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Trip Report

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Thu Aug 21, 2014

Leader: **Bob St. John**

Co-Leader: **Carol Hunter**

The weather forecasts showed Thursday as being the only iffy day in a sea of yellow balls. Nevertheless we started off with high hopes that the showers would miss us. Blue skies greeted us at the trailhead and remained for the climb to the top.

Huckleberries of red, blue, and black slowed our ascent considerably, yet we reached the top (at least our top) within a respectable 3 hours. We had lunch on the rocky bluff just above the tarn. The tops of the major peaks to the south (Kings, Elkhorn, Puzzle) were just hidden by clouds. In lieu of actually trudging over to the true summit we instead opted for enjoying a lazy hour in the sun. Lubosh couldn't resist a dip in the tarn, and William strolled to a highpoint to get a view of Crown and Victoria Mountains to the north.

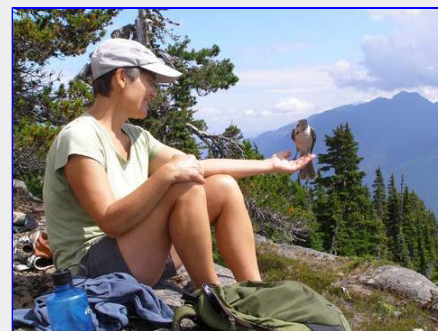
On our descent we heard a few thunderclaps towards Gold River. Soon a few showers fell on us, but nothing serious. It was sunny again when we reached the trailhead.

Another great day in the mountains... thanks all for coming out!

"It was a beautiful hike. We all enjoyed it very much. Gorgeous scenery." -Lubosh



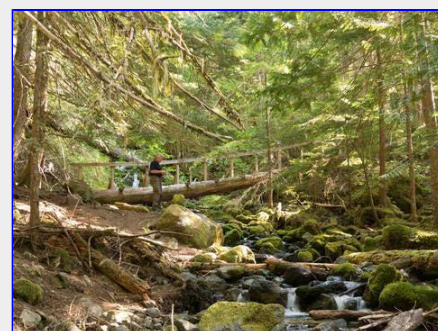
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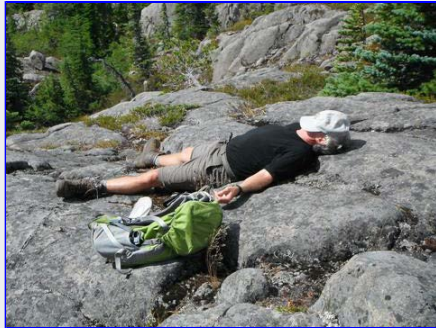
Creek crossing on the way up
[Carol Hunter photo]



Beautiful tarn at the top
[Carol Hunter photo]



Sustenance along the way
[Carol Hunter photo]



*A well-earned siesta for a
worthy effort*
[William Wright photo]



*Summit shot with Puzzle
Mountain in the background*
[Carol Hunter photo]

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