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Tue Jul 31, 2012

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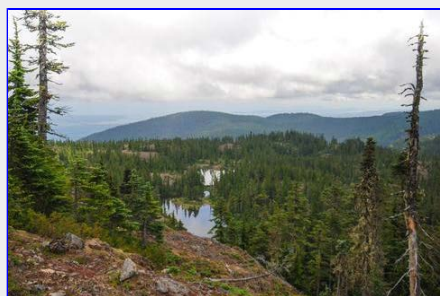
As we were making our way to the morning meeting place we noticed miniature drops of moisture dappling our windshield. Rain? Sweaty Seagull? Whatever it was it wasn't much, just enough to make me start second guessing moving the hike forward by a day to avoid some undesirable weather that was forecast for Wednesday.

The cloud was appreciated on the hike up the old ski runs and didn't stop us spotting, not only salmon berries but some strawberries and some very tart blueberries that distracted us from our vigorous warm up.

We were treated to a spectacular walk, lush green old-growth sub alpine forests, a myriad of wild flowers covering a spectrum of shapes and colours, and rocky outcroppings dimpled with ponds and the Drabble Lakes. It was enough to compensate us for climbing over numerous blowdown and scrambling up the occasional, almost vertical rocky slope and the compensation rates were high. These obstacles were not appreciated by the two people who figured hiking didn't involve your arms and would be a healing reprieve for their kayak induced injuries. Thankfully, being the good sports they are, they swallowed any cries of agony and suffered in silence.

Lunch at the summit was a welcomed break, and we turned our backs on the cloud/fog covered half of the view and settled down to enjoy the panorama from Jutland, past Indian Head, through Argus and Harmston to Becher. By the time we had finished eating the veils had shifted and we could now see Savary and Middenatch Islands in the Strait and the valley stretched out below us. Even the glacier deigned to show herself in all her splendor as we made our way back down. We figure we saw the whole 360 degree view, just not all at once; an opportunity to focus on and absorb one section at a time.

After taking a break at the second of the Drabble Lakes for our own Olympiad to take a swim we made our way back to the car, arriving around 8 hours after we had left it. A long, but very enjoyable hike with the added bonus of meeting new people and getting to know better those whom we had already met.



Views of the lakes and the Strait



Relaxing by the lake

[Carol Hunter photo]



Proof of making the summit!
[Bob St.John photo]

[Carol Hunter photo]



Western panorama
[Bob St.John photo]



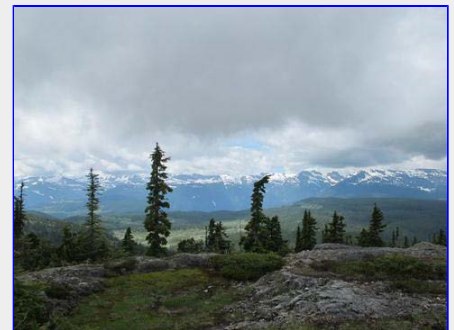
Beautiful array of alpine flowers
[Carol Hunter photo]



Going down for the last time!
[Bob St.John photo]



Almost there
[Tom Parry photo]



view from the summit
[Tom Parry photo]



One of the Drabble Lakes
[Carol Hunter photo]

Hmm... where am I?
[Carol Hunter photo]

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