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Sat Oct 05, 2013

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

With the weather unsettled again for this weekend, I went with the hike anyway. With just 4 of us meeting at the Old Church Theater, we carpoled into one truck and we were off, leaving at 8:05 am At the gate at the Buckley Bay Main Line, we signed in with the guard who is working on the weekends. While driving up the logging road, we scared a medium size black bear from the side of the road. We let him run up the road, then he turned into the bush and was gone.

As we were getting closer to the start of the trail, driving along the road, we did scare a BIG MALE ELK with a good size rack, who ran along the road and then went into the bush. This male elk was by himself, so he was looking for some female company. As we parked at the start, the fog/cloud was hanging around just above us. We started hiking around 9:30 am . The route up was wet, and as we went up higher we did start to hike into a little snow. In the snow, we could see that maybe the male elk was using this same route going up to the alpine area. The hoof prints was going the same way as we were !!.

Getting up to the alpine, the fog/cloud was all around us and the snow was only around 2 inches. We were at the summit in just less than 1 hr. 30 mins. Having an early lunch and repairing the summit cairn,(in which the plastic tube and summit book has disappeared.) We left the summit area with the fog/cloud still around us, but no real rain. Going back down, we were careful in some steep spots and back at the truck by 1 pm. We were back in Courtenay by 2 pm. It was a short day but still good.

kms..... round trip.... 48 kms on pavement, 48 kms on logging road.
Hiking to the summit was only 1.55 kms, one way or 3.1 kms round trip.
Thanks to the other 3 brave members who came out.



Mt. Clifton Summit with cairn
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*The other 3 brave members
who came out.*
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This was our view from the summit.

[Ken Rodonets photo]



A view of Kim Lake, and yes some clearcut logging

[Ken Rodonets photo]



Our truck and starting on the hike.

[Ken Rodonets photo]

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