

VOCene #5: June 23, 2014

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#### 1. Recent Trip Reports

Take 2: Black Tusk and Lake Garibaldi

Because the first trip to Black Tusk was full, a second trip was organized by some enthusiastic members! Read the story of post-holing, scrambling and.. skiing? beautiful pictures accompany the story!

Hiking The West Coast Trail, As We Do

The West Coast Trail is a 75 km journey that many come to Canada from around the world to enjoy. Read this trip report of 5-VOCers and their journey on this beautiful trail, complete with pictures worthy of National Geographic! Beautiful and creative!

Not-so-Meager Creek Hot spring adventure.

Read this tale of a bunch of VOCers who enjoyed the Meager Hot Springs, with a little bit of a late-day adventure when a not-so-obvious turn in the trail was missed.

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#### 2. Upcoming Trips

Tricouni, Ashlu fsr site camping daytrips intermediate scrambling ☞ Sat. Jun. 28th - Sun. Jun. 29th

Tricouni is one of my all time favorite scrambles, I did it 6 years ago, awesome terrain and views! Short daytrip. Saturday night car camping bring a 6 pack. And Ashlu second day! This is an intermediate trip, advanced scramblers are also allowed. Must be confident enough to complete Ashlu in 14 hours. Ice axe skills required.

Harrison Hut Trail Workhike - Canada Day "Long" Weekend (Beginner-friendly) ☞ Sat. Jun. 28th - Tue. Jul. 1st

Thanks to Ben and Christian and all the volunteers who worked hard on it in the last couple of years, we can reach the remote Harrison Hut again now. But the trail, especially the second section, still needs lots of work to be user-friendly. We will work on the trail bed, move dirt and smooth sidehills, and install logs with rebars if needed, etc. People who had done similar works will be useful, but no experience is required for this trip (as long as you can hike with an overnight pack) - we can all learn these things together. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the club and our outdoor community - I'm sure you'll be proud to say that you worked on building a backcountry trail for others to use! Planned as a 4-day trip, but will attempt to accommodate other schedules. Pre-trip meeting Wednesday, June 25th at 6:00 PM in the clubroom.

VOC BBQ at Tolmie beach 📍 Wednesday, July 2nd

Now that the weather is warm and sunny, it is time to have monthly barbeques on the beach! Bring your favourite food and drink and we'll bring the barbeque. Come to learn more about the club, meet some other members, or run into old friends. Everyone is welcome. Slacklines and frisbees are encouraged! No sign up is required. Meet at the beach at the bottom of Tolmie Street, in the grassy area.

Ladies Only Climbing in Skaha 📍 Fri. Jul. 4th - Sun. Jul. 6th

The plan would be to drive to Skaha Friday night or early Saturday (drivers preference). We'll climb Saturday morning and early afternoon, then once it gets too hot to climb (or too dark), move on to the other local attraction in the Okanagan. Wine. There just so happen to be 44 wineries within a 20 minute drive. We won't make it to all of them, but could probably have fun tasting wine at one of them! The exact timing may change according to sign-upees preferences. This is a beginner-friendly trip, but NOT instructional. If you are an interested female, sign up for the trip!

Beginner-friendly trip to Semaphore lakes 📍 Fri. Jul. 11th - Sun. Jul. 13th

Ms. Manners has now taken over this trip from the original organizer, so please note that its original dates in August have been moved to July. The intended itinerary will remain the same however! We'll plan to leave Friday night and either camp at the trailhead or hike to the lakes with potential headlamp arrival; the hike in is only 1.5h. Saturday: Scramble Locomotive and possibly Fender and Caboose. Sunday: Scramble Face Mountain and return to cars. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, July 9th at 6:00 PM in the clubroom.

Wednesday Evening Frisbee- EVERY WEDNESDAY

Remember to check out Wednesday evening frisbee at the grass patch by the beach at the bottom of Tolmie Street. Check out the message board for updates regarding numbers and weather cancellations. This event happens nearly every Wednesday.

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### 3. Call for Instructors: Glacier School

Instructor's Wanted! We need some very experienced people to teach G2. Participants of G2 should definitely consider teaching at G1. If you have taken G1 and did some trips over the past year please also consider to instruct. Glacier School will happen in August 23/24 (G2) and September 06/07 (G1).

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### 4. Message Board Highlights

Remember to check out the indoor climbing FAFF and Squamish Climbing FAFF for opportunities for both indoor and outdoor climbing experience and fun! Also, remember to post pictures of your awesome adventures for others to enjoy as well!

Check out sales and wanted gear posted by other club members on the message board.

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### 5. Tentative Trips and Activity Partners Sought

Ridrigo is looking for people to hike the West Coast Trail (read trip report earlier for fun details about the trail itself) at the end of August or in Early September. If you are interested, respond to this message board thread!

Tricouni Scrambling Daytrip Sun June 29 and needing a 4wd: Ben and I are looking to do a Tricouni scrambling daytrip on Sunday June 29th!! We're also looking for a 4wd car to get up there. If you'd like to come, that'd be great, and if you have a car, that's even better :)) If anyone has a car that can be lent to us for the day, we will take very good care of it.

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6. Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to to your friendly neighbourhood VOCene editor and it'll get forwarded Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

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Dear Ms. Manners,

I am an outdoor enthusiast who is broke. All of my money was spent on tuition, rent, food and the occasional fun. Spring has been great, summer is fast approaching, and I find myself still needing gear such as a tent, sleeping bag and backpack. Where can I get cheap gear in Vancouver?

Thank you in advance,  
Broke Nature Lover

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Dear Broke Nature Lover,

We have had this question many years ago, and I will shamelessly share some of past-Ms. Manner's insight on the matter, combined with current-Ms. Manner's perspective. Many of us have found ourselves in your shoes before. You can try and save money both by shopping here in Vancouver, as well as by looking for deals online. In Vancouver, the following are some cheap ways to acquire gear:

1. MEC Club's Night: This event happens twice a year on a Tuesday evening, in which club members receive 10% off their purchases! New gear is still more expensive than cheap gear mind you, but this is something to look for in the future.
2. Sports Junkies: Just one block east of MEC, on Broadway, this store sells some used gear, samples and consignment. Some of it is lower quality, but you can still find good solutions to your gear needs.
3. Cheapskates: a consignment store of sports and (some) low-end outdoor gear located at the corner of 16th and Alma (their outdoor gear may be more limited than traditional indoor sport and ski/snowboard gear).
4. Clearance and Sample Sales: check MEC, Taiga (across the street) for clearance items. Also check Valhalla Pure, just west of MEC. For sample sales, watch the message board. Every now and then Arcteryx, G3, and recently Cascade Designs, have very worthwhile sales. It's best to arrive early.
5. VOC Message Board: Many members will attempt to sell their old and use gear on the message board (see link above in Message Board Highlights). People who are looking for particular items can also advertise for wanted gear here.
6. VOC Seasonal Gear Swap: Twice a year, the club will have a gear swap where members bring their old gear that they want to sell, and other members show up to buy this gear! Great prices are often found at these events.

Best of luck, and I hope you find yourself some cheap, reliable gear!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Manners

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