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Constitution Hill And Kalmia Lake (hiking)

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Sun Jun 17, 2012

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Co-Leader:

With 8 CDMC members showing up at the Court House, we carpooled into 2 vehicles and headed off to Wolf Lake. With this hike, a few years ago, we had to stop at the outflow of Wolf Lake, due to a gate on the bridge. This year, the gate was gone, so we kept on going up the road until we couldn't go much farther. Along the way, a little "bambi" kept on bounding up the road in front of us ! I hope it reconnected with mom. We also saw a mother black bear with cubs, and a male black bear that ran down the road in front of us.

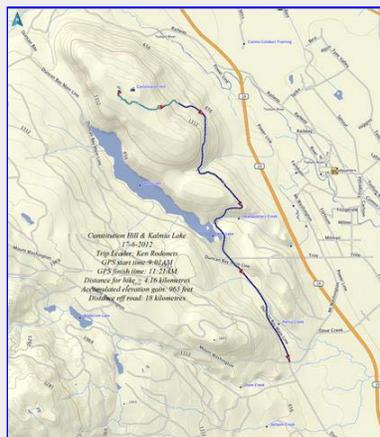
We parked before a washed out area, and headed up the hill for about 300 meters, then turned to left and went up another old logging road for about 400 meters to the trail. Much to our surprise the "trail" is now an ATV trail. Yes, even those guys found the old trail that lead to the lake. Needless to say that walking the trail was good, no overgrown branches to clip away. It only took 1 hr. to get to the lake, about a 2 km hike. Just as we got to the lake, the rain started..... So we all had a quick snack, put on our rain gear and headed back down the trail. We had a stop to look at the old airplane wreck that is up there. Back to the vehicles in 1 hr. and headed back down the road. With being back to the Court House so early, we all went to Hot Chocolates for a hot drink and take in the Car Free zone of the main street Courtenay.

Fun Facts : starting elv. : 321 meters

Kalmia Lake : 567 meters

Total driving kms : roughly 23 kms, one way. Almost 9 kms of logging road travel, one way.

Thank you to the members that came out on the Father's Day Sunday, with the weather not being the best.



[Tim Penney photo]



Scavenging eagle spotted near Wolf Lake

[Tim Penney photo]



*Ominous clouds on our way to
the trailhead*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Nice clouds and sunny for a few
minutes*
[Tim Penney photo]



Kalmia Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Kalmia flower at Kalmia Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Relaxing at the lake
[Tim Penney photo]



*Old aircraft parts found laying
around*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Stormy condition on the way
home*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Rough roads no problem for
Tim's RAV4*
[Bev Kulak photo]

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