

Sawblade Falls, Burke Mountain

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Eight BOC members met on a Saturday morning to hike on Burke Mountain. It was not raining as we started the hike. Woodland Walk was the first of the forest trails. There were some moderate sized puddles but not too muddy.

At the end of Woodland Walk we came out to a wide BC Hydro gravel road. The clouds hugged the side of the hillside. Normally we would be enjoying a view of Mount Beautiful, Dilly Peak and Eagle Ridge. We crossed a bridge with Pritchett creek to our right. We then went back into the forest and started to follow the Lower Loop Trail.

We stopped for a group picture at an enormous stump. There are numerous large stumps in this forest from the extensive logging done long ago. Woodland Falls was our next stop. We then started to climb quite a steep trail that connects to the Upper Loop trail. A short walk led us to Sawblade Falls. We didn't take the trail down to the Falls as the rain would have made it too slippery. We stopped for lunch.

We went back down following the Upper Loop Trail which then intersected with the Lower Loop Trail. As we walked along the BC Hydro road the rain started to come down heavily. The puddles on Woodland Walk had now become quite large. We arrived back at the vehicles very wet, but thankful for the experience of being in such a beautiful forest.

A big thank you to Gerard for helping me organize this hike!