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I. Trip Reports

An action packed VOCene this week!

1) First Brother, Manning Park

Scott Nelson and Sandra Nicol hiked to the top of the First Brother in Manning Park on the weekend. They reported that the meadows were blooming and that the hike is very accessible, with a road to 1800m!
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28587&t=28587>

2) Cathedral Provincial Park

Anne Webster and I went to Cathedral Provincial Park and found great weather and enjoyable alpine walking and scrambling. We climbed Grimface and Pyramid mountain. A different VOC group (Tyler Linn, Nick Elson and Sarah climbed a new route on Macabre tower and traversed over to Grimface a few hours after us. The Wall Creek approach seems superior and probably a good place for a group camp.
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28591&t=28591>
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/gallery/v/swebster/cathedral/>

3) Thiassi

Tim Blair and Piotr Forysinski hiked and skied to Thiassi, generating terrible blisters on Piotr's feet (lots of snow starting at 5200'). They climbed the east ridge of Thiassi the next day.
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28585&t=28585>

4) Climbing in the USA on Canada Day

Matt Breakey's summary trip report:

1. Borders suck. We waited three hours to be asked 15 seconds of questions and be waved through without a glance at passports. I'm

guess it was the smell coming from our car. Without a token girl, guys stink.

2. SUVs can be operated like flintstone cars, both go and stop. Great way to waste time in the boarder line.

3. One cup of coffee will get me wired for hours. I drove from 7:30pm to 3:30am with an entire car passed out around me (at times). Does coffee do this to other people?

4. Index is an awesome place to go. The climbing is great (there is enough easy stuff for 2 full days for 5.9 trad climbers). The camping is free, guide book is cheap, the crag close to the camping, drinking water is available free in town, beer is dirt cheap, etc.

5. I need very detailed maps or I will end up bashwacking, even with Chris to try and rein me in. Spent 5 hours bushwacking on monday with Chris for "fun" (aka. find the crag that no one goes to for a reason)

6. If a bunch of VOCers set a deadline, they will make it by the skin of their teeth. We needed to get Holger to Everett to catch a bus at 10:10, we dropped him off at 9:50 after rushing the last three hours after climbing. I can't believe he actually made his bus.

7. Leave your bag at the bottom of Orbit on snow creek wall. The decent trail passes right by the start.

5) Squamish-Cheakamus Divide Ski Traverse

Evan Morris, Steve Mülle and Jason Bedard skied from Callaghan to Brandywine. Along the way they had a bunch of car trouble, waded through a river and lake right next to a bridge and caught Scott Nelson and Sandra Nicol on a snowmobile! Good times.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28398&t=28398>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/gallery/v/ecmorris/callaghanbrandywine/>

http://gallery.jbedard.ca/outdoors/2007/06_callaghan/

6) Twin Lakes

Richard So, Fred Touche and Robin McKillop hiked up the Barkley Valley to the Twin Lakes area and did some scrambling. They reported that it was just like Switzerland.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28584&t=28584>

7) Kettle Valley Railway

Gili Rosenberg and Maya cycled the KVR for 11 days and 650 km from Midway to Hope. They had great weather, saw a lot of wildlife and picked 19 lbs. of cherries!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28517&t=28517>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/gallery/v/gilirosenberg/KettleValleyRailwayJun2007/>

II. Upcoming Trips and Events

1) July BBQ, TODAY

Time: 6:30 pm

Today is the July BBQ. Weather looks great. Come down to the beach at the base of Tolmie St. with some food and enjoy the summer! There should be some frisbee as well...

2) Beginner Trip to Pinecone-Burke Provincial Park, July 7-8

Matthew Baker is leading a beginner friendly trip to the South (burke) end of Pinecone Burke provincial park this weekend. Participants and drivers wanted!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28475&t=28475>

3) Castle Towers, July 7-8

Chris Petrus is trying to organize a trip to Castle Towers this weekend. See the message board for more info.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28576&t=28576>

4) Beginner Trip to Mount Price, July 14-15

Christian Veenstra is organizing a beginner friendly trip to Mount Price. No particular experience required. See the message board and wiki if you are keen to explore Garibaldi Provincial park!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28404&t=28404>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/14July2007_Price

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