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Sat Oct 02, 2010

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

As a club, we have not done Mt. Clifton in some years, so when the chance came up to go up with some of the Spine Relay Team the club "jumped" at the chance. With 7 members and 3 guests, we met up with the rest of the crew at the Entrance to the Buckley Bay Main Line. Members from the I.M.R. (island mt. ramblers) and the Port Alberni Outdoor group joined us. With a total of 25 people, 3 doing the relay, and 22 in support we were off driving towards Mt.Clifton. We were able to drive right up, passed Kim Lake on logging roads. After a brief speech by Andrew, thanking the club members for turning out we were off towards the summit of Mt. Clifton.

The hike up was not very hard, yes it did have some short steep sections but nothing major. Within an hour and half, we were all up at the summit of Mt. Clifton. After a long snack break, the group was split in half. Some members wanted to go on towards Mt. Chief Frank in the heavy cloud/fog and some went down to the beautiful alpine lake about 20 mins. away. The fall colors were very beautiful up there this year. After roaming around the lake for abit, we headed up higher to a "bump", on our way up we noticed that the other group was coming over to the high bump. After regrouping and talking it over, due to the very heavy cloud cover that the relay team was coming out with us. The Beaufort Range is famous for being in cloud, while the rest of the island is in sunshine !!

Everyone had a safe descent back to the cars. Looking back up towards Mt.Clifton, it was still in the clouds. We had to be out by 4:30 pm, or we would have been "locked in" behind the gate. Everyone got out by 3:30 pm. Thank you to the members who came out for this hike.

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GPS Route map
[Tim Penney photo]



Andrew addresses the large group of hikers
[Tim Penney photo]



The Spine Relay team
[Tim Penney photo]



*Coffee break on the summit of
Mount Clifton*
[Tim Penney photo]



The fall colours in all their glory
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch break at the lakes below
Mount Clifton*
[Tim Penney photo]



*The mist was blowing in and out
as we had lunch*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Looking back as we climbed the
next summit to the West of
Mount Clifton*
[Tim Penney photo]



Another coffee break
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading back from near the
summit of Mount Clifton*
[Tim Penney photo]

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