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Sun Oct 05, 2014

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Co-Leader:

Boston Ridge/Mount Becher 5-10-2014

For a fairly strenuous trip we had an impressive turnout of 20 hikers today.

We left the Courthouse promptly at 8:00AM, drove to the old Forbidden Ski Hill parking area and were heading out from there by 8:30. Initially we hiked one of the old logging roads down to Boston Creek, a 150 metres descent in 1.6 kilometres, where we used an in place rope and ladder to assist our climb down to the creek. Crossing the creek involved an exciting climb over a large log jam before we could actually start climbing Boston Ridge.

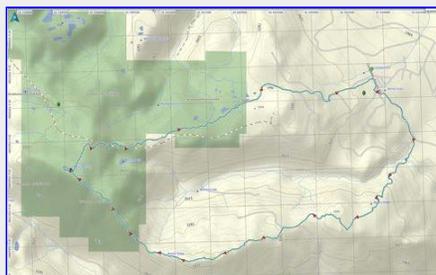
The first part of the climb is the steepest, but becomes easier going as we climb towards the Boston Ridge summit where we stopped at 11:40AM for an early lunch. At this point we have climbed 700 metres from the creek in a distance of 4.6 kilometres. It should be noted here that we all very much appreciated the trail work done back in September on the last 2 kilometres to the Boston Ridge summit.

At 12:10PM, after our lunch break, we dropped down 150 metres to the col between Boston Ridge and Mount Becher before climbing another 300 metres to the summit. The misty conditions that had prevailed since the start of this trip finally started to clear as we approached the summit. We actually had some sunshine at the viewpoint, but the Cruickshank Valley and everything except the tops of our local mountains were still shrouded in heavy clouds.

At 2:06 after spending 30 minutes enjoying the sunny summit we started on the easy trek back to our vehicles. By 3:40 we were back to the parking area and ready to head back to town.

For the large number of hikers on today's trip everything progressed very well. We had no stragglers, no injuries, no complaints and no lost hikers. In fact it was an extremely well run trip completed in a total time of just over 7 hours for the 15 kilometres. Kudos to Otto for organizing and leading this excellent trip.

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GPS map with UTM grid overlay



[Tim Penney photo]



Boston Creek log jam
[Tim Penney photo]

Climbing down to Boston Creek
[Tim Penney photo]



One of the logging roads on the way up to the Boston Ridge summit
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



Comox Lake from one of the old logging roads on the way to the BR summit
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



Boston Ridge summit lunch break - still in the clouds
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



Sunny Mount Becher summit
[Tim Penney photo]



Only the tops of our local mountain were visible.
[Tim Penney photo]



*Comox Glacier makes an
appearance*

[Richard Matthews photo]



*Autumn in the sub-
alpine*

[Richard Matthews photo]

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