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West Meadows Snowshoe Outing (snowshoeing)

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Mon Feb 13, 2017

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader: **Juanita Wells**

After signing in, carpooling done, we were heading up to the Raven Lodge. We started at 9:05 am from the parking lot. The sun was out, and a cool wind was blowing. Making our way up, we kept on a rough compass bearing. After getting to the upper part of the snow groomer's road, we had a short break. It was 10:45 when we tackled the last 4 bumps. Making it to the summit area at 11:40 am, the wind was up, but not cold, we found a spot for lunch, sort of out of the wind.

The sun felt good. Lunch always seems to go by fast..... After taking some pics, we were going back by 12:20 pm. Up and down the bumps, watching some snowboards doing their thing, we regrouped at the groomers rd.. We followed the same route back almost..... Near the frozen pond, we went straight down the hill back to the parking lot. Back at the parking area by 2 pm, everyone signed out then, as some members headed back down , and some went into the lodge for a drink. We were almost finished our drinks when the other snowshoe outing members were coming in to the lodge. After hearing about their outing it was time to head back home.

A great sunny day. Not a cool wind blowing, snow conditions were good. Members were great.

Some GPS facts.....

Started at 1,100 meters

Summit area at 1,518 meters. 418 meters gain and lost.

4. 25 kms up and 3.35 kms back

Total of 7.60 km trip.



Preparation for the trip ahead

[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Mt. Albert Edward, Mt. Regan,
Mt. Jutland, with Divers Lake in
foreground.*

[Ken Rodonets photo]



A little rest on the way up (Sun bathing)
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



Sooty (Blue) grouse walked right through our group, within inches of some
[Ed Tickner photo]



Making decision-go to the left or to the right
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



Bump climbing into the sun
[Juanita Wells photo]



Amazing views towards Campbell River and the coast mountains
[Juanita Wells photo]



Finally on the summit. Enjoyable lunch we deserved.
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*View west with the Golden
Hinde in the distance*
[Ed Tickner photo]



*Group members heading back
down.*
[Ken Rodonets photo]

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