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Trip Report

Tsolum Spirit Park - Headquarters Townsite (hiking)

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Sat Feb 16, 2013

 Leader: **Glenn Ord**

Co-Leader:

Although the Tsolum Spirit Park is in our backyard it was the first time there for most of the 16 good spirited participants.

We followed the old Comox logging railway grade to the southern end of the postage stamp sized Tsolum Park. Then we managed to turn a stroll into a walk by following a vague path from the confluence of Dove Creek and Tsolum River over logs and across a small creek, back to the parking lot.

Then heading north, the group followed the railway grade past an Angus cattle farm and a water hazard out towards Farnham road and onto the historic old Headquarters Townsite. We had a chance to admire some of the graffiti art in the old powerhouse and then discovered a splendid Tsolum river swimming hole complete with diving board and rope swing. Despite the sunny, bright conditions, no one jumped in the river, but we all seemed to enjoy the surprisingly interesting jaunt.

It was a nice afternoon out.

We probably exceeded the advertised 6km distance. No GPS tracking completed, but maps of the Tsolum Spirit Park and surroundings are available as PDF files on the Comox Valley Regional District website.



*Saturday Strollers at
Tsolum Trailhead.
[William Wright photo]*



*Following an informal trail in
Tsolum Spirit Park
[Glenn Ord photo]*



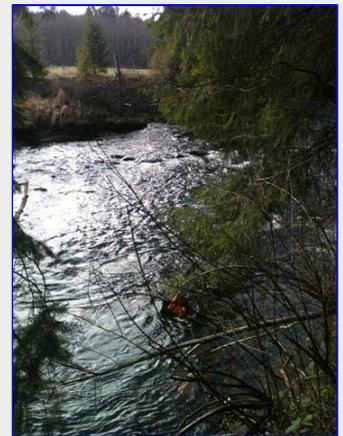
*Log crossing, Tsolum Spirit Park
[Glenn Ord photo]*



*Smile a Little Smile at
Headquarters.
[William Wright photo]*



*Headquarters Townsite ruins;
Ken wondering what this is all
about.
[Glenn Ord photo]*



*Tsolum River North of
Headquarters Townsite.
[William Wright photo]*



*Water hazard on the Comox
railway grade
[Glenn Ord photo]*



*Spring is in the Air.
[William Wright photo]*



Ken photographing the wildlife
[Glenn Ord photo]



This is My Best Side.
[William Wright photo]

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