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Thu Sep 08, 2016

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It was certainly a berry berry nice day to be out in nature at one of our proximate opportunities for a truly spectacular day hike. We used the 4x4 vehicle shuttle method to get us to the trailhead, which saved the 40 minutes of walking up the logging where we started well marked the day trek. This circuit or loop has it all, on a great day like we had views in all directions. The climb in this direction to the Drabble summit is not onerous and took about 1.5 hours and we stopped at the beautiful tarns on the way. The breeze at the top prompted us to continue on rather than cool down, however, at each stop the berry picking was a bounty of natures gifts. The trip down from the summit to the Drabble lakes went fine, even through the rocky, slippery areas. A lunch break by one of the lakes was warm, pleasant and allowed the purple fingered harvesters to work. We continued down to the junction of the main Traverse trail and headed back towards the meadows and Douglas/McKenzie stopping at the viewpoint for a wee break. Onward we trekked along the dampish Traverse trail, to the meadows for another berry harvesting break at McKenzie lake.

On the trail from the McKenzie outflow we were chased by some wasps who were displeased by our invasion but made it back to the truck by 3pm to get our 4X4 shuttles and make the way home. This is a great trail and with its varied geography, views, forests, meadows is an easy day of experiencing it all in about 6 hours of play.



*Well camouflaged blue grouse hen near the start of our hike*

*[Ed Tickner photo]*



*Rocky meadow area about 1.75 kilometres from the start  
of the hike*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*A short scramble on the way to the summit*  
[Ed Tickner photo]





*Summit tarn with clear views to our local mountains*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Starting the descent from the summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Carefully navigating one of the steep rocky sections on  
the way down to Drabble Lakes*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Great spot for a group shot*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*View down to Drabble Lakes*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*A lunch visitor at Drabble Lakes*  
[Ed Tickner photo]





*A beautiful little pond on the main traverse trail*  
*[Ed Tickner photo]*

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