

Hayward Lake Reservoir hike

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On Saturday morning, that was fortunately dry, we started our hike with ten club members from the Steelhead Parking lot that is on the east side of the Hayward Lake.

After about one kilometer we crossed the Steelhead River and this gave us a look of the top of Steelhead Falls. We left the main trail and followed the trail along Steelhead River to the bottom of the waterfall. This waterfall is beautiful with about a 25-meter drop.

The Hayward Lake Reservoir was created with the construction of the Steve Falls Dam and the Ruskin Dam. This project, that is to produce hydroelectricity, was completed in 1930.

After the Steelhead Falls we continued our hike and saw lots of trilliums on the trail and everything was very bright green with moss, lichen and ferns. After about 4km we encountered a large mudslide that blocked the trail and no hiking was possible pass this point. This mudslide had happened in 2022 and we had hoped that this would have been cleared up but unfortunately it was still not possible to pass this area safely. We selected to stop here for lunch and after lunch we returned on the trail back to the parking lot.

We had a great hike with a great waterfall and scenic views and also great weather for hiking.

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