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Sun Jun 01, 2014

Leader: **Otto Winnig**

Co-Leader:

Since joining the CDMC in 2006 I have always missed Otto's Alone Mountain hike because of working the data entry for the Tri-K Triathlon. This year, when producing the trip schedule for TimberWest access, I made sure that there was no clash of dates. So, as a first time hike on Alone Mountain, I was impressed by the excellent trail and viewpoints.

The gate at the start of TW roads was not closed and we saw no logging related activity whilst driving on their roads. Main activity that we saw was from ATV and dirt bike users driving the roads in their usual dangerous fashion.

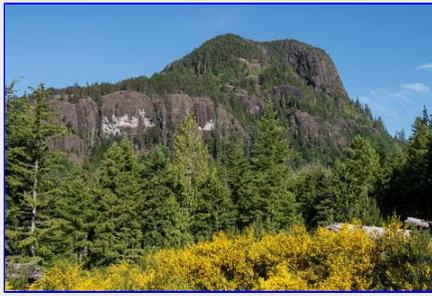
From the parking area at the trailhead we were afforded excellent views of the climb ahead which was nicely set off by a dazzling display of Scotch Broom. Initially the trail dips down for about 150 foot of elevation loss before starting on the nearly 2200 foot climb to the summit. The trail was well marked and seemed to be easy to follow. But, of course, Otto has climbed this mountain, so he tells me, about 40 times and could most probably do it blindfolded. With 14 hikers out on this trip, all with completed waiver forms, and ranging in age from 16 to 72 it was good to see that we had no stragglers and that the smaller group size worked well to keep the hikers together.

Otto set an easy pace with plenty of stops at decent viewpoints looking back to Comox Lake, or towards the Comox Glacier and other Strathcona Park landmark mountains. At 12:00 PM, after 3 hours of leisurely climbing, we arrived at the summit for a relaxing lunch break and, in some cases, a nice siesta. At 1:00 PM the sleepers were awoken, packs donned, poles grabbed and the return steep trek was underway. By 3:15 we were all safely back to the vehicles and departing for Courtenay.

Three club trips this weekend provided an outing for a total of 38 club members. Great that we can offer choices in the trips for different levels of fitness and destinations. With more trips to choose from it also helps to keep the number of participants down to a manageable size for each trip.

Thanks Otto for leading this one and, with a little bit of help from your friends, for picking such good weather.

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*Alone Mountain from the
trailhead parking area*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Not taken as a
panorama shot, but
stitched to show
the big trees*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Kathryn enjoying one of the
view points*
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Interesting rock cleft that must
be at least 30 foot high*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Rocky gully on the way up.
Rope provided for security, if
needed.*
[Tim Penney photo]



*The highest point on Alone
Mountain not counting the trees*
[Tim Penney photo]



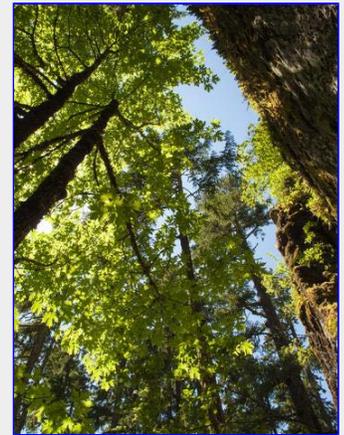
Lunchbreak with a view - Strata Mountain and Mount Allan Brooks can be seen in the far distance
[Tim Penney photo]



Mountain climbing - siesta at the top
[Karl Stevenson photo]



Rock gully on the way down
[Tim Penney photo]



Looking up at the rock and trees
[Darrell Tomkins photo]

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