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Sun Feb 05, 2012

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

I must admit that I had expected a few people to turn out for this snowshoe trip, but was really surprised when the total amounted to 17 club members and two guests.

When we started from the Raven Lodge the weather didn't look all that promising and it was also quite windy. The temperature was above freezing, though, so the snow was a little soft, but not really sticky. We stopped to adjust clothing before starting on the ascent towards Battleship Lake and then stopped for a tea break at the edge of the lake. As we arrived a Victoria School group was just packing up their gear before heading out. They had been camping since Friday afternoon and had done a lot of snow digging to produce a really neat social/dining area, complete with a tarp cover. The tarp was there on Friday but had already been packed away when we arrived today. Needless to say we took advantage of such a nice arrangement, complete with walls high enough to break the wind, and enjoyed our tea break all the more.

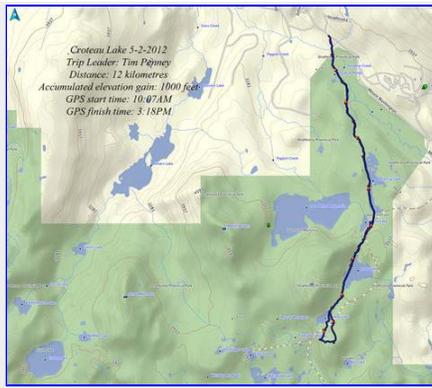
Heading on across Battleship Lake, Lady Lake and then on to Croteau, we were fortunate to be following a well used trail that made the going pretty easy. The further south we headed the better the weather conditions became. By the time that we sat down for lunch at Croteau Lake the sun was shining and, with a few photogenic clouds hovering above us, we would have been hard pressed to have asked for a better day.

After lunch several of us dumped our packs and headed off to the summit of the Croteau Ridge to the south east of the lake. On the way up to the summit we stopped at a good lookout point to view down to Murray Meadows, and the mountains beyond. We could see snowshoe tracks heading out towards Kwai Lake that most probably would have completed the circuit back to Helen Mackenzie Lake, via the Rangers Cabin. Another trip to do!

Returning from the ridge, we joined with the rest of the group and started off for a steady, but uneventful return to the Raven Lodge. Some of us stopped for the usual hot chocolate to complete another perfect day of snowshoeing.

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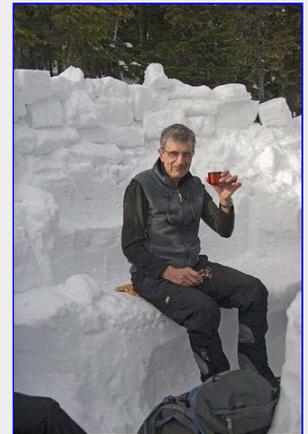


*Croteau Lake GPS map*  
[Tim Penney photo]

*Morning coffee break at Battleship Lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*A good coffee break spot courtesy of a Victoria school group*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Our fearless leader, Tim, enjoying his tea*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Group rounding the end of Battleship Lake*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Looking south across Croteau Lake from the outflow creek*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch break*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*View from Croteau Ridge*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]

*On the Croteau Ridge*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading down off the ridge*  
[Tim Penney photo]

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