

Historic Mushroom Trail

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We had six members signed up for our hike. The weather was good for hiking, dry and not too hot. We started the hike at Hyannis point and followed the Baden Powell Trail. The first part of the trail is a mixture of easy boardwalks but after that some scrambling up steep sections are required. We stopped at the original location of the Mushroom Parking Lot. There was only a sign showing the picture of this manmade mushroom that provided some shelter and the reason for this parking lot.

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 Park Way was completed in 1950 and the Mushroom Parking Lot was no longer needed.

We continued our hike to a picnic area for a snack break. After this break we started on the Old Buck Trail and continued this hike and returning via the Baden Powell Trail. We had our lunch at a section of the trail where bikers had to ride over some planks to clear the wet area and creek, this provided some entertainment.

We all had a good time hiking.