

Black Mountain

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At 9am on a sunny Sunday morning seven BOC members gathered in the front of the Black Mountain Lodge. This name is a suitable name for our hike to Black Mountain.

The first 2km of the trail is a steep climb but fortunately it was mostly in the shade of the trees. Even this early in the morning the sun was hot.

We had a look at Cabin Lake that was already crowded with people and swimmers. We continued our hike to the highest of the two Black Mountain peaks, seven meters higher than the more popular Black Mountain. Here we had an unobstructive view of the Two Lions.

After a quick snack we returned to Cabin Lake and continued to the second Black Mountain.

Surprisingly we were the only ones there when we reached the summit. The view was not too clear and probably caused by wild fires.

It was too early to stop here for lunch and so we decided to continue our hike to Sam Lake and stop there for lunch and a swim. We found our secluded spot and two of our party enjoyed the swim.

After lunch we had to hike back up to the elevation of Cabin Lake before we started our descent to the parking lot. Just before the parking lot there was a sign to Yew Lake and several of the group had never seen this lake so we decided to add a short walk to the hike and have a look at this small lake.

We all had a great hike and were happy that we had started early because it was really getting hot in the afternoon.