

Trip Report for August 9th and 10th weekend: Saddle & Fairview Mountains and Iceline



On Saturday 9 of us hiked to Saddleback and climbed Saddle Mountain to enjoy great views while we had lunch, then we hiked down and up Fairview to enjoy even more views and an afternoon snack and a nap. There weren't a lot of people on the trail which was surprising given its location. Most of us went out to supper at Bill Peytos and then headed to Whiskey Jack Hostel for the night.

On Sunday 6 of us got an early start and hiked the Iceline trail to the Stanley Mitchell Hut where we had lunch with the gophers. After lunch we hiked the Little Yoho Valley Trail to Celeste Lake Trail and reconnected with the Incline Trail ~ 25 km in total.

The thoughts of the others:

Elsie - "It was great and at the end of the trail I could say Life is Good!"

Jane - "The mountains are such an awesome time out for me. I love the hikes around Lake Louise and really enjoyed hiking up the rocks to the top of Saddle Mountain. The view from the top of Fairview was outstanding. I liked the fact that we were able to summit two very different peaks in one hike"



Janice - "Two Summits in one day! A steep climb in the end but the views of the Lake Louise area and the surrounding mountains was incredible. A well-deserved long rest on the summit to enjoy the views. Incline was a grunty climb in the beginning but then we were rewarded with incredible hiking and views above the treeline for hours. The weekend: great hiking weather, great views with lots of visibility and great friendship!"

Phil - "After completing a very enjoyable hike up and down Saddle and



Fairview Mountains, 6 great gals and one guy sat down for a nice meal with a refreshment. At one point, the topic of conversation between the 6 gals was make-up. After listening for 5-10 minutes to who wears what (make-up) on a hike, I rudely interrupted the discussion and ask if we can talk about something else like hockey!"

Amanda - "I loved both hikes; however the thing that stuck in my mind was how great the Whiskey Jack Hostel was. It wasn't our intention to sit on the porch chatting all night however at about 9 PM the hostel manager told us we were banished to the fire in case other guests wanted to sleep... not really a hardship since there was a fire going. We were joined by a wonderful family of five and a couple of other guests and thoroughly enjoyed the visit with everyone. Even Phil managed to find a guy to talk football with:) "



Pat - "Favourite part of the hike was day 2 on Incline trail in Yoho. Even though it was a long day, 25 km, I enjoyed the hike across the different rock formations. The huge buried boulders that formed a smooth paved walkway were the best part and the view was tremendous."



Tamara - The highlight is always the climbing. The higher the better so being at the top of two different summits the first day was fabulous. Walking along the top of Incline for such a distance was also great. The views and unique rock formations caused by the glaciers was another highlight. The fire, wine, meeting new people and good conversation at the hostel was also very enjoyable."



