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Trip Report

Mt Cokely (hiking)

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Sat Jul 09, 2011

Leader: **John Gray**

Co-Leader:

8 participants set out for Mt Cokely on a better looking day than had been forecast. The logging road was in good shape and had obviously been recently graded. As there is so much snow this year we ascended via the Rousseau route, which turned out to be almost completely clear of snow. The ridge is gained in about an hour and from there to the summit there are great views all around and especially across to Arrowsmith.

Another party came up the Saddle route, so we were able to get information on the snow conditions there, and decided to descend that way. It was good boot skiing snow, and one member demonstrated a fine ice axe arrest!

The round trip took a little under 5 hours and was very rewarding for the effort involved.



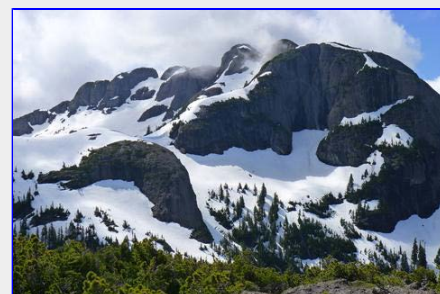
Steep sidehill on the Rousseau route

[John Gray photo]



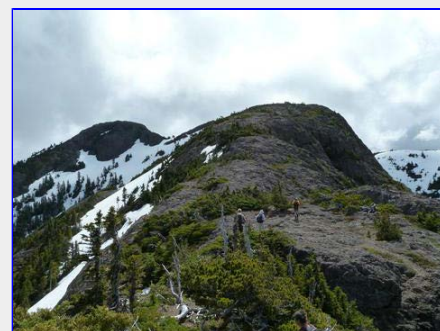
Bump up onto the ridge

[William Wright photo]



Mt Arrowsmith from the Cokely ridge

[John Gray photo]

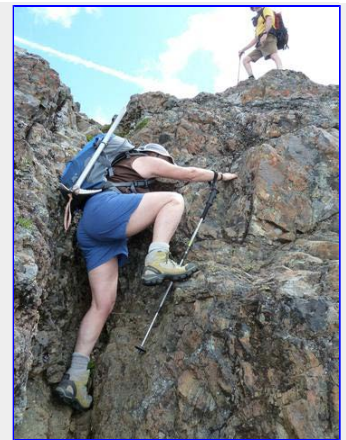


Continuing up the open ridge

[Joanna Burrell photo]



Final ascent route
[Joanna Burrell photo]



Steep rock on the final ascent
[Joanna Burrell photo]



Everyone on the top
[John Gray photo]



Descending from the Saddle
[Joanna Burrell photo]



The route flattens out after the steep drop from the col, then gets very steep in the trees again
[Joanna Burrell photo]



A solid climbing rope is in place for a fine handhold
[John Gray photo]

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