

# Eagle Mountain



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Eagle Mountain has to be one of the closest mountain hikes to Red Deer. Just a two hour drive to the Beaverdam Provincial Recreation Area. The hike started out much shorter than anticipated as our wonderful trip coordinator (Pat) had the combination to the gate which meant we got to drive the next 2km rather than walk. The trailhead is past the firewood piles on the right. The start of the trail is easy to follow as it was logged many years ago, shortly there after the trail starts to go up in various stages. This trail is also part of the Eagle Ridge trail which if you do not pay attention to the trail markers (go left instead of more worn to the right) you will end up on the wrong trail. Unfortunately after all the up we just went on, you start going back down the into a valley to get to the base of Eagle

Mountain. From then on it is straight up to the peak, lots of bare, easy to walk on slab is available.

The seven of us made it up to the top (first time in a long time that a CAMC event had more men than women). The views are quite extensive until it was noticed that there was this loan dark looking cloud heading for us.



Resulting in my first bare mountain-top hail storm. Nothing much to do but rain gear up and turn your back to the storm.



Cloud was nice enough to move on, sun peaked out and we continued on our merry way back down the way we came. Important note is that before one heads up the mountain,

make sure you mark/remember where you came out at as one could spend lots of time trying to find the trail.

On the way back there were small periods of rain and all made it back to the trail head.  
Thanks Pat for coordinating.