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Sat May 23, 2015

Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

This moderate to strenuous trip was mainly for visitors from other clubs whilst the business aspect of the FMCBC AGM was held in Courtenay. The hike included ten people in total with 4 of us from the CDMC.

At the start of the hike the weather and forecast were not looking promising and I was not holding out much hope of getting any views from the summit. But, after climbing the first 1000ft we broke through the low fog/clouds into brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies.

We held a steady pace with water breaks and a few stops at viewpoints along the trail including the old cabin site.

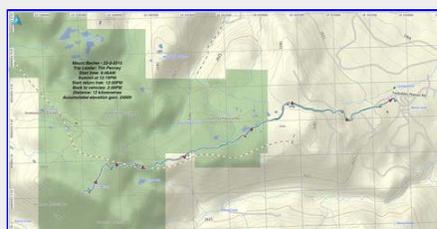
We arrived at the summit at 12:19 to excellent views of our local mountains. Fog in the valleys below only enhanced our view by hiding some of the logging scars. During our 30 minute stop for lunch the fog and clouds slowly hid our view of the mountains.

The return trek had a few exciting moments on the last few hundred feet back to the parking area with several of us finding it difficult to stay upright. Most notably, Helen J, watched me nearly take a head first dive onto the rocks, but failed to notice that I had caught my foot in a treacherous root loop sticking up about 7 from the trail just like a rabbit snare. Next thing, she was stretched out on the rocks behind me fortunately, though, with not much road rash, but with a rather painful ankle. The offending root system was suitably destroyed.

To the rescue. An ATV that I had seen earlier heading up the hill was now on the way back. The driver very kindly gave our injured hiker a smooth ride back to the parking area leaving his passenger to walk back with the rest of us. An examination at the hospital diagnosed a bad sprain but, thankfully, no broken bones. On future trips, it might be easier and safer to come down the old service road instead the slippery rocky section.

This was another very enjoyable hike to Mount Becher and all the more so by being able to share it with visitors from other parts of our province.

Thanks to Gord for being the sweep and to Joe for driving Helen to the hospital.



GPS route map and stats
[Tim Penney photo]



Starting out in the fog
[Tim Penney photo]



Checking out the Park sign
[Gordon Harris photo]



The last section to the summit
[Gordon Harris photo]



*Group shot with the help of
Photoshop*
[Tim Penney photo]



*Great that our guests had a
good view of the Comox Glacier*
[Gordon Harris photo]



*Fog in the valley hiding the
logging scars*
[Tim Penney photo]



Enjoying the view
[Tim Penney photo]



View to Boston Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



Taxi service
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