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Sun Oct 10, 2010

 Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

For numerology fans you might be sorry to hear that we had no weddings performed on this trip. However, the numerology gods must have aligned the planets in good order as we couldn't have asked for better weather, especially after the appalling conditions on Saturday.

A better than expected turnout of 10 keen hikers met up with Howard, from Campbell River, at the Raven Lodge and departed for Ball Lake with little further delay. Sunny conditions prevailed for the majority of the trip and soon cleared the frosty boardwalks. The fall colours continue to show in lively profusion and we were still able to enjoy some blueberries along the trail.

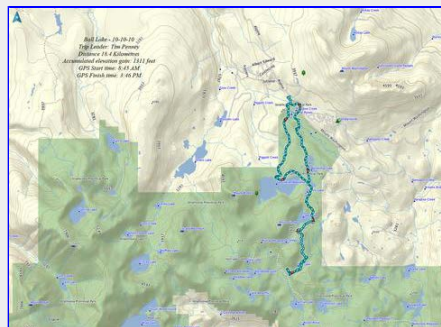
At the south end of Lady Lake we left the main trail and followed Bill B's well marked out trail to Ball Lake. A big Thanksgiving slice of turkey is well deserved by Bill for his excellent, and much appreciated, work on this delightful route to the lake. We stopped for an early lunch alongside Ball Lake and then continued onto an escarpment, about 1/3 mile to the West, that provided some spectacular views across to the Comox Glacier, Castlecrag, Frink, Albert Edward, Jutland and the meadows and lakes below.

I had hoped to return via Croteau Lake but the unfamiliar steep terrain and heavy bushwhacking made the route finding unsuitable for this club trip. However, not to be thwarted, I will make another trip to the area and try to push a connection through to Croteau Lake. This would also make a good snowshoe route.

We had a leisurely return to Raven Lodge with one or two pleasant stops, to smell the roses, and arrived back to the vehicles by 3:45. This was a great Thanksgiving Sunday walk and surely provided an excuse to eat more turkey and pumpkin pie.

We had two guest hikers, James and Jennifer, along for the trip and also welcomed Andy, a new member on his first outing. Hopefully it won't be his last.

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GPS Map
[Tim Penney photo]



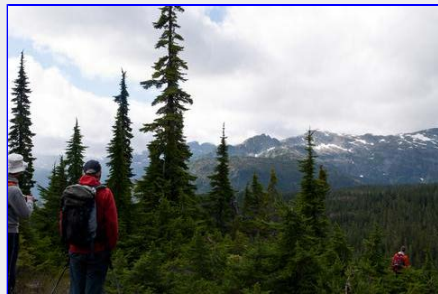
Satellite overlay
[Tim Penney photo]



Group shot at the beginning of the trip
[Tim Penney photo]



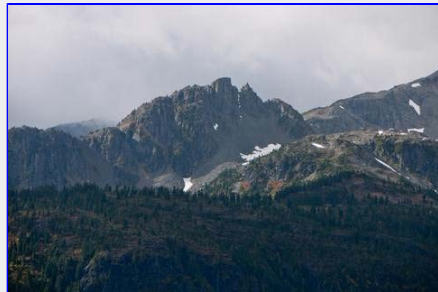
Nearly at Ball Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



View across to Castlecrag and Frink
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking down onto trail to Panther Lake and Forbidden Plateau
[Tim Penney photo]



Interesting lighting on Castlecrag
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking south to Panther Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Nearly back to the main summer trail
[Tim Penney photo]



A quick stop at the south end of Lady Lake
[Tim Penney photo]

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