

Mystery Falls and Historic Mushroom hike

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With ten club members we started the hike at the Old Buck trailhead. The weather forecast was for some rain so we were prepared. Our destination was Mystery Falls. This name was appropriate because the falls was not known the group, except for the hike leaders. They had discovered this in June of this year. It had been dry for many weeks so we were not surprised that the falls were dry. The photo dated 2022-06-23 show the falls with some water. We stopped here for a short break to have a snack.

After this break we continued the hike to the Historic Mushroom. The Mushroom parking lot at the end of Mushroom Trail, was built in the 1920s as that was how far the road went up Mt Seymour. People could park their car there and then hike up to go skiing. When a new road to the top of the mountain was built in the 1950s the Historic Mushroom became obsolete as people could drive to the top, ski and return home on the same day. Many years ago, you could still find the old shelter there in the shape of a mushroom with some signs explaining what it was all about. Alas, it disappeared. And now the sign has disappeared this year as well. What a pity! See the photo dated 2021-10-24.

We continued our hike to a picnic area across the Seymour Road where we stopped for lunch. At this time, it started with a light rain. Fortunately, the trail was under the trees and the rain didn't bother us. We followed the Old Buck Trail, going downhill, to return to the parking lot.

We all had a good time and we agreed to visit the Mystery Falls again when there is a large water flow, maybe in the spring.