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### Supply Creek Canyon Circle (hiking)

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Sun Apr 10, 2011

Leader: **William Wright**

Co-Leader:

A dampish day led to my surprise when 10 courageous souls showed up on this the Sabbath - I was expecting no more than half this number, actually hoping that no one would show and I could go home.

My next surprise was that not only did we have 4 prospective club members but they were as enthusiastic as the regulars, if not more so.

So off we went into the wilds on what was expected to be a very sedate stroll up the river and a loop into the bluffs, through Supply Creek Canyon - now I've been fooled before with complacency and this day would be no exception (you'd think that I'd have learned by now).

Just prior to our lunch stop, my next surprise was to unfold - it all began with one of our participants whining about the liquid sunshine and how it was affecting their comfort. I mentioned that lunch was around the corner and carried on.

Nonchalantly moving through the Lower Comox Lake Bluffs, I failed to notice that my sweep had decided to stop and do a full clothing change - although they had mentioned this to the rear party, the daisy chain failed miserably and I did not receive this message.

When we arrived above the canyon for lunch, I asked if there were anymore complaints from the rear, as to the weather conditions and enquired as to the whereabouts of my sweep - I was not only told that the sweep had stopped for a gear change but had done so a kilometre back.

Now nigh on an hour since we'd last seen our sweep, we became concerned and decided to cancel our canyon foray to attempt a rescue of our mate - the club and members do have 3 sets of radio's but why would you need them on a Sunday stroll up the river on marked trails.

With great credit to my sweep, upon retracing our steps, we found our mate exactly where they had performed their wilderness streak - greatly relieved and most proud of the sweep's behaviour under these adverse conditions, our enthusiasm propelled us to turn around and complete the much anticipated stroll through the canyon.

Returning to Bevan we side-stepped our route home to visit the old #8 Collier which has been reclaimed by the rainforest.

Our 6 hour journey covered near 20 kilometres as well as over a 1000' of elevation and judging by the happy returning smiles, especially the relieved smiles of both the leader & sweep, all had a jolly nice time and lived happily ever-after.



*GPS route map*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*GPS Satellite overlay*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Starting out in the rain*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Still raining*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Further up the trail and still raining*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Happy hikers, even in the rain*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Remains of the old Cumberland colliery buildings*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Even on a dull wet day  
the old buildings provide*

*interesting photo  
opportunities  
[Tim Penney photo]*

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