

## **Whyte Lake**

May 23, 2021 – Gerard Laman

At 9am 5 BOC hikers met at parking lot for the hike to Whyte Lake. This parking lot is small and was almost filled-up by the time we left.

The trail follows the Nelson Creek that has some steep ravines crossed by falling trees. Along the creek stood some giant old growth trees with such as Western Cedar and Douglas Fir. After a short while we reached Whyte Lake and noticed the new floating deck. The old one was badly damaged by falling trees and ice. Some logs from the old deck were still visible. We tested the water with our hand but found it a little bit cold.

We hiked to the opposite side of the lake where we had a rest. First there were three dogs going for a swim and when we left three more dogs came. We followed a small trail with a little bit of scrambling to the Baden Powell trail that takes you to Black Mountain. This trail starts as a forestry road but changes quickly into a narrow and rocky trail that follows and crosses a small creek. At about 11 o'clock we had a snack break in a secluded but sunny spot in the forest.

After this short break we returned to Whyte Lake for lunch at the floating dock. Three brave kids started to jump several times in the water and when they were shivering pretending that it was not cold. After having finished our lunch and having been entertained we hiked back to the parking lot.

We all agreed that we had a great time.