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Shellaligan Pass Addition - Rebecca Spit And Newton Lake To Waiatt Bay

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Wed Jun 27 to Thu Jun 28, 2012

Leader: **Carol Hunter**

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After enjoying the hike to Shellaligan Pass, four members remained on Quadra, did a circumnavigation (on foot) of Rebecca Spit and spent the night at the We Wai Kai campground.

The following morning under sunshine and blue skies we headed off on an exploratory hike at the north end of Quadra. An hour after leaving the vehicles we stopped for a dip in Newton Lake to cool off before continuing our journey to Waiatt Bay. Upon our arrival we weren't much impressed by the yacht that was blocking our view of the Octopus Islands but our feelings were assuaged when we were invited aboard for cocktails and an elevated view of the bay.

Oops... time for a reality check.

The following morning, under grey skies and with a light drizzle to keep us cool, we headed off on an exploratory hike at the north end of Quadra. We passed several small lakes before arriving at Newton Lake where the drizzle stopped long enough for us to enjoy a snack and admire the view. The return of the liquid sunshine hastened our return to the trail and to the echoes of Don's loon calls we began the steep descent to the ocean shores. At this point Don figured it was a good time to put on his rain pants but he was dissuaded from this task and we continued hiking to the musical sound of raindrops hitting the waters of Small Inlet. I heard only a few rumblings from the back of the line which I think was Don expressing his appreciation for the waist high ferns that were taking over the trail on the lush land now being called "the Heart of the Park".

Three loons, responding to earlier calls, joined us for lunch at Waiatt Bay, then just off shore and us under a large maple tree looking out at the Octopus Islands. After admiring a large midden at the site we returned to our vehicles at a pace that matched the increased intensity of the rain.

Physically dampened, but still in high spirits we headed off to Cafe Aroma where, with hot drinks in hand, my fellow hikers all contributed to the fanciful portion of this report. All in all, a good day.



Rebecca Spit



Small Inlet

[Carol Hunter photo]



Waiatt Bay
[Carol Hunter photo]

[Carol Hunter photo]



Lunch with the loons
[Carol Hunter photo]



A historic midden
[Carol Hunter photo]



steep ascent from the ocean shores
[Don Kulak photo]



Newton Lake
[Carol Hunter photo]

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