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### Mount Geoffery Escarpment (hiking)

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Tue May 16, 2017

 Leader: **Joe Lumsdon**

 Co-Leader: **Mary Finnan**

The Hornby Island Nine, which included two eager newcomers, had a fantastic trip on the escarpment, in the woods, on the roads, and near the shore of one of BeeZees most beautiful islands.

After driving to the ferry and crossing to Denman Island, we drove to Gravelly Bay, parked the two vehicles and boarded the Hornby ferry. The pre-trip was done when we were off the boat. Then, we trudged up the main road to Mount Road and the twenty-minute walk to the actual trailhead. The route we followed was along the trail taking the first right to walk on the edge of the middle bench trail closest to the edge of the cliff.

We followed the edge until we plodded to the inner path. We made a quick left at the junction of several trails, up to the Outer Ridge trail which we followed along, taking a break at 10:30 am. A half hour later we were at the junction of the Cliff/Ridge Trails. Within minutes, we were at the wonderful viewpoint overlooking the top of Denman, Comox, and the Beaufort range to our left. Sadly it was very windy there, so we marched on into the trees. We headed right to the 4 Dead Aliens connector trail and found a clearing with sun and no wind for lunch.

Back on the trail after a half hour, we headed to the Northwind path which took us to Strachan Road in under a half hour. Twenty minutes later we reached Central Road. At this juncture we decided we would plod on. Just after 1 pm we were on the main trail (Ford Cove/ Shingle Spit). This beautiful walk in the sun by this time, had us back to the ferry to get the 2:05 ferry back to Denman. The Denman to Vancouver Island connector was boarded at 3 pm.

We hiked 18 km. The weather provided superior hiking conditions. The group had a grand time enjoying the great views which are the highlight of this hike. The beautiful arbutus trees were a close second highlight.

Blessed to be fit, happy and seeking balance in our lives, we returned to our homes content and tired.

Thanks Mary for the great co-lead. Thanks to our two newcomers for their eagerness. It is hoped we shared the wealth of what the CDMC can do when we work together.



*Just the beginning of our beautiful hike*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Walking on the edge of the cliff*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*A short brake for a snack*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*enjoyable lunch break*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Beautiful farms with a fresh green colour*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Gorgeous view from Mt. Geoffrey*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Ford Cove Warf*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Good trails on the way down*  
[Andrew Ireson photo]



*Sun through the trees*  
[Andrew Ireson photo]



*A new member obviously enjoying her first hike!*  
[Andrew Clarke photo]

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