

Mystery Falls and Historic Mushroom hike

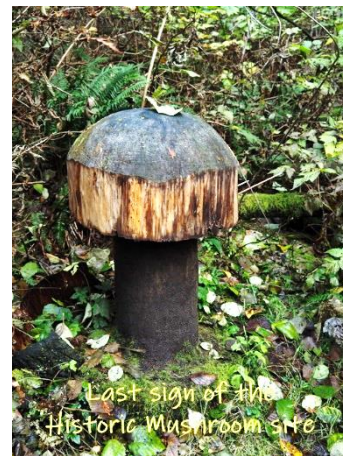
November 18, 2023 – Gerard Laman

We were very fortunate with the weather; the forecast for several days had been only rain for Saturday. But on Saturday, November 18th, we had clear sky, and no need for rain gear. With 10 club members we started our hike on the Baden Powell Trail that would lead via the Mushroom Trail to the Mystere Falls, from there we hiked to the location of the original spot of the Historic Mushroom Parking Lot. Unfortunately, the sign about the history of the name “Historic Mushroom Parking Lot” is no longer at this site, only a simple sculpture. See the photos below.

In 1936 Mount Seymour Park was established and cars drove up the Old Buck Road to the Mushroom Parking Lot at an elevation of 400 m. Visitors parked their car and had to hike then the rest of the way to an elevation of 1000 m. The Mount Seymour Parkway was completed in 1950 and the Mushroom Parking Lot was no longer needed.



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From here we returned via the Old Buck Trail and the Baden Powell Trail back to our cars. We had started the hike on series of easy board walks, but this changed later to some steep rocky sections that required some scrambling. At the end of the hike, we had to descend on the same rocky section and we were happy when we cleared this section safely.

We were all very satisfied that we had a great hike on a beautiful day

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