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### Flower Ridge To Tzela Lake (hiking)

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Sat Aug 02 to Mon Aug 04, 2014

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

With much emails and cancel out by members, I ended up with 3 of us going and 7 members from the IMR (island mtn. ramblers). With leaving Courtenay around 8 am, we met up with everyone else at the trail head at Buttle Lake around 10:10 am. With last minute gear checks, etc. we left the trail head around 10:40 am. With an elevation at the start of 230 meters. We could tell the day would be a hot one !! Everyone had at least 2 liters of water for the hike up. Finally after a long 6 hr hike up , or 8.5 kms. (with breaks) and out of water we made it to our tenting area. The best spot along the ridge with 2 big tarns. The camping elevation was at 1,388 meters. Everyone found a spot to set up their tents. Then it was into the tarn for a swim. We watched a beautiful sunset and not a cloud in the sky.

In the morning, everyone said how cold it got in the night. After breakfast, We left at 8:40 am, hiked up the ridge for 3.5 hrs. We knew the day would be a hot one, so we called it on a ridge around 12:15 pm. We had lunch with the backside of Mt. Septimus facing us. The kms was 7 up, with the elevation at 1,650 meters. Coming back down we found 2 snow patches that provided some water and cool snow for our heads. We made it back down to the tents at around 4:10 pm. With a quick change of clothes it was time for another swim!.

Monday : Up at 6:50 am, breakfast, packed up and headed down at 8:50 am. Another cool one at night !! With some breaks going down, we made it back at around 1:30 pm. A quick drive to the Karst Creek boat launch area for a swim !! Then to the Campbell River D.Q. for a cool treat and then home to unpack. All in all it was a great weekend. No one got hurt, just the regular blisters and sore muscles. We didn't see much wildlife up there, no whiskey jacks, bears, cougars, sasquatch, wolf, or deer.



*The best tarn up there, at least  
10 ft. deep.  
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Some of our tents, as the sun  
was going down.  
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*The backside of Mt. Septimus,  
Hanging Glacier and Green  
Lake.*

*[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Almost the last peak, along the  
Flower Ridge Trail.*

*[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Nine Peaks*

*[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*A view of Buttle Lake from  
Flower Ridge*

*[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Members from the Island Mtn. Ramblers and CDMC  
at the trail head.*

*[Ken Rodonets photo]*

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