



## A FOREST HIKE TO THE MAJUBA HILL BOULDERS: DEC 1

This 6+km hike with 230m of total elevation gain got off to a strange start. I was positive that I had thrown my pack into the back of the car (and I had) but when I opened the rear tailgate it wasn't there!!!! I roared the 10km home (sort of at the speed limit.. 😊), it wasn't there so I quickly grabbed another pack (and gear 😊) and returned to the start location to a group of 12 shivering hikers.

This area is honeycombed with MB & horse trails. I had hiked the area earlier in the week with Kelly, who frequently rides them to help set a walkable route through this confusing maze. Thanks Kelly!



Once on the trail, the pace was leisurely with lots of opportunity to chat as we bathed in the forest endorphins. The highlight was visiting the Majuba Hill Boulders (a hidden destination treasure).

There are two HUGE boulders, most likely 'errata', testimony to the power of continental glaciers to shape the landscape. Permanent climbing anchors can be traced going up the solid rock faces. Sadly, the lower reaches of the most accessible boulder is covered in graffiti. Of course, there was the expected urge to climb to the top of the main rock, reachable by trails up both sides and a rope ladder up the steep, slippery lichen covered rock. Patrick and Lonja were up to the challenge. Going up was a scramble, coming down was way more challenging.

As we made our way back to the parking area who should we meet riding towards us, Kelly on her wonderfully calm horse (WiFi) and another rider. What a fun way to end a great day walking through the woods.

Participants: David G., Lisa M., Cal F., Lynn M., Lonja B., Lucy S., Patrick R., Carolyn H., Irene H., Dave S., Sheryl H.  
by **Gary Baker**

## ZUPJOK MT – DEC 2



Wow, what a beautiful day. Today's snowshoe was up Zupjok in the Coquihalla. I hadn't tackled this mountain in

years, so I forgot how steep it is. Ugh, when you think there is a top, there's another bump. It seemed endless - started at



9:12 am and finally had lunch at 12:25. Loved the snow and the peaceful setting.

Stats: 11.60 km / 742m gain / 1851m high

Thanks to 12 COC members who joined the event: Sue A, Lori B, Deborah B, Denise D, Cal F, Don F, David G, Lonja G, Mark S, Jan S, Rose S, Joce T (photos) + Irene H

## ARTISTS POINT – DEC. 9



What a beautiful, fun day this was! This popular snowshoe route offers a lot of bang for your buck. It's not a hard one, you get far-reaching views 100% of the time, and the majestic Mt. Baker & Shuksan are up close & personal. By 10:00am 19 COCers started out, ducking under a boundary rope to climb alongside the downhill ski slope. All the while, the east end of Table Mt. stood out starkly white against a cobalt blue sky. As we approached the north end of the ridge that led to Huntoon Point, we stayed left of the batch of evergreens, zigzagging very cautiously up the very steep slope. Once we crested it, we turned left (south). Then we could see Mt. Shuksan that took up a good chunk of the sky. And as we neared Huntoon Point, Mt. Baker came into view. Wow.

We dropped just a wee bit to the south-facing slope where it was actually rather warm. A perfect spot for lunch. Cal lured a few ladies out to play in the snow, racing Sonia down the slope and then dropping tree bombs on her & Karen in the grove beside where we were eating. The clouds below us to the south, reached out and wrapped around us, lending a mystical atmosphere to our surroundings.



As we began the second leg of our journey, to the base of Table Mt. most of us decided it was no use doing the loop without a view. But as I suspected, the clouds dissipated and so did our decision to not do the loop. So on we trudged, stopping for a group shot close to Table Mt. The stretch back to the very steep slope felt like we were in a desert, but with snow, not sand dunes. A perfect sparkling blanket of white glowed under the soft winter sun. Backcountry skiers shared the winter playground with us. Another run down a virgin powder knoll and by 2:00pm we were back at the parking lot. Two of the five vehicles (8 of us) ended the excursion with dinner at El Nopals.



Thanks for all who came out and made this day what it was: Sue A, Deborah B, Denise D, Cal F, Iraj F, Brigitte G, David G, Janice H, Charlotte H, Irene H, Allan Main, Sonia J, Sheri K, Patrick R, Karen S, Rose S, Susan V, Lori Y + **Joce T**

## VEDDER MT – DEC. 20

After doing six consecutive snowshoes, I thought to stick to green forest and squeeze in my bi-annual hike before the Christmas holidays. It starts right from our backyard, and

goes up the private trails on the south end of Vedder Mt. This was an easy-going day with a constant flow of conversation. Most of the group had been there before so this time we omitted doing the detour to the largest-Douglas-fir-in-the-Fraser-Valley.

By 8:45am we were on the way, going through our back fields, doing a quick tour of our future retirement home, and beginning the climb on Lucky's trail after crossing the railways tracks. After an hour on the trail, we emerged onto a deactivated FSR. The steepest sections were now behind us. Staying right at a road that comes from the Cultus Lake side, we passed a home before arriving at the old barns where three black calves were cautiously observing us. From there we branched off to the right, onto another FSR that soon narrowed after we passed a yellow gate to a private property. Close to our destination, on a moss-covered boulder, was a good view of Columbia Valley where a 40' wide clearing that stretched in a perfectly straight line, marked the US border.



By 11:15am we were at the broad viewpoint overlooking Sumas Prairie. The small community of Arnold was directly below us. But we did not stay there for lunch. It was just too cold in the wind. So we backtracked a bit into the shelter of the forest. Mushrooms coated in a warm layer of dead leaves, popped their heads partially through while some clung to trees. Nearing the base of the mountain, we did a little loop that had us walking along the south side of our property.



By 1:30pm we were back. As is the tradition, I had baked a few desserts to serve with hot drinks after the hike. All but two of the 14, stayed to indulge before hitting the road.

Stats: 15.2 km / 772m gain / 613m high

Thanks to all who came out on this enjoyable day: Terry B, Lori B, Deborah B, Cal F, Brigitte G, Danny G, Johnny G, Sheri K, Paul L, Christina Marie, Jan S, Maureen S + Case & **Joce T**

## QOQO:LEM TRAIL - DEC 21

The Qoqo:lem trailhead is located at the park of the same name, 45076 Vedder Mountain Rd, Chilliwack, BC V2R 4C3. It is just past the salvage yard, about 200 metres past the Cultus Lake roundabout on the left, heading toward Yarrow.

The forecast was for rain, but it never rained on us. Temperature was around 7 degrees C.



The trail was wide, gravel, and easily navigated with no obstacles or blowdown. It is well marked and easily navigated, with a trail crossing at the railroad grade trail about halfway up. The trail was in great shape.

We started promptly at 8 am and were done by around 9:30, with travel time of an hour and 10 minutes and about 20 minutes rest at the top lookout. Pace was easy.

This was my first trip led for COC, and I chose it because I was exceedingly familiar with the route, since I do it all the time, and wanted to be freed up from route, terrain and transportation concerns to simply get a hike for the club under my belt.

Brian and Lori were great company. Lori brought her dog, which was perfectly fine as I had indicated in the announcement.

The trip went as planned. Since all of us were familiar with the hike, we opted against going to the very end of the trail or exploring the rail grade trail. It was smooth sailing all the way

and we went out for coffee at Waves afterwards, in Garrison, where we bumped into another COC member. I was happy to make new friends and get a trip under my belt.



There was no notable wildlife observed, but there were several pet dogs were along with their “moms and dads.” Everyone behaved themselves.

Participants were: Lori Bodkin, Brian Threfall

By **Jim Flom**

## MT KELLY, MANNING PARK - DEC 29

It was another wonderful day snowshoeing up Mt Kelly in Manning Park! This great group of Outdoor Club friends were all quite happy to leave the rainy valley behind and head up to the snow. The day was a bit cloudy with the sun and blue skies trying to peek through here and there. There was up to a meter of snow as we neared the top which is good to see for the general snowpack in the mountains.



Once again, the trail was easy to follow, and the previous snowshoers and skiers had packed the trail. Not too much trail breaking for us today! We had many short stops on the way up to keep everyone together and catch our breath. The trees were heavily laden with snow and I think all of us were commenting on how fortunate we were to have such a beautiful day. And no wind!! A nice long lunch break was taken at the last “viewpoint”.

Some of us took a small “short cut” straight down through the deep snow and met up with the others on their switch back. What a hoot! Many of us had a soft plop into the snow since it was hard to keep one’s balance. It was so nice to visit with longtime friends and get to know others a little better. The stories and laughter on the trail are something that I always appreciate!

Stats (depending on the device):  
9-10 km and 620m elevation gain  
~ 3 hrs up and 2 hrs down plus breaks

Thanks to: Fred H, Johnny G, Dave S., Dave S. (yes, there are 2!), Patrick R., Audrey V., Iraj F., Lori B., Rob E., Rose S., and Danny G.

by **Carol Ault**

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Congratulations **Barb Hill** for winning the grand prize paddle board at the Banff film festival in Mission in December!

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Thank you, **Charlotte** and all the others who helped organize the fun and yummy Christmas Party!

MASTHEAD BY JOCE T: ARTISTS POINT, MT. BAKER

## 2025 MULTI-DAY TRIPS

**TRIP:** Whistler – downhill skiing

**DATE:** January through ski season, midweek

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Kees & Claire Hut – backcountry skiing

**DATE:** Feb. 19-21 **LIMIT:** 12

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Elfin Lakes Huts – snowshoe

**DATE:** Jan. 20-21 **LIMIT:** 20

**CONTACT:** Cal Francis [calfrancis@gamil.com](mailto:calfrancis@gamil.com)

**TRIP:** Elizabeth Parker Hut, Lake O'Hara & Bow Hut - snowshoe or backcountry skiing

**DATE:** March 2-8 **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACT:** Dave Biehn [dave.biehn@gmail.com](mailto:dave.biehn@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Wendy Thompson Hut – snowshoe or backcountry skiing

**DATE:** March 19-21 **LIMIT:** 12

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Whistler – downhill skiing

**DATE:** April 2, 16, 22, 30

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Columbia River Gorge – day hikes

**DATE:** May 17-24 **LIMIT:** 24

**CONTACT:** Cal Francis [calfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:calfrancis@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Gulf Islands – Kayaking

**DATE:** May 24 – June 1 **LIMIT:** 10

**CONTACT:** Christine Falconbridge  
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**TRIP:** Juan de fuca trail – backpack

**DATE:** June 2-6 **LIMIT:** 10

**CONTACT:** Johnny Grimm [johnnylee.grimm@gmail.com](mailto:johnnylee.grimm@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Southern Vancouver Island – cycle, camp, ride

**DATE:** June 9-13 **LIMIT:** 10

**CONTACT:** Don Field [dffield213@gmail.com](mailto:dffield213@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** West Highland Way, Scotland – trek

**DATE:** June 12-26 **LIMIT:** open

**CONTACT:** Irene Hofler [ishofler@gmail.com](mailto:ishofler@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Southern Sunshine Coast trail – backpack

**DATE:** June 20-28 **LIMIT:** 6

**CONTACT:** Danny Greig [dgreig@gmail.com](mailto:dgreig@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Gravel Rail trail – cycling

**DATE:** first week of July **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACT:** Carol Ault [carolault@gmail.com](mailto:carolault@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** North Cascades Washington Hwy 20 – day hikes

**DATE:** July 6-12 **LIMIT:** open

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Illal Meadows – backpack

**DATE:** July 14-16 **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACT:** Sue Lawrence & Al Smith [gwelu@telus.net](mailto:gwelu@telus.net)

**TRIP:** Tolkein Group Mountains – backpack

**DATE:** mid July **LIMIT:** open

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Lake Lovely Water – backpack

**DATE:** late July **LIMIT:** open

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Mt. Ruth – backpack

**DATE:** late July **LIMIT:** open

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**TRIP:** Sunshine Coast trail – backpack

**DATE:** end of July **LIMIT:** 6

**CONTACT:** Allana Warkentin [allanalee@shaw.ca](mailto:allanalee@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Stone Mt. Park – backpack

**DATE:** Aug. 1-10 **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACT:** Ingrid Fischer [ingyfisc@gmail.com](mailto:ingyfisc@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Howe Sound Crest trail – backpack

**DATE:** early August **LIMIT:** open

**CONTACT:** Cindy Waslewsky [twin-creeks@shaw.ca](mailto:twin-creeks@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Stein Traverse – backpack

**DATE:** Aug. 3-12 **LIMIT:** 10

**CONTACT:** Owen Williams [owen.williams911@gmail.com](mailto:owen.williams911@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Spring Island – kayaking

**DATE:** first week of August **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACT:** Dave Biehn [dave.biehn@gmail.com](mailto:dave.biehn@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Monashee Park – backpack

**DATE:** Aug. 7-16 **LIMIT:** 5

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**TRIP:** Kees & Claire Hut – backpack

**DATE:** Aug. 19-21 **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACTS:** Sue Lawrence & Al Smith [gwelu@telus.net](mailto:gwelu@telus.net)

**TRIP:** Southern Vancouver Island – cycle

**DATE:** last week of August **LIMIT:** 10

**CONTACT:** Gary Baker [garybaker@shaw.ca](mailto:garybaker@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** Dolomites in Italy – trek

**DATE:** Aug. 21-28 **LIMIT:** 8

**CONTACT:** Elizabeth Backman  
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**TRIP:** Gulf Islands – cycling  
**DATE:** Sept. 2-5 **LIMIT:** 10  
**CONTACT:** Iraj Filsoofi [irajfilsoofi@gmail.com](mailto:irajfilsoofi@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Budapest, Hungary – bike & boat  
**DATE:** Sept. 2-10 **LIMIT:** open  
**CONTACT:** Cal Francis [calfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:calfrancis@gmail.com)

**TRIP:** Kananaskis – day hikes  
**DATE:** Sept. 7-12 **LIMIT:** 14  
**CONTACT:** Mary Ann Dykshoorn  
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**TRIP:** Mowich in Manning Park – backpack  
**DATE:** Sept. 20-22 **LIMIT:** 8  
**CONTACT:** Terry Bergen [terrybergen@shaw.ca](mailto:terrybergen@shaw.ca)

**TRIP:** San Diego & Southern California – day hikes & camping  
**DATE:** November **LIMIT:** open  
**CONTACT:** Dave Biehn [dave.biehn@gmail.com](mailto:dave.biehn@gmail.com)

# CLUB INFORMATION

## Notice to Trip Participants

It is understood that risk is inherent to some degree in all outdoor activities. Please ensure that you understand the risks involved and are prepared to accept them. As a participant, you are responsible for your own safety and equipment at all times. Trip organizers are not professional guides—they are simply club members who have volunteered their time for your enjoyment.

Inform the trip organizer of any medical conditions that he or she should be aware of in an emergency, for example: diabetes, asthma, and bee sting reactions. Ensure that your previous experience, ability and fitness level are adequate for the trip. Be sure that your equipment and clothing are adequate for the trip. Stay with the group. Wait for other group members frequently and at all route junctions. Tell the trip organizer if you must turn back. **Be safe and enjoy!**

## Required Equipment

Trip organizers will be pleased to answer any questions regarding the required equipment for any outing. For more information, it is recommended that you visit one of the many websites that provide such information. Some recommended sites are: [www.valhallapure.com](http://www.valhallapure.com) (club sponsor), [www.backpacker.com](http://www.backpacker.com) and [www.mec.ca](http://www.mec.ca).

**Safety first, last, and always!** It is the responsibility of trip participants to be equipped appropriately. Plan for the **worst!**

## The Ten Essentials

Before you hit any trail, no matter how easy, no matter how short, no matter how close to home, make sure your backpack is loaded with the ten essentials. When in the backcountry you are responsible for your own safety, and any one of these ten items may help to save your life. Carry them all and know how to use them.

1. Map
2. Compass
3. Extra clothing
4. Sunglasses and sunscreen
5. Headlamp/flashlight
6. First-aid supplies
7. Fire starter
8. Matches
9. Knife
10. Extra food and water

## Equipment for Club Members' Use

2 Shovels	2 ice axes
2 pairs of crampons	2 avalanche probes
2 avalanche transceivers	
2 pairs of snowshoes	
	contact Cal Francis to use: <a href="mailto:calfrancis@gmail.com">calfrancis@gmail.com</a>

**Note:** All equipment must be returned in the same condition as borrowed or repaired appropriately. The equipment is being examined to determine its state of repair and will be reviewed by the Board of Directors as to what should be retained, scrapped or sold.

## Hike Grading System

Duration (hrs.)	Elevation Gain (m)	Difficulty
A 0-4	1 10-500	a Easy
B 4-7	2 500-1000	b Moderate
C 7-10	3 1000-1500	c Difficult
D 10+	4 1500+	d Advanced

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