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Sun Oct 13, 2013

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Co-Leader:

Croteau Lake October 13, 2013

With a beautiful sunny day in the forecast it was not too surprising to see a good turnout for this fall colours walk in the park. Fourteen of us in total started from the SWI Centre at a little after nine with only a few clouds in the sky.

With no high endeavour peak as our destination for the day we were able to just enjoy the scenery, take lots of photographs, and stroll along at a pace that allowed us to smell the roses, or at least the fresh fall air that was most probably scented by all the vibrant colours.

We spent some time enjoying the grassy meadows at the south end of Lady Lake before moving on to Croteau Lake. Chris C. had his sketch book with him and decided to draw a few lines at the north end of the lake whilst the rest of us headed to the Murray Meadows viewpoint at the opposite end.

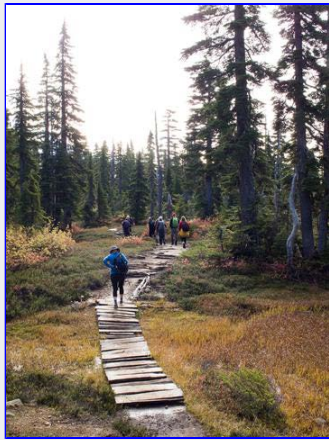
As expected, the viewpoint was an excellent choice for our relaxed lunch break. With lots of comfortable rock seats to pick from and warm temperatures, our lunch was not a hurried affair.

After lunch most of us headed up on the opposite ridge to gain some good views across to our local mountains from one viewpoint and then higher on the ridge to two other spots with views to Mariwood Lake and Ball Lake. The other small party took their time on a slower return back to the SWI Centre.

On our return stroll, the Paradise Meadows boardwalks were a hive of activity with, as Krista mentioned, about 200 visitors hiking the meadows or beyond. Included in the above, we bumped into Angela D and Helen F as they also were just returning to the SWI Centre.

At this time of year it really is good to take advantage of such beautiful sunny days as we most probably don't have many left before the white stuff cometh.

Distance today was 16.64 kilometres and we were back to the start by soon after 3:30



*Overcast and icy
boardwalk at the start of
the trip*
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Turnoff from the meadows to
Battleship Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



At the south end of Lady Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



*At the north end of Croteau
Lake*
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



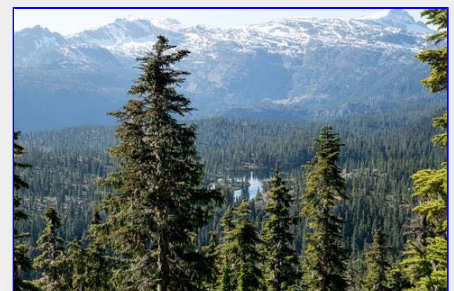
*Oil Pastel Sketch at Croteau
Lake*
[Chris Carter photo]



Lunchtime viewpoint
[Tim Penney photo]



Sunny and warm lunch break
[Tim Penney photo]



View to Mariwood Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



*Admiring the view to Ball Lake
and othe local ridges*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Brilliant colours at the end of the
trip*
[Darrell Tomkins photo]

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