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Sun Jul 08, 2012

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Co-Leader:

Lee Plateau July 8, 2012

This was one of two trips scheduled for today. Otto guided a party of nine to the summit of Mount Ginger Goodwin and my trip, eight of us in total, was to the summit of Lee Plateau. We gained access to the TimberWest logging roads with a new key that has been provided to the club, on payment of a \$500 deposit, and with certain conditions attached.

The road at the start of the trail has recently been reactivated for current logging in the area. This allowed for some of our vehicles to gain nearly 300 foot more elevation before the hiking started. The trail follows up through an old logged off area before getting into old growth forest. Ken had his trail clippers with him and did some excellent clearing that was much appreciated on our return trip.

Compared to this same trip last year, the snow started at a much higher elevation and meant that we had to do considerably more bushwhacking before we were on snow at about 3300ft. From this point we were on snow to the summit at just below 4200ft. We stopped for lunch on a open rocky outcropping with a clear view down to Capes Lake. A slight upward breeze from the lake provided some relief from the warm temperature.

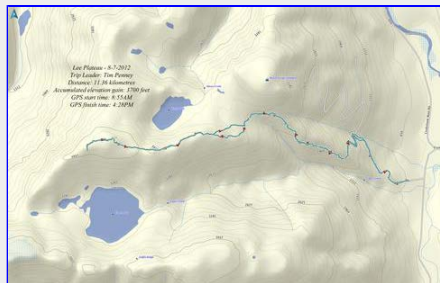
The scenery, what we could see of it through the haze, was as spectacular as I remember it from last year. However, taking pictures was hardly worth the effort due to the very flat lighting and subdued colours. From our view down to Kweishun Creek and Mirren Lake, still visible through the thickening haze, it would appear that the snow levels are just a little bit less than at this time last year. If the warm weather continues, I expect that by July 22nd, when we have a trip to Mirren Lake, the snow will be quite a lot less than when we did last year's trip to the lake.

Whilst we were having lunch above Capes Lake I was able to successfully use my Motorola two way radios to make contact with Ken on the top of Ginger Goodwin. The radios also work well to keep in contact as both groups were heading down the trail.

The GG group arrived at their vehicles about 10 minutes ahead of us. They did, of course, have to wait at the main gate for, yours truly, the key master and gatekeeper to arrive. Luckily, as it turned out, I did actually arrive at the gate even though my car was only running on fumes for the last few kilometres. Fortunately, I was able to persuade a good friend, Bruce S, to be waiting at the gate for me with an emergency supply of gas.

It was another good day in the mountains for both groups and great that our club can offer a choice of two trips on the same day, one being a bit more strenuous than the other.

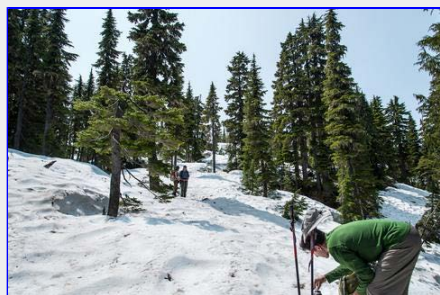
Several of us enjoyed good food, and good company, at the Atlas to wrap up the day.



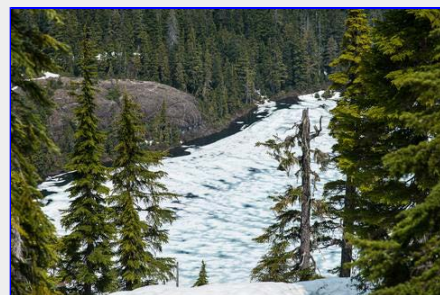
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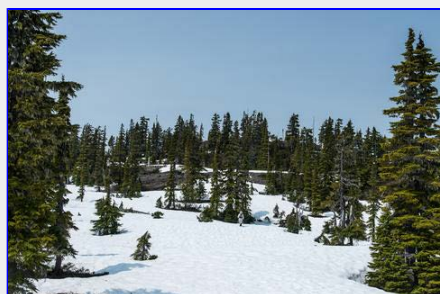
*Short break just above the
logged area*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Still several feet of snow above
the 3300 foot level*
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking down to Idiens Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



*Approaching the summit of Lee
Plateau*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch break view down to
Capes Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



Our lunch spot
[Tim Penney photo]



*View down to Kweishun Creek
and Mirren Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Comox Glacier from just below
the Lee Plateau summit*
[Tim Penney photo]



Standing on the edge
[Tim Penney photo]

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