

## **Hollyburn Peak Trail**

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With eight BOC members we started on Sunday morning our hike to Hollyburn Peak. The weather was foggy with clearing periods to give us a peak of some blue sky once in a while. The trail at the beginning was a wide gravel path that in the winter is used by cross-country skiers. At the warming hut we turned onto a regular narrow hiking trail. About 40 minutes on the hike, we spotted a black bear in the distance who was busy eating berries. The bear turned his back to us when we got closer. We enjoyed eating the blueberries as well.

The leaves of the berry bushes and other vegetation had turned red with some yellow to provide us with a colorful hike. It was very quiet on the trail and when we reached the summit, we were the only people there. Unfortunately, the low hanging clouds only gave us a glimpse of the surrounding mountains.

After lunch we returned on the same trail back to the parking lot. We met several people on the trail who mentioned that they had seen a bear, but we didn't see it.

This was a good hike, even with a limited view that we had at the top of Hollyburn Peak.