



## Upcoming BCMC Social



### ***Backwater Corners of the Coast Mountains***

*May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Anza Club*

Glenn Woodsworth has been exploring the lesser known parts of the Coast Mountains for over 60 years, sometimes on his own and sometimes with legends like Dick Culbert. In this talk he will show photos from areas including the Seven Sisters, the Howson Range, and, closer to home, the Raleigh-Gilbert area. Although far less visited than the Waddington or Ape Lake areas, these regions have quiet charms of their own that are well worth visiting.

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# Club Updates

## New Website & Server Meltdown

*By Francis Bailey*

The BCMC's new website has officially launched! If you haven't had the chance to check it out, head over to: <https://bcmc.ca> to see the new look.

Our efforts to overhaul the site started in earnest in November of last year. The initial plan was to keep the existing site and apply a new look and considerable effort was made to upgrade the old code base in preparation for that. Those upgrades were completed in January and notably introduced some new bugs, but overall were a net improvement. During that upgrade process it was becoming clear that the old site may have reached its end of life and simply applying a new look was no longer going to be sufficient. The old site ran on a content management system that last saw an upgrade in 2019, with no more active maintenance occurring. Many of the sites modules ran on code developed over a decade ago and it was going to make applying new features and designs a big challenge.

During this period we also began sourcing professional designers to create the new site design. After receiving several proposals we selected Chilko Design and got to work building. I started to test out what a full rewrite of our site would look like and within two weeks there was enough functionality running that we went all in on a ground up rewrite. Fast forward several months and many moonlight coding sessions later and we had a nearly complete site. This time running on a modern programming language version and framework and set up to allow for volunteers to more easily contribute new features and code.

A test server was setup to have several volunteers and board members start validating features and then finally a beta version of the website was launched. Many bugs were squashed and we were at last ready to launch the new site!

On Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, I stayed up late launching the new site and by 11PM things were online and running. I sent out a mass email to inform everyone of the new launch and stayed up a few more hours to make sure things looked good. After an unusually short sleep, cut short by a garbage truck honking in the alleyway I woke up and did a quick check of our new website. To my surprise it was offline... hmmm. Is this an egg on my face moment?! I signed onto the server and things looked amiss, but I couldn't pin down what. Finally I noticed something nefarious running and it occurred to me that somehow the server had been hacked. My heart sank. Had I introduced a vulnerability with the new site?

I quickly put the server into rescue mode, which would mean no more website access, but it would also keep any bad actors out. While investigating, I discovered that the same day I launched the site a [major vulnerability](#) was disclosed in cPanel. cPanel is the server administration software we use to manage the <https://bcmc.ca> server along with all of our satellite websites like <https://backcountrybc.ca>, <https://recsites.bcmc.ca> and others. It's a very popular piece of software used by 1000's of websites and we were no doubt one of countless

websites affected that day. There was less than 24 hours between the time the cPanel vulnerability was broadly disclosed and our server getting hacked.

The timing of the website launch and this vulnerability was a horrible coincidence, but it didn't lessen the sting much less. After assessing the situation we put together a response team and spent the next 24 hours balancing real-life work and bringing our BCMC website back online on a clean server with additional security measures running. By Friday afternoon, we were fully back up and running with the main website. This restoration was made more challenging by the fact that many key components of the site were running on the now compromised server, but we eventually found a reasonable means to get things working.

Over this last week Bill Maurer put in a tonne of work to restore the other websites under our purview and you'll note that <https://recsites.bcmc.ca>, <https://backcountrybc.ca> and others are now back online.

So what's next? Well the new site has had several security hardening measures put in place and the same is getting applied to our subsidiary sites. The new website has now been running for the last week and work continues to address any bugs that arise or pertinent feature requests. Any major feature development will be put on pause for the summer, but the plan is to start adding some interesting new functionality in the fall time. We'll continue to make bug fixes in the mean time and address any glaring gaps in functionality between the old site and new site.

To that end if you are interested in contributing some volunteer time to help develop new features on the site, run server administration or assist in managing the site in any form, we'd love to hear from you! Please send an email to: [webmaster@bcmc.ca](mailto:webmaster@bcmc.ca), if you are interested.

No major project is successful without the countless hours of help and contributions from our volunteers. So, I want to give a huge thanks to the volunteers who helped test the site and provide feedback including: Ryan Connolly, Aryton Farrell, Houman Heirati, Kalle Radage, Melanie Bockmann, Julia Friesen and Evan Zucchelli. Another thank you to those who contributed imagery to the site including: Glenn Woodsworth, Nic Stover, Andrea Tate, Melanie Bockmann and Nicolas Tran. Thanks also to our board of directors for helping see this vision through! There was a huge number of submissions for imagery and offers to help test and if I was not able to reply in time, I apologize and want to thank you for your contribution as well!

Finally, it's worth recognizing the volunteers who helped build the original website and have kept the servers running this whole time. Bill Maurer, Chris Ludwig and Paul Olynek come to mind as long time contributors, developers and maintainers of the site.

As always, if there are feature requests, bugs or other changes you'd like to see, don't hesitate to reach out.

# Expedition Grants

*By Greg Hamilton*

Thinking of doing a big trip this summer? The BCMC can help offset your expense with the expedition grant. The BCMC subsidizes expeditions, up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 which promote exploration, the sport of mountaineering and rock climbing while providing a promotional value to the BCMC.

## Criteria

1. The expedition/trip must be posted on the BCMC trip list, for BCMC Members only
2. It must be mountain and/or outdoor related, remote and/or difficult and/or unique in nature, primarily self-propelled (motorized access is okay), an expedition (typically long in duration by nature) and require participants to be extensively prepared in their training and logistics
3. Guided trips, organized events or races, and charity events do not qualify.
4. Recipients are expected to make a presentation of their trip/expedition upon their return at an upcoming BCMC social event, and in the form of a written report for a BCMC publication.

## Application

Applicants for the BCMC Expedition Subsidy are required to submit the following information [exec@bcmc.ca](mailto:exec@bcmc.ca):

- An introduction to the expedition organizer and/or participants including their relevant background, qualifications, and experience
- A trip summary (one paragraph) including the trip title, an overview of the objective, the expected start and end dates, and location
- A detailed trip description including more detail on each of the trip summary items, an overview of your itinerary, and an explanation of why your trip is interesting or unique
- A description of known risks and how your team is committed to a safe expedition
- Your anticipated budget for the expedition
- Your plans to present your trip to the club upon your return; it is expected, at a minimum, that this will include a photo essay-style trip report or video blog and a presentation at an upcoming social event; however, if you have another creative medium to communicate with and inspire the club membership then please feel free to suggest. Your creativity on this item could win some major "points" with the selection committee.

## **Selection & Deadlines**

Approval and selection for the Expedition Subsidy Program is to be made by the BCMC Board of Directors with a majority vote. The successful expedition will be made based on the information presented in the Application package with a focus on the nature of the trip and what you can provide to the club upon your return.

Applications are accepted on an open basis.

## **Affinity Groups**

*By Kai Scott*

[Rainbow Ramblers](#) was launched in May 2025 as BCMC's pilot affinity group – creating space for connection, shared experiences, and community on and off the trail. Building on this momentum, we've developed a practical toolkit with templates and checklist to help members start their own affinity groups with ease. Reach out to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee at [edi@bcmc.ca](mailto:edi@bcmc.ca) to get started.

## **Watersprite Lake: Telling the tale of Watersprite to over 100 other BC based clubs**

*By Greg Hamilton*

The BCMC has been invited to tell the Watersprite Lake story via a webinar hosted by the Outdoor Rec Council of British Columbia ([www.ORBBC.ca](http://www.ORBBC.ca)) on June 2, 2026 from 12 pm to 1pm. As a BCMC member, you are welcome to virtually attend – you just have to register on their website.

Other clubs in the province (and the Province itself) are keenly interested in hearing how the BCMC put together the various pieces of what is now the Watersprite Rec Site. It's a story decades in the making and started with a vision during the Club's Centennial in 2007. Getting there involved consultation, negotiation, forging new partnerships, and a staggering amount of volunteer hours by hundreds of BCMC members to build the trail and hut.

The panel discussion will include:

- How the club worked with Recreation Sites and Trails BC to get the trail into the lake and hut built.
- Learnings from responding to overuse of the area and how the club found a way to protect the fragile alpine meadows around the lake.

- How a club member raised over \$75,000 in 90 days to build a new trail into the alpine above the lake. Then got the trail built in the next 4 months.
- And how the project fits into the club's long term vision for outdoor recreation in the area.

Expect a short presentation by the club, followed by a panel discussion and Q & A.

Club panelists include:

David Scanlon (past president of the BCMC) and club board member for one of the longest continuous stints on the board: 25 years....and current president of the BC Mountain Foundation. Watersprite exists because of David. It was his vision, perseverance and his decades of volunteer work that has resulted in the Watersprite "Hat Trick": the establishment of the trail, the hut and the rec site.

Cliff Eschner is a long term BCMC member, having taught a number of courses to members over the years. Cliff and Winifred Sawchuk are the current operators of the Watersprite Rec Site on behalf of the club

Greg Hamilton, BCMC president.

## **Martin Kafer has Passed Away**

*By Francis Bailey*

We are sad to announce that Martin Kafer passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Martin along with his wife Esther are some of the longest serving members of the BCMC and notable explorers of the Coast Mountains. They have made tremendous contributions to the mountaineering community throughout the years. A full article on Martin Kafer is being written for the forthcoming newsletter.

## Trip Reports

*The editor is in need of more trip reports for future newsletters! Have an old trip you never got around to writing? We want to see it! Submit your reports to [editor@bcmc.ca](mailto:editor@bcmc.ca).*

### Frenchman Coulee – Easter 2026

*By Neha Kulkarni*

If climbing basalt columns in a desert landscape shaped by volcanic fire and ice-age floods is your idea of a good long weekend, then Frenchman Coulee in Central Washington would not disappoint. I found myself there over the Easter weekend, as part of a BCMC climbing trip organized by Whitney.

#### Trip Stats

- **Location:** Frenchman Coulee, Central Washington
- **Driving time (door to door) from Vancouver:** 5-6 hours
- **Crags we climbed at:** The Feathers, Sunshine Wall, Zigzag Wall
- **Type of climbing:** Sport and Trad (we stuck to sport on this trip)
- **Things to note:** Beware of an active bee nest in the rock directly beside the trail, just past Shattered Columns on the way to Riverview crag

## Getting In



Nikita, Mai, and I left Vancouver at 5:30am on Friday and pulled into the primitive campground around 11 am. The transition from the typical PNW scenery of the Snoqualmie pass, to the open skies and high desert landscape after Ellensburg felt refreshing. The sunshine and the pleasant temperatures were a welcome change from rainy Vancouver.

Being one of the earlier parties on the scene, we could snag a nice spot for two cars and two tents in the middle of the campground. While waiting for the rest of the group, we enjoyed a peaceful lunch while admiring the view of the Feathers climbing area and the sage bush-filled land around us. An hour or so later, it was time to rack up. A little later, the rest of our group would meet us directly at the crag.

### **Day 1 of Climbing – The Feathers**

A two-minute walk took us to the south side of The Feathers. This is the easiest crag in the Coulee and with its short approach, a good area to get familiarized with climbing on basalt. The line of freestanding pillars, although not very tall, looked striking and was in the shade in the afternoon. Most routes seemed to have a high first bolt, so a stick clip would be very beneficial here.



All three of us were getting back to outdoor climbing after a while, so we started with really easy routes in the 5.fun range to get comfortable with the grooves, jugs, and crimpy features of the rock. We eventually moved on to 5.8/5.9 routes on faces and aretes. Nikita was the default rope gun for our group while Mai and I sometimes led and other times top roped. The routes felt a bit pumpy for their grades, or maybe it was just the lack of recent practice and the newness of the rock texture that made them feel that way.



Halfway through the session, we were joined by the remaining party that consisted of Whitney, Dustin, and Alex. We made our way to the sunny north side at some point and ended the day with a couple of 5.10a routes.



We made our way back to the campground by around 5pm. While most of us spent the evening lounging around in our camping chairs, sipping beer, and going for a short walk to watch the sunset, Whitney and Dustin set off on an adventurous traverse of The Feathers columns. Rated 5.6R, the traverse starts at the road and involves climbing across all the boulders and pillars from left to right. We had a great time watching our friends make their way across boulders and pillars, protecting themselves as much as they could (which apparently, wasn't much). After the first half of the traverse was done, they decided to bail as daylight was running out and joined us in time for dinner under the shining stars.



By late that night, the campground was full of cars, climbers, and a few campfires. I made myself cozy in my car camping setup and dozed off while looking at Orion through the window.

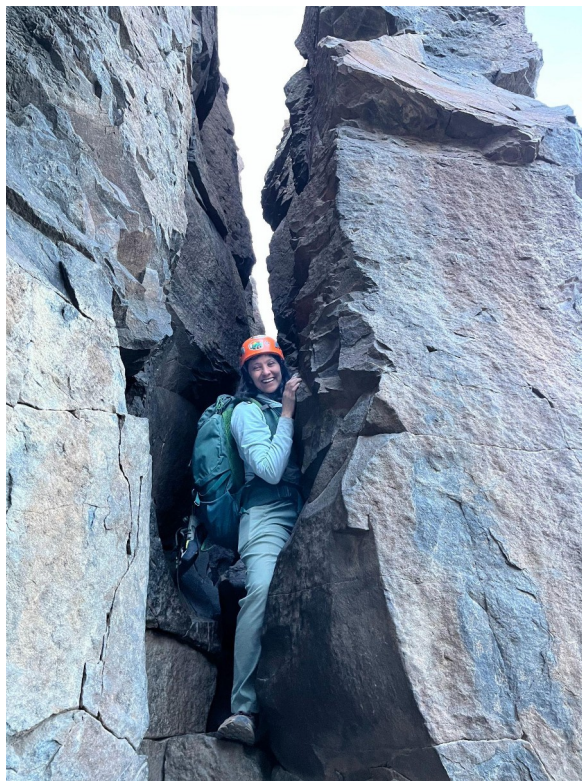
## Day 2 Climbing – Sunshine Wall

After dusting off the cobwebs at The Feathers, it was time to do some real climbing at the Sunshine Wall (Echo Basin) - the most popular, the most beautiful, and the quintessential Frenchman Coulee crag. The popularity is not without its reasons.

The roughly 30-min hike to the crag had us walking up a well-defined hiking trail to the top of a mesa. The longleaf flox flowers were in full bloom and the plateau was dotted with them. We walked a bit further until arriving at a rock slot/crevice that ultimately deposited us at the base of the columns. From this point on, we took the skier's right on the trail to get to the Sunshine Wall. The trail hugs tall basalt pillars on the right while a wide basin spreads out a few hundred feet below you to the left. The area is incredibly beautiful, and I couldn't stop myself from snapping multiple pictures.









Sunshine Wall is a large crag with solid routes for every level. It is also one of the busiest. It took us a while to get our bearing at the crag and find routes that were available. The routes here are long, and one can't help but admire the seemingly endless row of wavy columns stacked next to each other. Between the textured faces and the cracks between adjacent columns, there's no dearth of sport and trad routes for climbers of all levels.



Across from the crag, you could see the wide expanse of the Echo basin extending all the way into the Columbia river. The sky was an azure blue with a hawk soaring on thermals, and pigeons watching the climbers from the tops of the columns.



We had a great session of climbing in this sun-kissed landscape and eventually moved our base to some shaded alcoves in the Shattered Columns area. By afternoon, the sun had become too harsh and we were grateful for shaded climbing for the rest of the day. Our day ended at CornWall, part of the lower cliffs of the Sunshine wall.



Throughout the day, the climbing was varied and more enjoyable than the previous day. Some routes demanded a lot of forearm endurance, while others required careful route finding and balancing.

We climbed until almost sunset and returned to the campsite around 8pm, not before clicking a beautiful group photo at the top of the Sunshine Gully. Even more people had arrived that day, and the campground was bustling with campfires and the croaking of hundreds of frogs.





### Day 3 of Climbing – Zigzag Wall

This was going to be a shorter day of climbing as we had to start our drive back to Vancouver that afternoon. So we chose the Zigzag Wall for its proximity to the campground and its good mix of routes within our comfort range.



The climbing today went faster than the previous day. We were one of the first groups at the crag, and by this time, had gotten quite comfortable with the rock. For me personally, this was the best day as I had finally found my lead head and was getting into a good rhythm.

We wrapped up around 3 p.m. and, saying goodbye to the crag, returned to the campground to prepare for the drive home.

It had been a fantastic trip in a beautiful setting with an awesome crew, and I hope it is a portent of a good climbing season in 2026.

## Squamish Trad: A Week of Granite, Rain and Questionable Competition

*By Evan Zucchelli*

At some point during a week of nearly nonstop trad climbing in Squamish, a found carabiner from the Chief became the most contested prize in British Columbia.

The rules were simple: whoever sent the most climbs over the course of the trip would win the carabiner. The scoring system was vague, increasingly disputed, and probably changed several times depending on who was currently winning. Naturally, everyone became deeply invested.

The trip began with optimism at Smoke Bluffs, but the optimism did not last long. On day one we wandered away from the parking lot and found a steep 11a crack hidden a few minutes above a random cul-de-sac. I took repeated whippers on it almost immediately. It was a perfect introduction to Squamish: serious granite climbing hidden in plain sight, and a reminder that even the easy approaches could be humbling.



*Evan, Lorena, and Wayne after Hypertension (5.11a offwidth) on the last day of the trip.*

Over the next seven days, a rotating cast of climbers cycled in and out, but Wayne, Lorena, and I formed the core of the trip. Everyone climbed differently. Some projected harder trad lines. Some chased mileage. Some were doing their first multi-pitch climbs. Meanwhile, Lorena quietly began speed-running the leaderboard through sheer volume while top-rope soloing. While the rest of us

were suffering our way up proud Squamish routes, she would disappear for a session and return having casually sent what felt like half the guidebook.



*Looking out across Squamish between pitches.*

As the days went on, Squamish slowly recalibrated all of our standards. Routes that initially looked impossible started becoming normal objectives. Fear became routine. We stopped asking whether granite slabs were too wet and started asking whether they were probably dry enough. The weather never really stopped us from climbing, though. Squamish granite has a way of making even terrible ideas seem reasonable after enough days outside.

One of the defining days of the week was an attempt on Sunblessed. We arrived optimistic and immediately discovered that the wall was cold, wet, and completely uninspiring. Rather than admit defeat immediately, we spent nearly an hour huddled beneath the route trying to preserve body heat while waiting for the granite to dry. Wayne eventually escalated to wearing a garbage bag as emergency weather protection. We curled into ourselves, stared up at wet streaks running

down the slab, and slowly accepted reality. After enough shivering and false optimism, we bailed. It was probably the correct decision.



*Mouth of Madness (5.11a) on the first day of the trip.*



*Wayne improvising weather protection while waiting for Sunblessed to dry.*

The rest of the week blurred into a pattern of granite weirdness and endurance: squeeze chimneys that felt more like cave exploration than climbing, endless slab pitches where falling felt theoretically survivable but emotionally unacceptable, and long days at the Bluffs punctuated by evening discussions of route recommendations, skin management, and near disasters. I managed to blow a sizable hole in one of my fingers fairly early in the week, which became less of a problem and more of a recurring logistical theme. Tape accumulated. Skin disappeared. Everyone kept climbing anyway.

At one point I experimented with top-rope soloing myself, partly inspired by Lorena's increasingly dominant tactical position in the carabiner standings. Wayne also reached a real milestone by top-rope soloing his first 5.9, High Mountain Woody. In the middle of a week full of damp rock, flappers, and changing plans, that felt like a genuine achievement.



*Wayne topping out High Mountain Woody, his first 5.9 on top-rope solo*

Not every memory from the week is lighthearted. On one day, Wayne and I teamed up with Jimmy's mentorship group; Wayne was one of Jimmy's mentees. One mentee got on a 5.9 route that we later learned had a reputation for ankle injuries. At the crux, he placed a piece, fell, the piece popped, and he landed on a ledge, breaking his ankle. It was a sharp reminder that even familiar terrain and moderate grades can have serious consequences.

Still, what I remember most is the strange rhythm that develops after climbing together for that many consecutive days. Life became very small and very simple: wake up, check the weather, drive somewhere, climb granite, compare route recommendations, eat, recover slightly, and repeat. By the end of the trip we were speaking almost entirely in route names, crack sizes, and weather forecasts.

The finale came on Hypertension, an 11a offwidth at Murrin Park that felt like an appropriately absurd conclusion to the trip. By then everyone was exhausted, weathered, slightly damaged, and completely adapted to Squamish climbing life.



*A dizzying look down from a belay station on Blazing Saddles (5.10b).*

And in the end, after a week of granite suffering, route chasing, whippers, rain delays, skin loss, firsts, and increasingly competitive scorekeeping, Lorena officially claimed the carabiner.

Honestly, nobody else really stood a chance.



*The kind of Squamish climbing that makes you feel like a blood vessel's soon to pop (Hypertension, 5.11a).*



*Lorena officially claiming the found Chief carabiner after a week of increasingly competitive scorekeeping.*

# The Table

*By Francis Bailey*

The Garibaldi Lake area is surrounded by many unique and somewhat iconic peaks owing to its volcanic nature and glacial activity. Perhaps the most famous of all is The Black Tusk, but Phyllis's Engine, Mount Garibaldi and Panorama Ridge certainly rise to a level of their own. From many vistas throughout the region you can also see another icon of the area: The Table. This mountain has a foreboding reputation for being a technical and dangerous climb and its seldom climbed compared to any other summit in the area. The Table is a special type of volcano known as a "tuya". Tuyas are formed by sub-glacial volcanos which erupt under the glacier and eventually break through and result in a flat-topped surface. There's a few examples nearby including Ring Mountain and Little Ring Mountain.

The first ascent was in 1916 by the prolific mountaineer, Tom Fyles. He soloed up and down and made a second ascent in 1922 with Neal Carter and Bill Wheatley. Since then there have been a surprising number of ascents and attempts for such a rotten and challenging route. The East ridge is the only successful route to have been climbed, but attempts have been made from the distinct "tea-cup handle" on the other side. I have read that the route has changed drastically since the first ascent with the arete getting much steeper and more technical. While the amount of rock that cleaves off with each ascent is staggering, I don't know how much stock I take into the route becoming significantly harder. I feel it's fair to say that Tom Fyles was simply an elite level mountaineer and climber; doubly so to climb up and down solo in the pre-climbing shoe era.

Despite all of these recorded ascents there was still a bit of mystery around the mountain. Scant details existed on what the route looked like and subsequent climbers probably didn't leave much of a record on account of it already being climbed. That changed just a few weeks ago when Lukas Fournier made a lead rope solo ascent of The Table and shared the details around the internet. From the photos, the rock looked better than expected and lower angle. It seemed plausible that an ascent might go without exceptional danger.

Fast forward to the first week of February and Steven reached out to see if I was free on a Friday. In my current work circumstances that would be a no-go, but for an attempt on The Table, I made it happen. The party consisted of Noah Macdonald, who I had done Nursery Peak with and his friend Nick Ayers. Three of us would be able to lead the crux pitch if needed, so it was as good of a team as any. There's only one other "pitch" which is supposedly a knife edge traverse to the summit.

Steven suggested we hit the trail by 4am and Nick and Noah on skis would start one hour later. That's a long day with little sleep, but sometimes it's worth the slog. I met Steven in North Vancouver and a couple of hours later we were ascending up Rubble Creek by head lamp. Our timing had us catch the sunrise right as we started across Garibaldi Lake. I had never been across yet, but I've heard from many others its a downright slog. By some luck, the lake was in shape to be a skating rink and we were able to glide across large sections making for a more entertaining approach.

As we neared the base of Mount Price, we could see Nick and Noah reach the start of the lake. It looked like we might all reach Table bay around the same time. We pressed on at our own pace and once we reached the bay we donned snow shoes and booted up the forest. A few steep sections of elevation later and we were on the final ridge to The Table. Seeing the arete in person was intimidating. I could spot a reasonable line, but the exposure was phenomenal. Certainly a wild climb.

Nick and Noah reached us 10-15 minutes later and we spared no time racking up. Noah was to take the first pitch and the second pitch was still up in the air. I offered to belay Noah and we set off up a short section of snow to the base of the route. I found an overhanging alcove that would provide shelter from the impending rock fall and settled in. With a quick check of the gear, Noah set off.

After an hour of endless rock showers and delicate committing climbing, Noah reached the anchor near the end of the rope. Nick offered that I second up which meant I could take the second pitch and with that I headed up with a tagline in tow. The first section was low 5th and overall quite solid. That took me to a notch where the angle picked up and the rock became quite loose. This was probably the crux section and required a careful sequence of compression moves and plenty of floundering in search of something solid. The feet were atrocious and I had at least one foot hold blow on route. I was careful to kick check everything, but one way or another you'll have to rely on at least one loose hold to get up.

Above this crux section the angle eased off a bit, but the rock continued to be much looser than expected. One more near vertical section required some thinking and soon after I reached Noah at the anchor. A proud lead for Noah to say the least! We setup a fixed line for Steven and Nick to follow and I set off on the ridge to finish up the leading. The ridge proved to be a bit more complicated than it first appeared with several loose sections requiring careful negotiation. I don't think it ever exceeded 4th class though. I reached the snow capped plateau and built a dead man anchor and belayed Noah up.



We did a tour of the summit and plateau while Steven and Nick worked their way up and followed the fixed lines across the ridge. Everyone was standing on the summit by 2PM. Later than expected, but not surprising given the nature of the climb and getting 4 climbers up it.





The next task was getting off. I went first and used the fixed line all the way back to the anchor where I started setting up our double rope rappel. Noah joined me at the station and we double checked everything including another examination of the 4 pin anchor. Satisfied, I cast the ropes over the face and headed down. The wind unfortunately snarled the ropes and I had stop several times to untangle them. I unexpectedly ended up in an over hanging rappel at the bottom being spun by the wind while trying to further remedy the mess of ropes. It was quite a relief to finally reach the ground after that!

Everyone else made it down safely and we packed up for the descent. It was 3:30PM now and looking like we'd be returning in the dark. Thankfully, the return is quite trivial. Noah and Nick departed on skis while Steven and I made our way down on show shoes. We leap frogged past each other multiple times.

As we neared the end of the lake, a bout of rain and snow rolled in and threatened to drench us, but it's sporadic nature offered some reprieve. Once we were in the forest, the precipitation subsided and we reached the car just after 7PM.

## Join the BCMC!

Get on board with the BC Mountaineering Club! For many, getting outside isn't just about the objective – along the way, you meet incredible folks who share your passion for adventure, challenge, and incredible spaces. If you aren't yet a member of the BCMC, find your community, take part in trips, and even learn new skills by joining today. Head to [the BCMC website](#) for more details and instructions to sign up.

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