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Sun Nov 06, 2016

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Leaving Raven Lodge at 8:30am after viewing Albert Edward and the other close-by higher peaks, covered in snow, we wandered along the boardwalk(s) with much care, due to icy and very slippery conditions. In some places it would have been safer to walk with yaktrax or snowtrax on.

Our outbound route was Helen MacKenzie Lake, Battleship, slide by Kooso, Lady then to Croteau.

The whisky jacks were very attentive at our stops and seemed to swarm us at Croteau when we stopped early for a light lunch. A bird snatched some ham from HJ's sandwich. We christened it Whisky Jack Cunning-ham (the sly piggie). Also, JG was worried the whisky jacks were going to thief his visa card, so they could fly off, to accumulate some "Air Miles".

The lunch time views were blocked by the clouds substantively, so we were left to let our minds wander. And they seemed to.

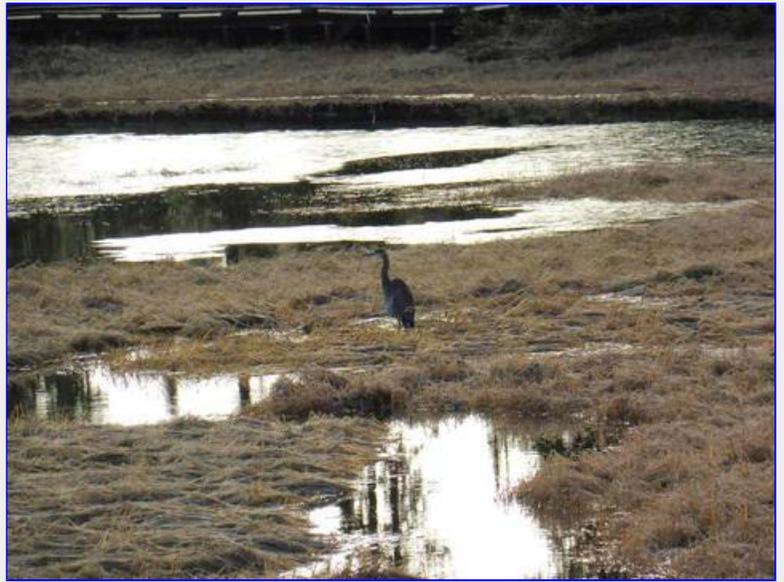
We trudged back to Raven via the lakes and staying beside Battleship. We stopped for a wee break at the end of the lake, soon leaving, as the wind and expectant weather change was on the way.

We walked 15km. We were out for 5 hours with stops included. Great day for all. No rain, just muddy underfoot with the only real hazard being ice. Exercise and be silly: the cure for rainy daze cabin fever.

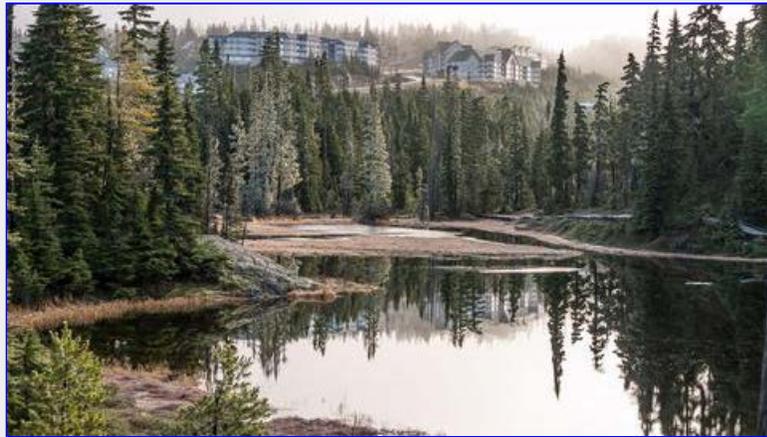


Blue skies and clear at the trailhead

[Tim Penney photo]



Unusual visitor in the meadows
[Ed Tickner photo]



Reflection in the meadows
[Tim Penney photo]



Still sunny on the way to Helen Mackenzie - Some snow on Allan Brooks
[Tim Penney photo]



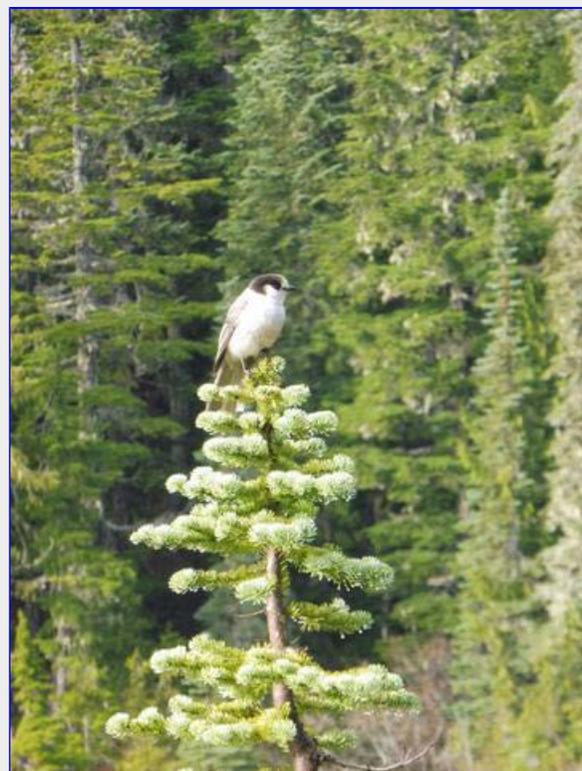
High water on the trail alongside Helen Mackenzie Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



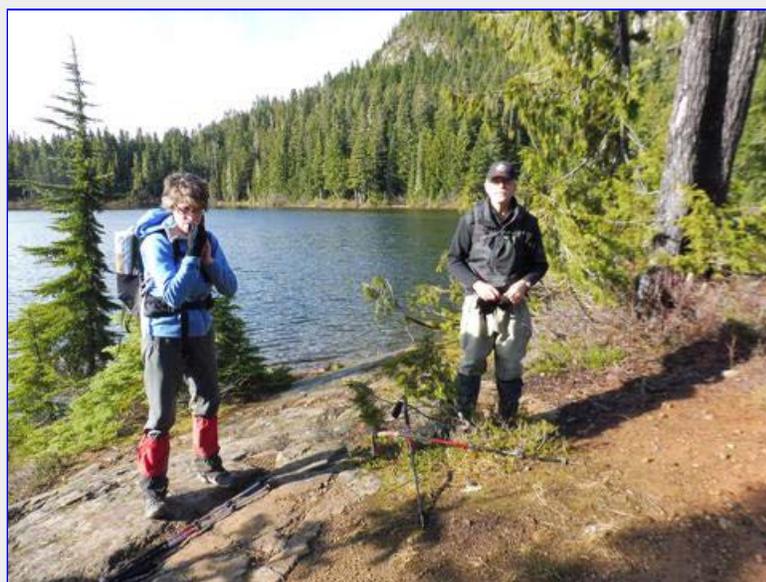
Grassy meadows at the south end of Lady Lake
[Tim Penney photo]



The rather bedraggled ham thief!
[Tim Penney photo]



The Whiskeyjacks literally swarmed us whenever food was visible
[Ed Tickner photo]



Mostly sunny for our lunch at Croteau Lake
[Ed Tickner photo]



Any perch will do
[Susan Osso photo]

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