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Sat Jun 06, 2015

Leader: **Ron Lepine**

Co-Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

With another early start at 7 am in Courtenay, to sign in the 3 of us, we were under way to meet the rest of the group at the "hump" before Port Alberni. Meeting the other 4 members and signing them in, we were off along the logging road that leads to Mt. Arrowsmith.

We left the trucks at 9 am and within the first 5 mins, it was all uphill from there !!! With some mini breaks in the shade, we made it to the South Summit of Mt. Arrowsmith or the Unjudges Route, in 3 hours. 1, 768 meters. One of our members found that he was having one of those days, and decided to go back down after half hour of hiking. After lunch 5 members went for the North or Main Summit of Arrowsmith. I bid them farewell, and stayed behind. Watching their progress, I took some pictures and had a rest in the shade. After an hour and 15 mins, they were back. After a short break, we headed down the same way. Yes, Ron was right, this is a very steep and straight up route !! I have the lack of fingernails to prove it. Nearing the end of the hike, everyone was out of water, on a hot day, you need to carry more than 2 liters !!.

Started hiking at 9 am. Summit at 12 noon.

Started at 772 meters , Summit at 1, 768 meters. (round it up to a 1,000 meter gain in elevation)

Left the top at 2:20 pm , Back at the trucks at 4:30 pm. The GPS, said a tracking route of 2.20 kms (one way).

Travel distance : (One way).... 91 kms on pavement , 14 kms on gravel roads.



It was a most beautiful day for a hike.

[*Julianna Wells photo*]

*Up, up, up,...
steep, steep,
steep...
[*Julianna Wells photo*]*



John heading up the rocks.

[Julianna Wells photo]



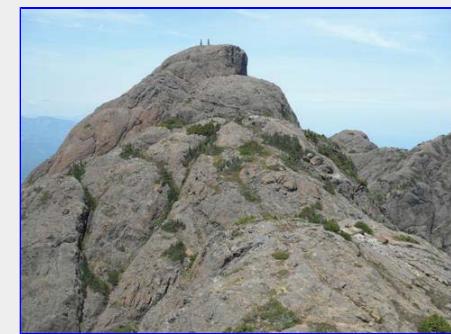
Ian and John making their way down the bluff.

[Julianna Wells photo]



One of the wonderful viewpoints along the way back down to the trailhead.

[Julianna Wells photo]



The main Summit of Mt. Arrowsmith.

[Ken Rodonets photo]



Fish tail Lake

[Ken Rodonets photo]



Some of the wildflowers on the sidehill.

[Ken Rodonets photo]



*My boots and me having a break with Mt. Arrowsmith
in the background.
[Ken Rodonets photo]*

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