

This very popular trip in Garibaldi Provincial Park was rescheduled from a Sunday to a Tuesday, due to the difficulty of obtaining the parking pass required by the BC Parks reservation system. Our convoy of two cars passed through the checkpoint and we began hiking the 11 km trail. It is a steady uphill climb to Red Heather Hut at the 5 km marker, shortly after which a juvenile bear was spotted eating blueberries about 20 meters from the path. It was too busy to pay attention to anything else, but we quickly began to copy the bear and were finding plenty of tasty blueberries and huckleberries ourselves. The day was mostly cloudy and as we entered the alpine area only a few obscured mountain views were present. After the high point the trail descends to the two Elfin Lakes, which are in a beautiful setting. Here we had a relaxing lunch and explored the nearby campground and former lodge area. On the journey back to the trailhead, a few more viewpoints appeared which revealed the magnificence of this area.

Thanks to Gerard for the fine photos, and to Su-June for her dedication in making this trip a reality!

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