

Coliseum Mountain was my 2nd hike with the club.

It started out great! The weather was nice and cool (great temperature for hiking) and the rain was holding off. After multiple switchbacks we stopped and had a bite to eat closer to the top of the tree line which to me was awesome because there were so many rocks (I'm a rock hound). The scenery awesome! Then the rain started. It started as a drizzle that was totally manageable and actually quite nice because you get so warm so quickly but that changed to cold really quick, as it sometimes happens.



After our snack Zen and Terry scouted out ahead to see how the next leg of the trek was going to be because by the time we had eaten, the wind had picked up big time!

We had to go over a bit of scree, which for me was a little daunting because I've never done it before but everyone hustled along and braved the biting wind and rain that just seemed to get fiercer every minute! Lucky we weren't exposed for too long and soon we were back in the trees again. There was some snow to crossover, which was mostly hard packed but in some places my foot did fall through and it was almost to my knee!



Unfortunately the views were lacking pretty much the whole time due to the weather. The clouds were hanging so low, you were lucky if you could see 10 feet out.



Finally the summit was in view (kind of) and walking up there I have never in my life felt wind/rain/snow as bone chillingly cold as that blowing into my face. Now I think I know how the penguins in the Antarctic feel sitting on their eggs lol. We all made it up though and got some group pictures, which I hope turned out :).

On the way back down the rain ended up turning into snow, but I tell you, it was the most beautiful snowflakes (the awesome big fluffy ones!!), it was gorgeous. Especially being back among the trees away from the wind, lol.

The way back down was slow for me. I pulled a muscle in my hip, which really sucked :( I hobbled down slowly and a few members hung back and walked with me, which I really appreciated!! Being the newbie of the group I was feeling a bit self-conscious about it but everyone was great!!!

Once we made it back down to the bottom we went into Nordegg where everyone ordered delicious looking homemade pie and something warm to drink (it was needed!). I myself had grilled cheese, which was very yummy!

Despite the weather and lack of views it was still a really fun hike, with really awesome people!! I look forward to future hikes with the club!!

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