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Union Bay Coal Hills, Beach, Creek, And Forest Hike (hiking)

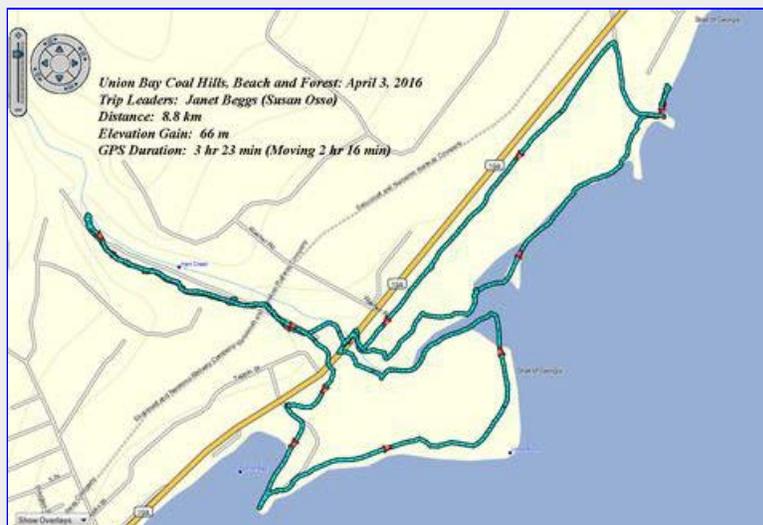
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Sun Apr 03, 2016

 Leader: **Janet Beggs**

 Co-Leader: **Susan Osso**

At 10:15, twenty-three hikers headed out from the Coal Hills parking area at Union Bay and walked back in time. Standing at the site of the old wharf one could imagine the bustle on the once 200-metre pier, as it would have stood at the turn of the century. The ground beneath the hiker's feet was blackened with remnants of coal. The group meandered around Hart Creek where Janet shared a bit more of the area's history. Between the World Wars, the port at Union Bay was the second largest port on the coast second to Vancouver. At the time it had a population of 10,000 and was called Union Wharf, as the port for Union (now Cumberland), which was the heart of the coal mining industry. The group continued their trek to the log sort where they had lunch on the beach. A few sea lions and seals could be seen napping on the log booms, not a bad idea! A slight sprinkle didn't dampen this group's enthusiasm (no pun intended!). The group hiked the old railway grade leading back to the creek. Crossing the highway again, they followed the old road upstream. The forest was blanketed in ferns and the trees were laden in moss, a vibrant, magical forest indeed. Fawn lilies and trilliums poked through the ground in an effort to announce that spring had sprung. The group returned to their vehicles by 1:45 to complete their 8.8 km trek back in time. Thanks Janet!



[Darrell Tomkins photo]



The beginning of the hike.
[Petra Strougal photo]



All black - all coal!
[Petra Strougal photo]



The interesting history lesson.
[Petra Strougal photo]



Off to work we go, over the coal slag hills
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Hart (Washer) creek estuary
[Ed Tickner photo]



Trekking around the log sort
[Susan Osso photo]



One of hundreds of trilliums
[Ed Tickner photo]



Fawn Lily selfie
[Susan Osso photo]



Darrell trying to take flight?
[Ed Tickner photo]

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