

Trip Report: Hollyburn Peak, Cypress Mountain Oct. 14 th , 2023

On Oct. 14 th 11 BOC hikers set out for a hike on Cypress Mountain with the goal of reaching Hollyburn Peak. Even though the clouds were heavy and rain was looming, the weather report promised no rain until 6 p.m. For once it was correct!

We arrived at the beginning of the Hollyburn Trail at approximately 0905 a.m. and started our climb up along the trail that ran parallel to the power line. We were met by the Mountain Rangers who impressed us with their drive up the steep rocks and debris. The trail to Hollyburn is well marked and we had no problem following the trail and trail markers. The ground was wet and damp and we often found ourselves walking in small streams within the paths. When we entered under thicker parts of the forest, the wind would help the trees sprinkle us with water droplets.

Unfortunately we were not met with a view at the top of the Hollyburn (perhaps next time) but we still enjoyed our lunch on the peak. Small grey and white birds joined us for lunch time hoping for some treats. They were not shy and were very entertaining to watch as they swooped by us in their attempts to steal food.

On our descent to the parking lot we found many different and unusual of mushrooms. We stopped to admire and take photos of them. One of the hikers commented that they had never seen mushrooms such as these before, only in children's fairy tale books and named them the Princess Mushrooms.

After 9.5 km of hiking we found ourselves back at our cars. Content to have hiked one more day without rain.

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