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Fri May 15 to Mon May 18, 2015

 Leader: **Amber Gargus**

 Co-Leader: **Linda Hamilton**

The day finally came to make our way to Bedwell Lake area. Linda, Helen and Susan showed up at my house to carpool in one car to the trailhead. We made our way at 8:30am and was at the parking lot just after 10:30am. It was a beautiful day for our departure (at 11am) and made it to our destination (Baby Bedwell) at 1:30. Since we had the campsite to ourselves we were able to get the best tent pads and views. Once we settled in we went for a short walk about, dinner was had with lots of conversation. All around us the Grouse was making its call.

Saturday: May 16: Linda and I were up early with a fantastic view of Mt. Tom Taylor. After a leisurely breakfast we left camp at 9am to make our way to Cream Lake. We toured Bedwell Lake campsite with a quick break and headed out. Not long after we met up with 2 other hikers coming from the Cream Lake area. It was mentioned that it was completely covered in snow and we may not get there. The group of us continued on walking up a fantastic waterfall to see Little Jim Lake still frozen. After scouting a route and discussion we continued on. Once we got into the draw passed the lake we stopped for lunch and didn't venture anything further. We did, however, do a tour of the bluffs above the waterfall at the end of Little Jim Lake. We were impressed by the amazing breathtaking views. The fog rolled in and out playing hide and seek with the mountain tops. But with the sun was out it was hot with blue skies. In exploring we found core samples and quartz rocks and another waterfall with lots of snow.

After our walk about we started to head back and ran into several groups of hikers coming in. Helen lead the group back once we passed the waterfall and about a half hour before we got to Bedwell Campsite the thunder started to roll. Soon it was very close to us with loud bangs. We were able to make it back to camp with everyone pitching in to set up tarps before the rain started. It wasn't as bad as we predicted but just the same glad that we had it up as we ate a well earned dinner. At night we were serenaded with frogs singing and grouse grousing!

Sunday: May 17: All of us had a late start to the day and other leisurely breakfast was had. Today we headed towards Mt. Tom Taylor. We were fogged in with the sun breaking through by 10am. We made our way on this route finding great views, interesting forests and steep bluffs. The route lead us to a fabulous stream where we stopped for lunch. We noticed the weather taking a slight turn with dark clouds heading our way. Within a half hour the clouds were upon us and raining hard. We all hiked back as quick as we could with Susan leading us back. When we got back to camp and few tarps were fixed and everyone dried off and napped for an hour. With the sun coming out, heating up the tents everyone was out drying their stuff off. After a late dinner and plans discussed for Monday we all wandered about and finally going to bed with the frogs.

Monday: May 18: The group was up early and since the night sky was clear we all had a lot of dew to deal with. Getting our tents aired out and dry while packing and

eating breakfast we all were pretty busy packing up camp. Linda was able to help and take the kitchen tarps down and the rest of us helped each other with getting stuff done. Soon we were headed down the trail at 9:30am to be presented with a full parking lot at the end. We counted 15 vehicles parked around the trail head area.

After getting changed and the truck packed we head to Myra Falls for a short walk about. The day was warm and rain free until we made our way home. We passed through a rain shower around the Augur Point trail but that was short lived. There was a plan to stop and see the new suspension bridge but that parking lot was overflowing with cars so we continued home.

We made it back to my house by 3pm and everyone signed off, hugs were given and everyone made their way back home.

Thank you to Linda for co-leading this fabulous trip and to Helen and Susan for being great hikers. I appreciated everyone ones help, group enthusiasm and cohesiveness to make this a memorable trip.



A friend looking for food
[Amber Gargus photo]



Bedwell Lake reflection
[Amber Gargus photo]



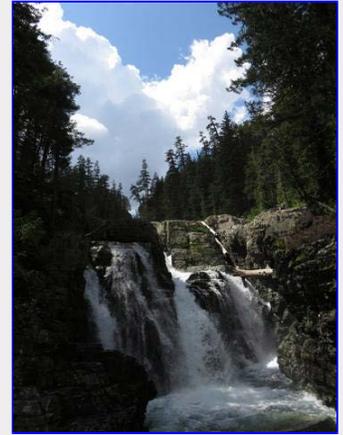
Working hard for dinner
[Amber Gargus photo]



Mt. Tom Taylor
[Amber Gargus photo]



*Bedwell Lake and Big Interior
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[Amber Gargus photo]



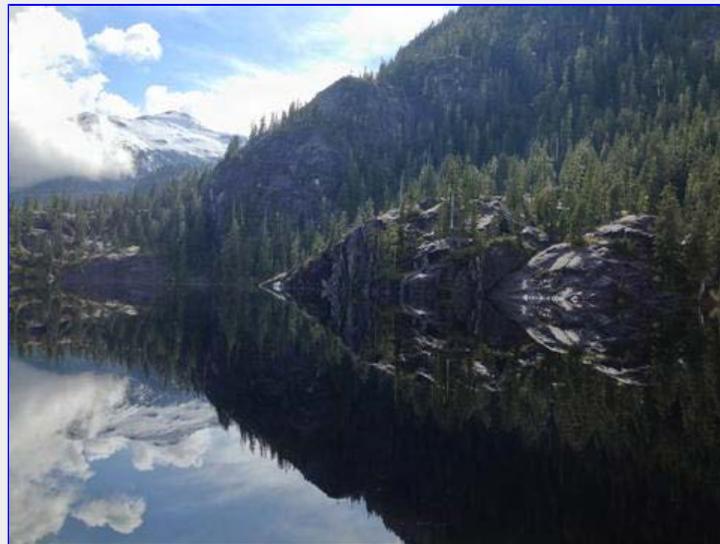
Lower Myra Falls
[Amber Gargus photo]



*The effects of snow on a metal
handrail*
[Susan Osso photo]



Artistry abounds in Nature
[Susan Osso photo]



Stunning stillness after the rainstorm
[Susan Osso photo]

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