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Trip Report

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Wed Oct 29, 2014
Leader: **Krista Kaptein**
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Beautiful weather for another Wednesday hike! The morning started in the fog but blue sky soon appeared as we started hiking in Bevan. First we had a look at the diversion dam where we saw a Spotted Sandpiper . A river crossing here would make a great circle route .

Following the River Trail upstream we startled a couple of Brown Creepers & started finding many mushrooms. We passed through some interested pockets of different habitat in the woods - a former settlement area with wild ginger, and a bog with Labrador tea, western bog-laurel & bog cranberry.

We reached the Comox Lake dam just in time to hear the first of several sirens indicating water was being released from the lake & sure enough the river water level rose at least a metre by the time we finished lunch at the picnic area.

On the west side of the river we just did the Twin Lakes Loop (an area where there are many interesting plants in June/July) then returned to the east side taking the Bevan Trail to the old #7 Mine site. The ruins there were not too spooky on this sunny day - the only ghosts were at the Old Church 's neighbour, fully decorated for Hallowe'en.
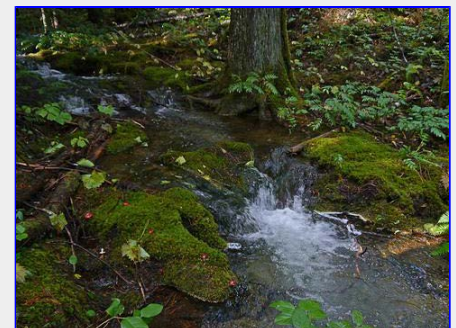
Total distance just over 11 km.

Spotted Sandpiper
[Krista Kaptein photo]

Green River
[Krista Kaptein photo]

Mature Amanita Muscaria
[Krista Kaptein photo]

Mini Waterfall with Moss & Mushrooms
[Krista Kaptein photo]

Happy Hallowe'en!
[Krista Kaptein photo]

Spooky Ruins
[Krista Kaptein photo]

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