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Triple Peak'S Cousin Or Brother...No Name Mtn. (hiking)
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Sun Aug 23, 2015

 Leader: **Ron Lepine**

 Co-Leader: **Ian Holm**

I picked up Tim, Ian and Lubosh at CDN Tire at 6:30 and we headed for the hills of Marion Creek mainline. Arrived in chilly air but sunny so we scedaddled up the trail. We reached the first lake 9:30 ish & met three people who camped over night after they summited one of Triple's Peaks yesterday.

We soon after headed up to the second lake and arrived one hour later. ...'carried on to the summit of the T-peaks little brother at noonish arrived. Everyone was quite elated to be sitting on the knife edge summit with not much room to spare while viewing the astounding peaks surrounding us in every direction. 'not sure, maybe I cut my pants. See Tim's 283 pictures for verification of beauty. (no not of my pants) We all swam in the infinity pools at the upper lake and Lubosh & myself (Ron) both swam across the lower lake..and back. Interestingly, there was about 12 kids both boys & girls with adults from Tofino swimming too. The kids were 8 & 9 years old apparantly.

So you are thinking this is a pretty easy hike to the first lake right? Wrong. Sure it's nicely brushed out but.... See pics.

(Ron L)

The trails of the P.A. area demand a certain degree of physical and mental toughness. The 4 of us spent 1 1/2 hours hiking up a fairly steep wooded trail with the creek and veiled water falls tumbling down the numerous rock faces and narrow ravines that were in constant view. We took refuge from the sun beside the 1st aquamarine lake for a break, with the large face of Triple Peak mountain looming in the background. After negotiating a few sketchy areas to the N. of the lake (which could end up as an early plunge) and a greened up scree slope, we slithered up an even more steeper trail that led us to another intensely green lake surrounded by intricate and colourful rock outcrops. Rounding to the SE and through more scree and rock outcrops, we crested the knife edged summit by noon. The next hour was spent basking under the warm skies and surrounded by the numerous peaks providing a stunning background at approx. 4600'. I came to the conclusion that elation is directly proportional to elevation in this case, judging by the grins. The steep trek down was broken up with a swim in the small pools to the E. of the upper lake and a further cooling off in the lower aquamarine lake as well as attempts to capture the beauty of this area through the the lens. As a result of the brushing work done by Ron and other P.A. hikers, our fun factor remained high on the descent of this steep trail despite the fancy foot work necessary to return safely. Perhaps more of us could consider trail maintenance as a part of our non-monetary dues. It is quite apparent that through the the work of a Few, the Many get to enjoy these entrances to the wilds. We who utilize these trails are in a sense.....the custodians and guardians of these areas. Just a thoughtinspired by another awesome walk in the wilds.

Thanks for tuning in.

(Ian H)

We started hiking at 8:05. Summit at 12:00 after short breaks at both lakes. Left the

summit at 1:00PM. Stopped a total of 1 hour at the lakes on the way down. Back to the vehicles at 5:45. Distance 11 kilometres. Accumulated elevation gain 3200 feet.

As mentioned by Ian, we all very much appreciated the trail work done by Ron and his fellow hikers from the PAOC which includes 5 or 6 fixed ropes to assist in some of the steeper sections. On this trip, Ron made lots of adjustments along the way with his ever ready folding pruning saw.

(Tim P)

More images can be seen here: <http://public.fotki.com/TimPenney/cdmc-trips/triple-peaks-brother/>



View from the road to Triple Peak and our destination to the right
[Tim Penney photo]



Triple Peak view from below the lower lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking across the lower lake to our destination, the peak in the middle
[Tim Penney photo]



Triple Peak view on our way to the higher lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking across the upper lake to Cat's Ears Mountain
[Tim Penney photo]



Climbing on up above the second lake
[Tim Penney photo]



View from our narrow summit
[Tim Penney photo]



*Summit group without the
photographer*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Amazing colours at the upper
lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



Paradise!
[Tim Penney photo]

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