

## Rockbound Lake and Cory Pass

### KARI-ANNE'S TRIP REPORT

(Participants: Bob, Ann, Mark, Pat, Kari-Anne)

Castle Mountain Hostel was our home for a couple of nights. The host was chatty and the place was clean. The morning brought us sunshine and we were quite happy to head for ROCKBOUND LAKE. The trail led us through the forest for the first couple of hours, and as we got to higher elevation, we entered the meadows and Tower Lake. Wildflowers were all in bloom. The trail continued to climb quite steep from there, but in 15min we were up and had reached our destination; Rockbound Lake. The views were spectacular all around. The water seemed very high as wildflowers was growing under water. It was a great day, except the mosquitoes were thick and spray was a must.



Next day we were heading for CORY PASS. (Participants: Ann, Mark, Pat, Kari-Anne)

We were doing the 13km loop. I was thankful for that after I was told that returning the same way was a knee jarring experience. We started the climb; very steep. They were not kidding when the book said: "Do not underestimate the physical exertion that this hike requires", but with the encouragement of my fellow hikers I made it up. It was worth it. Beauty everywhere you looked. Mount Louis was magnificent. It was a little bit of snow left right at the pass, but we had a warm and sunny day, well until the last 2 hours of our hike. We came down from the pass into beautiful Gargoyles Valley and luckily into the trees when thunder and lightning started and the sky let loose. We all got soaked to say the least, but the sun was shining again when we reached the cars, and although some aches and pain, it was a good day.

