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Sat May 19, 2012

Leader: **Carol Hunter**

Co-Leader:

A sunny day greeted the 10 happy people who turned out for the 5 hour hike that would cover 9 km and climb over 2200 feet. Although there were plans to stop at the Whiskey Creek store for ice cream after the hike, it became the first stop of the day so two members could replace hats that were forgotten in the morning preparations. The hats assured a lack of sun but the light cloud cover was welcomed on the long steep climb up to the first lookout where, through the arbutus trees and manzanita bushes, we were rewarded with a view of Cameron Lake and a distant snow-capped peak.

With the worst of the climbing behind us, it became a pleasurable walk to both the radio tower and the main lookout. Sights included Calypso orchids, old growth timber and an amazing freestyle bike course, complete with jumps, a ladder bridge 10 feet in the air and a vertical platform that to us mere hikers appeared unridable. Mts. Arrowsmith and Cokely remained shrouded in cloud, but we still had an enjoyable panoramic view of the north and south island from Nanoose all the way to Spider Lake and Hornby and Denman Islands. Cloud and a cool breeze got us back on the trail quickly after lunch at the peak but we were able to enjoy the sun once again with a tea break at the Cameron Lake lookout on the way down.

The sun remained with us while we returned to Whiskey Creek for ice cream, a pleasant ending to a vigorous hike with good company.

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GPS map and stats

[Tim Penney photo]



At the start of the trip we followed the tracks for a few hundred feet before turning right onto the trail

[Tim Penney photo]



*Bike works, but not for the faint
of heart*
[Tim Penney photo]



A happy bunch of hikers
[Tim Penney photo]



*New member Khris
relaxing for a few
minutes*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Bob looking at the world from a
different perspective*
[Tim Penney photo]



View from our lunch spot
[Tim Penney photo]



Lunch break
[Tim Penney photo]



*Last few feet on the way back to
our vehicles*



[Tim Penney photo]

*Brilliant Arbutus tree
beautifully decorated
with hanging moss*
[Tim Penney photo]

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