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### Elk River Trail To Landslide Lake (hiking)

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Sun Jun 03, 2012

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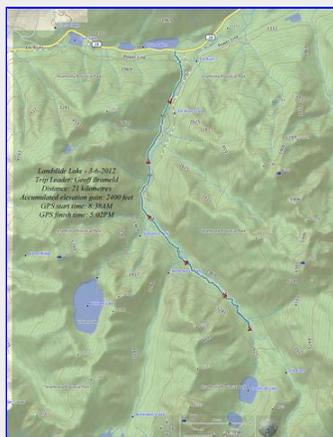
We arrived at the trail head and set out at 8:50 observing the warning sign which states that early spring conditions and hazards are present. We left our snow shoes behind figuring we wouldn't need them and not wanting to carry the extra weight on this long trail. The trail was in good condition and had partially been cleared by parks for about 1/3 of the distance after that we encountered many windfalls over the trail.

This is a beautiful trail through the old growth forest that passes waterfalls at Butterwort Creek and others along the way. We stopped at a gigantic cedar for a group photo and to admire this giant.

We also negotiated several avalanche chutes originating from the steep valleys off Puzzle Mountain. The snow was consolidated and hard enough to make for safe crossings.

At 1:00 we stopped for lunch at the second campsite and and deliberated on how far we would go. Three of the group decided to start back and the rest of us ventured on for a while deciding to turn around at 2:00pm. The going was slow due to deep snow and trail finding was a little tricky. After about a kilometer we turned back and eventually caught up with the rest of the group.

We finally arrived back at the vehicles at around 5:20 and all met at The Coachman Pub for nice end to another great hike.



*GPS route map. We stopped .75 miles from the lake*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*We all survived the trip!*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Big tree group shot*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Butterwort Creek*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Butterwort Creek bridge*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*No name waterfall across the trail*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Snow filled avalanche chute*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Elk River at the second campground. Rambler Peak in the background?*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Another snow crossing*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Puzzle Mountain*  
[Tim Penney photo]

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