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Wed Oct 23, 2013

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Co-Leader:

Mount Elma Crossover - 23-10-2013

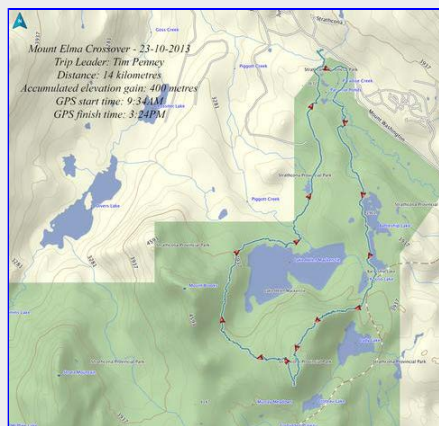
We had a good turnout of 12 hikers for another day in the hills in this fabulous fall weather that we are getting this year.

We took the usual steep route to the Elma Plateau and then took our time enjoying the scenery as we headed for the lunch spot at the south end of the ridge. After a leisurely lunch break we unanimously agreed, and not coerced of course, to complete the crossover trip and take the higher route above Helen MacKenzie Lake back to the Raven Lodge. This did involve a steep descent from the ridge down to the saddle between Elma and Brooks. We then followed a contour around the head of the gully before turning north on the route blazed by Bill Brown some years ago. This route was, at one time, proposed as an alternate to the now rather poor trail that follows along closer to the lake.

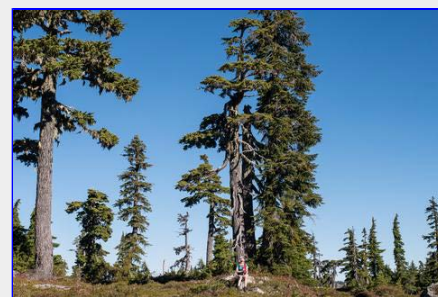
Rather than head all the way down to Piggott Creek along this route we dropped down to the summer trail just before the north end of the lake. We took another tea break at the day use area and just enjoyed the warm temperature and brilliant views.

Back to the vehicles by 3:30 with the outside temperature up to an amazing 20 degrees.

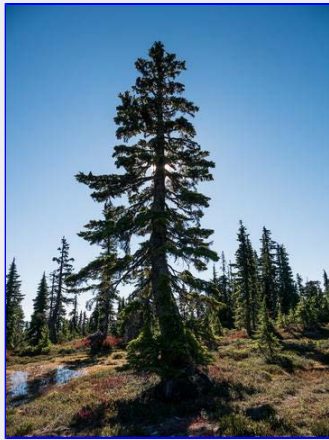
Thanks to all of you who turned out today and allowed me to lead you through some rather bushy areas with very few complaints.



GPS map and stats
 [Tim Penney photo]



Darrell resting against an old friend
 [Tim Penney photo]



*Magnificent old trees on
the summit ridge*
[Tim Penney photo]



*View down to Croteau Lake and
some of the recently completed
trail work*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Curving Tree at Albert
Edward Viewpoint*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Old Trees on Mt Elma
Plateau*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Frank at Glacier Viewpoint
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Tim & Group at Viewpoint
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Red Crossbills on Mt Elma
Plateau*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Northern Pintails in Buckbean
Pond*
[Krista Kaptein photo]

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