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Sat Jul 27, 2013

Leader: **Bob St.John**

Co-Leader: **Carol Hunter**

Eight participants made for a nice-sized group on this lazy mid-summer day. We started up the steepish climb to the ridge at about 9:15. Although the day looked to be a hot one, the shade of the forest kept us in the cool for the most part.

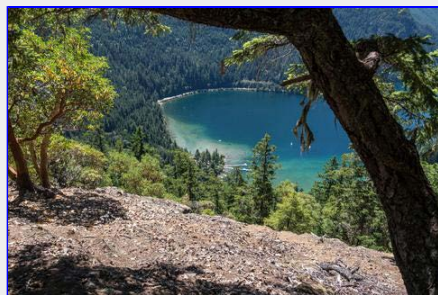
We took several breaks on the way up, with a good one near the top of the climb that has a nice view of Cameron Lake through fir and arbutus trees. The easy walk along the ridge through open mature forest was restful. We stopped to admire the crazy-wild bike ramps and jumps built some time ago by whom I would assume to be teenagers.

We reached the first open rocky viewpoint around 10:30. Here we lazed in the growing heat of the day, taking photos, eating our first lunch, or just having a snooze. The Georgia Straight lay before us from Comox in the north to Nanaimo in the south. Although hazy, we could pick out Mt Baker in the far distance. Mt Arrowsmith was of course dominant across the valley, but it just doesn't look as impressive without its winter mantle of snow.

Continuing on we came across the ATV track. I had read somewhere that it had expanded, but to our observation it looked the same as last year, even a little overgrown. We followed it where we could not find the old trail. About 45 minutes later we were on the second and highest viewpoint. Here we had our main lunch, and lingered a little longer.

Our return to the trailhead went quite fast, although we were mindful of the pebbly nature of the downtrack. Along the way we stopped by a lily pond so as to appease our photographers and our one biologist.

We stopped at Whiskey Creek for ice cream... as good and plentiful as ever. Note that a single scoop is really a double. Child cones sufficed for some of us. Thanks to those who turned out for this pleasant trip... you were good company.



*First view back down to
Cameron Lake
[Tim Penney photo]*



*A nice walk through the woods
[Carol Hunter photo]*



Carol pretending to be a bike
[Tim Penney photo]



The first lunch stop
[Carol Hunter photo]



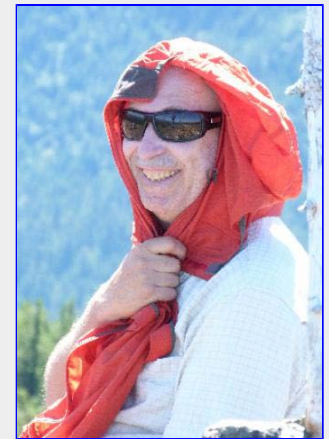
Mt Arrowsmith without its snow
[Carol Hunter photo]



Relaxing at the summit
[Carol Hunter photo]



Loving the arbutus
[Carol Hunter photo]



Baboushka Bob - our fearless leader
[Jenny Balke photo]



Relaxing in the shade of the beautiful arbutus trees



[Tim Penney photo]

Heading home
[Jenny Balke photo]

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