done for a winter trip. The snow was quite hard and required no effort to break any trail. In fact, Linda had been up there a day or two before but her tracks were hardly visible.

We hunkered down for lunch at the usual lookout spot above Croteau Lake and found some relief from the cold wind in the lee of the hill. After lunch we had fun on the descent down to Lake Helen Mackenzie. John & Karl, who were both on skis, took a slightly different route down to the lake than the rest of us on our snowshoes.

At the lake we followed around the shore line rather than risk going across the middle. Nobody else appears to have braved the direct route across the lake yet and we were not about to be the guinea pigs.

With such easy going snow conditions we were back to the Raven Lodge shortly after 2 o'clock and all enjoyed some hot drinks and Darrell's homemade ginger cookies.



*GPS route map*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Frost at the start of the day*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*At the North end of Battleship  
Lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Last bit of the steep climb up to  
Mount Elma*  
[Tim Penney photo]



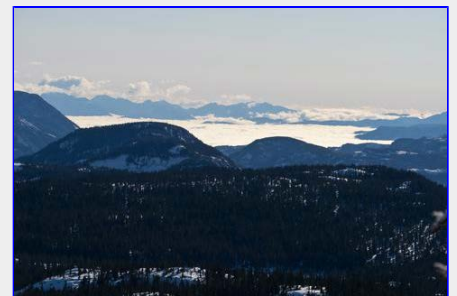
*Just above the steep climb*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch at the top*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*View from the top*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Looking towards the Alberni  
Valley*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading down the gully to Helen  
Mackenzie Lake*  
*[Tim Penney photo]*



*Day's end at Lake Helen  
Mackenzie*  
*[Darrell Tomkins photo]*

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