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Trip Report

Arrowsmith Judges (hiking)

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Wed Sep 10, 2014

 Leader: **Bob St. John**

 Co-Leader: **Carol Hunter**

Seven members... from Courtenay-Comox (3), Denman Island (2), Victoria (1), and Tofino (1) comprised our group this day. We found our way over 13 km of active logging roads from the Port Alberni highway summit to the Judges Trail parking lot. The actual trail starts after 20 minutes of walking on new and old logging road. We could have saved some time by driving that bit, but it seems to be changing every year, and a new road suggested the area may be in for a bout of clear-cutting.

The Judges Trail doesn't waste time wandering around... it gets right down to the business of efficiently getting up to the top. It took us 2.5 hours to reach the summit, even with a few hydration breaks and a nasty huckleberry patch to deal with. The summit was adorned with the usual spaceship-like communication towers, but otherwise offered 360 vistas. We played the name-that-peak game, only augmented this time by Carol's peak-finder app.

A cool breeze cut our summit time to about 45 minutes. On our descent from the top we stayed in a tight group to avoid pebbles and rocks getting away on us. This is only necessary on the top third of the trail, otherwise there were no difficulties. We were back to the cars at 3:15, for 6 hours in total.

This was the first time up Arrowsmith for 6 in the group, and all were satisfied to have checked it off their list. This was my third time up, and perhaps I will get up again, but not for a few years. The mountain seems to be surrounded by logging, and far away from any other peaks to enjoy viewing. However I enjoy seeing Arrowsmith from other peaks, for it is a beautiful mountain to look at, especially when decked out in snow.

A stop at Whiskey Creek for ice-cream topped off our day. Thanks to all participants for being a great group! Thanks Carol for co-leading!



Huckleberry Happiness
[William Wright photo]



Summit Stairway
[William Wright photo]



*Cokely Capture amidst
Summit Spires*
[William Wright photo]



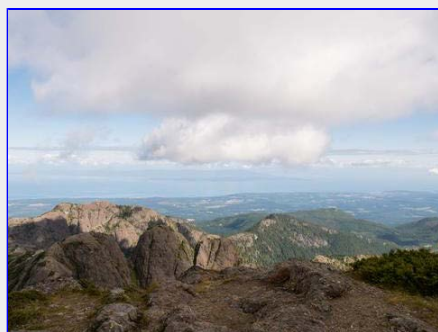
Steep trail heading down
[John Kavanagh photo]



Lunch break
[Carol Hunter photo]



"Dream On" by Arrowsmith
[Carol Hunter photo]



View over Cokely and the Strait
[Carol Hunter photo]



Stellars Jay
[Carol Hunter photo]

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