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### Indianhead Mtn Via Mckenzie Meadows (hiking)

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Sun Oct 04, 2015

Leader: **Julianna Wells**

Co-Leader: **Raelene Bliskis**

On a bright, beautiful Sunday morning the group of 12, including two guests, gathered at the meeting place, signed in, arranged carpooling and were off into the hills. We left our vehicles around 9:30am and headed into the forest, admiring the sun shining through the trees.

We soon arrived at the McKenzie Lake outflow and easily crossed the very low waters of the creek, then made our way along the trail, back out to McKenzie Lake and then along to Douglas Lake in the bright morning sun, enjoying the beautiful fall colours all around. We traveled past Douglas Lake and to the McKenzie Lake camping area - a perfect place for a short break to have a drink and unlayer as we warmed up.

Continuing on, we crossed McKenzie Meadows (surprisingly dry for October), then on to our second creek crossing and into the forest trail heading for the viewpoint junction. At the junction above the switchbacks, we took a break to hang Ottos new Viewpoint sign, replacing Ruths previous sign from 1967.

Next it was up onto the bluffs of the viewpoint, then a turn onto Terrys Trail to the summit. A little overgrown in places, but still easy to follow, the trail took us up short, steepish climbs and onto the many bluffs along the way up to the summit of Indianhead Mtn. We reached the top at around 11:50am, just in time for a long lunch break in the (hot!) sun before returning back to McKenzie and Douglas Lakes.

On the way past Douglas Lake we took a side trip over to the memorial cairn for William Douglas, then to the Douglas Lake cabin where we enjoyed another short stop in the warm October sunshine before heading back to our vehicles. We arrived back at the trailhead at 3:30pm.

The day was perfect. Blue skies, warm sun, good conversations, great company. Thanks to everyone for coming along and making it such a great trip out. Thanks also to Raelene for co-leading this trip, and to Ken for helping to hang the new sign. Hope to see you all again soon!



*Fall colours along  
Douglas Lake*



*Indianhead summit - group  
photo  
[Julianna Wells photo]*

*[Julianna Wells photo]*



*lunchtime view*  
*[Paula Field photo]*

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