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Sun Jun 12, 2011

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

The Mirren Lake trip was postponed because of poor road conditions and too much snow, so I was very pleased to see such a large turnout for this substitute trip to Ball Lake.

The weather conditions were not exactly summery, but we did have some weak sunshine on and off for most of the trip. The snow was quite firm and good for walking on. Nobody bothered with snowshoes.

I was planning on following Bill Brown's route from Lady Lake down to Ball Lake, that the club has done several times in the past, but Karl showed us another route down a steep rock sided gully that started from a point on the east ridge above Croteau Lake. This route, that crossed over Bill's route, was a bit more direct especially as we approached Ball Lake. Of course, walking on top of 8 or 9 feet of snow makes most routes a lot easier than bush whacking.

We took several breaks along the trail and then stopped for lunch on a snow free rocky ledge overlooking Murray Meadows and Panther Lake. We didn't linger too long on our windy perch before starting our return trek. The route back took us down the outflow creek from Croteau Lake and along the west side of Lady Lake, the opposite to our outward trip. From the north end of Lady Lake we more or less followed our own tracks back to Raven Lodge.

Everybody kept up a good pace, including one of our fairly new members who is 2 months pregnant.

5 of us finished the trip with some of that good ice cream from Hot Chocolates.

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*GPS route map*  
 [Tim Penney photo]



*Snowbanks collapsing at  
 Paradise Meadows*  
 [Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Crossing Lady Lake*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Cloud reflections in  
meltwater on Battleship  
Lake*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*Cerulean blue edge of Ball Lake*  
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*On the summer trail at the east  
side of Lady Lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading down the gully from the  
east ridge above Croteau Lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lunch just finished and getting  
ready to head out*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Lady Lake lineup*

[Tim Penney photo]



*Geoff tests out the  
crevasse to see if it is  
still moving*  
[Tim Penney photo]

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