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Mon Jul 27 to Fri Jul 31, 2015

Leader: **Amber Gargus**

Co-Leader:

What an amazing week away at Cape Scott.

Monday we left town and on the road by 9am. With a quick stop in Port Hardy we arrived at Cape Scott Trailhead Parking lot just after 1pm. Today's destination is San Josef Bay campsite. After a short 2.5 km hike in on a fairly easy trail we found the beach busy with kids and family's. The weather was your typical coastal weather with mist and cloud's rolling through. After setting up we explored the beaches, sea stacks and sea caves.

Tuesday we decided with not so favorable weather we would hike to Nels Bight. This is an 18km hike from campsite to campsite. We departed at 9:15am and arrived at 4pm including 1hr worth of breaks. It rained for the morning keeping us cool on the trail. The evening was misty and cloudy but that didn't discourage us from walking the beach.

Wednesday was hot from sun up to sun down. Beautiful day to have a rest day and explore all of Nels Bight. Some of us even got a sunburn!!

Thursday we did the lighthouse loop wandering through forest rich with history. Explored Guise Bay and made our way to the lighthouse for lunch. On our return we took a trail that popped us out to a secluded beach with another big sea stack. As we started to head down the beach Pat notice the resident black bear. He was busy picking away at possible food on the beach and didn't notice us until I jumped off a log. He did the classic bear startle and ran away! Too funny to watch. As we wandered through the tombolo we headed out to Experiment Bight and decided to take a break here and enjoy the sights. Out of no where 2 whales swam right by and Patricia was speechless trying to get us to notice the whales. Walking with them down the beach they stopped to scratch on the rocks and then took a long look at us looking at them!! The rest of the day was spent walking back to camp and watching whale spouts in the water.

Friday we were up early to get an good start on the day. Just before leaving camp we had a wolf walk by the front of our site. Again Patrica was speechless trying to get our attention. We were all able to watch as he trotted down the beach. Leaving Nels Bight at 8am we got back to the car at 1:45pm including an hour of breaks.

Total Distance: 62 kms

Conditions: Trail mostly dry, some muddy spots and some puddles.

Wildlife Sightings:

Hummingbirds

Frogs (baby, adult)

Mice

Squirrels

Stellar Jay's

Bear
Whales
Wolf
Raven's

Thank you to Pat and Patrica for coming along on this fantastic trip



Sea Stacks
[Amber Gargus photo]



San Josef Bay
[Amber Gargus photo]



Making our way to Nels Bight
[Amber Gargus photo]



Sunset Tuesday night
[Amber Gargus photo]



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Wednesday Sunset
[Amber Gargus photo]



*On our way to the
lighthouse*
[Amber Gargus photo]



telegraph lines
[Amber Gargus photo]



Cape Scott Lighthouse
[Amber Gargus photo]



lunch break
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Bear
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Whales
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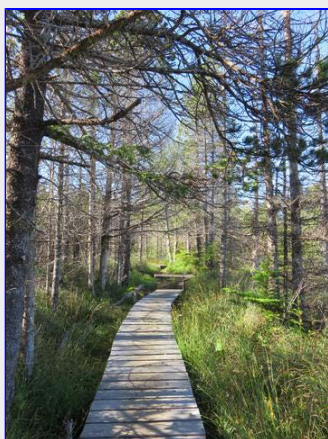
Sunset Thursday
[Amber Gargus photo]



wolf running
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Heading back in the sun
[Amber Gargus photo]

Fisherman's River
[Amber Gargus photo]



Almost there!
[Amber Gargus photo]

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