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Sun Sep 26, 2010

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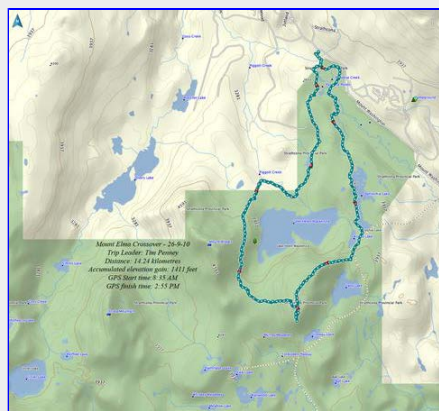
The trip planned for today was going to be Capes Lake but, as we couldn't get access around Comox Lake, we headed out for Mount Elma instead. The weather couldn't have been better. It was a beautiful morning with mist in the air and frost on the boardwalk. After the stormy weather on Saturday I felt that we were very fortunate to have lucked in to such a nice day.

The trip was, indeed, quite strenuous but, after the slog up the ridge to the plateau, we were rewarded with some beautiful scenery and fall colours. After all the recent rain the small pools were full to the brim with lots of surface water to splash through. We had lunch at the lookout point and then headed back across the plateau and down the west side of Mount Elma to the saddle at about the same elevation of the Ranger's Cabin. The bushwhacking descent from the plateau was very steep, wet and slippery as was the rest of the trip along an old route that at one time had been planned as an alternate to Mount Alan Brooks. We finally dropped down to Piggott Creek a little way north of the bridge and stopped for a short break to admire the beautiful meadows. The remainder of the trip was on the usual summer trail back to Raven Lodge.

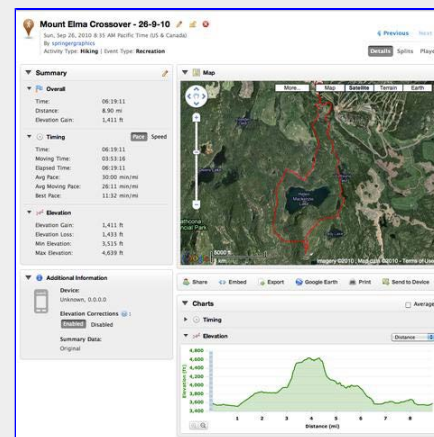
To round out the trip Linda, a DQ Blizzard Fan Club member, and I stopped off at the Courtenay DQ and, with Thanksgiving in mind, scooped down the DQ special pumpkin pie blizzard. Not too shabby, but then after a good hike almost anything cold and refreshing would taste good.

This was another great hike with a great bunch of CDMC hikers.

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[Tim Penney photo]



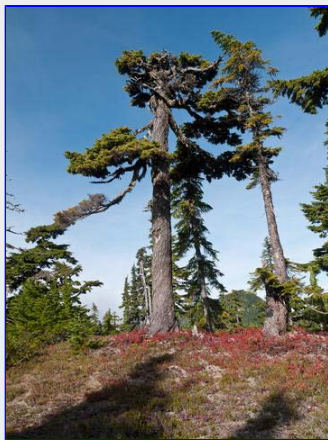
Trip statistics
[Tim Penney photo]



*Early morning mist from the
Court House parking lot*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Early morning mist on
the trail*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Stunted old growth
trees*
[Tim Penney photo]



On the Mount Elma Plateau
[Tim Penney photo]



*Castlecrag, Albert Edward and
Jutland just visible between the
trees*
[Tim Penney photo]



Some vibrant fall colours
[Tim Penney photo]



*Looking down to Helen
Mackenzie Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Last stop at the Piggott Creek
meadows*
[Tim Penney photo]

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