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Slingshot Meadows Indianhead Mtn Loop Hike (hiking)

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Sun Jul 10, 2016

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At 8 am on Sunday 7 of us departed the courthouse meeting place and headed out along the logging road to the trailhead. We walked the short distance to the Mckenzie Lake outflow crossing and everyone made it across the low waters without mishap. Wet bushes on the other side cooled us down as we made our way through to Mckenzie and then Douglas lake, and the Mckenzie Meadows greeted us with an abundance of wildflowers and butterflies. The meadows were not terribly wet and were easily crossed, followed by another easy creek crossing before heading up the trail.

The trailwork done a couple of weeks before on another CDMC trip was very evident and the clear, wide trail was welcomed by all. We made our way along the Traverse Trail to the Drabble Lakes-Slingshot Meadows junction and headed down to the meadows, with more trail clearing making our way easy and quick. A break in the meadows for a snack and re-layering in the cool air was kept short by the ever-present mosquitos and we were soon on our way up through the trees on the route to Indianhead Mtn. After some short scrambles up the bluffs, the summit was quickly gained where we enjoyed a nice long break while the breeze kept away all but the most persistent mosquitos.

We made our way back along the route to the Mckenzie Meadows viewpoint, then down to the meadows and up to check out the Douglas Lake cabin before making our way back to the trailhead and vehicles. We arrived back at the courthouse at 4:45pm.

The weather held out for the whole trip, warm in the sun and cool in the trees which along with the wonderful company and conversation made for a fabulous trip. Thanks to everyone for coming!



Mckenzie Lake

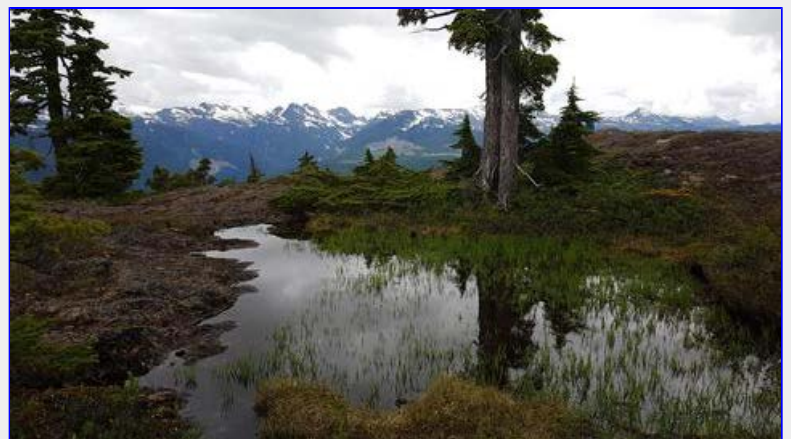
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*heading up the bluffs to the
summit*
[Julianna Wells photo]



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Indianhead Mtn summit view
[Julianna Wells photo]



Crossing the Mckenzie Lake outflow
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