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## Trip Report

**Hairtrigger Lake** (snowshoeing)

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Sun Jan 02, 2011

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

The bright sunny weather provided us with another day in a winter wonderland.

This group of 5 snowshoers and one skier split from Linda's group at the start of the climb up to the saddle at the south end of Lake Helen Mackenzie. It is a strenuous climb, but with the trail already broken it made the going fairly easy.

We continued on to the Rangers Cabin, that was hard to see from a distance as it was almost buried under the deep snow. A short distance beyond the cabin we came across one tent pitched in the snow, and beyond that point we had to break trail out to a lunch stop above Hartrigger Lake. We found a good point on a high knoll to the east of the lake and had a wonderful 360 degree viewpoint of the local mountains and across the Strait of Georgia.

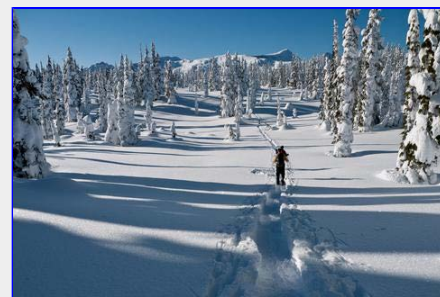
We followed our tracks back to the Raven Lodge and found plenty of time to shoot the breeze with Linda's group, whilst enjoying hot chocolate and cookies.

Our route was 13 kilometres long and we climbed about 1000 feet.

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*Crossing Lake Helen Mackenzie*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading out towards the Rangers Cabin*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*The vanishing act - Hard to see the cabin from this angle*



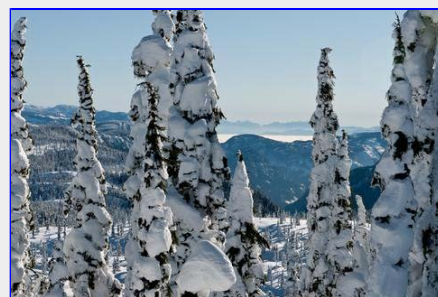
*Karl stuck in the groove*  
[Tim Penney photo]

[Tim Penney photo]



*Spectacular snowy scenery*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Our lunch break view to the  
cloud filled Strait of Georgia*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Helen Mackenzie approach*

[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Long shadows in pristine snow*

[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Sun-lined trees*

[Terri Matheson photo]



*Mt Albert Edward always  
beckons*

[Terri Matheson photo]

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