

## EAGLE MOUNTAIN

June 23, 2018

Our group left Red Deer at 7 am and headed west for the Nordegg area to meet with a couple of new members at the Beaverdam trailhead. Weather was looking good for morning though cloudy and muggy but forecast for possible thundershowers in the late afternoon. Fortunately, with the combination to the locked gate we were able to bypass a few km walking on old road into woodlot to trailhead and back. We set out with a group of 6 on main trail that leads to outlier Eagle Ridge. The trail up the steep section was in excellent condition, just wet enough to give good grip and not so wet as to be slippery. However, there were a few signs of bear including this tree with the bark clawed off. Flowers such as orchids, shooting stars, yellow arnica, and bunch berry were in abundance.



We bypassed the junction of trail to the ridge and continued on until we reached a flagged (courtesy of Rocky hikers) game trail leading through the trees and around to the base of Eagle mountain summit where we picked our way up scree and slab rock to the top. The sun was shining though the wind picked up as we watched an impending storm approach from the northeast.



So after a quick lunch we headed down – getting only a brief rain shower as we entered the trees. Then the sun came out and we had an easy trip down. A great day was had by all!

