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### Mount Becher Snowshoe Trip (snowshoeing)

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Sun Jan 09, 2011

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

Hard to believe that the weather could be so good for us on two Sundays in a row. We had a good trip last Sunday but, if anything, I would say that the trip today was even more spectacular. Our highest elevation today was 4577 feet, about 400 feet higher than Hairtrigger Lake, and the amount of snow on the trees was certainly a lot heavier.

The spectacular views today were also complimented by a display of iridescent clouds producing some mighty fine colour displays. These were best seen when placing a tree to block your view of the direct sunlight.

We made good progress, with a trail being broken to the summit. Although the snow was very icy and quite hard at the bottom of the hill it was still quite powdery at the top. When not in a previously made track we were only creating about 4" depressions.

We stopped for a leisurely lunch at 12:20, enjoyed the views and the relative warmth of the intense sunshine, and then ambled back to the vehicles by 2:50

It was another great day on the mountain with a pretty evenly matched bunch of snowshoers, and one skier.

Total distance: 7 miles

Accumulate elevation gain: 2500 feet

Start time: 9:41 AM

Finish time: 2:51 PM

[More photos](#) from Tim are available for viewing... and [some more](#) from Darrell.



*Nearly at the entrance to  
Strathcona Park*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*One steep gully to negotiate*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*First high viewpoint*  
[Tim Penney photo]



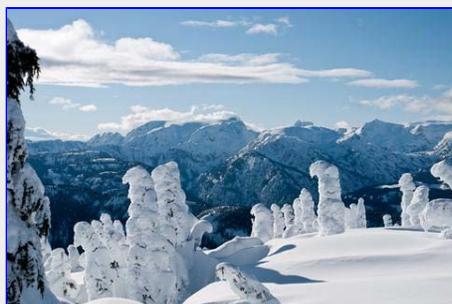
*Iridescent clouds formed by ice  
crystal diffraction*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Nearly at the Mount Beecher  
summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch break*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*View to the Comox Glacier and  
Mount Harmston*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Nearing the summit*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Natures wonder*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Homeward bound*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]

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