

Trip Report Elk Thurston Trail, July 1st, 2024

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14 enthusiastic BOC hikers woke up early on Monday, July 1st to ensure they reach Burnaby City Hall by 7:00 am.

Once there, each of the hikers was handed a piece of her special homemade banana bread by Catherine. The unexpected treat immediately put everyone in even better moods. We pooled together into three cars and began our drive towards Chilliwack.

The early morning start helped us secure convenient parking spots and we started hiking the Elk-Thurston trail under Su-Jane's expert leadership.

The Elk Mountain lookout provided us with an unbeatable view of endless wildflowers, Chilliwack River Valley, Cultus Lake and Mount Baker.

After having an early lunch, singing O Canada and taking some photos and videos at the peak, we continued our hike along the Elk-Thurston Ridge. On the ridge, we enjoyed more breathtaking scenery and at times even walked through descending fog. At 1:00 pm, it was time for us to turn around and hike back.

On our way to the parking lot, Winnie was serenaded in four languages as we all wished her a very Happy Birthday in English, Mandarin, Hindi and Dutch.

After 7 hours and 15 minutes of hiking (including rest periods - for eating, singing, relaxing, photo shoots etc.), we reached the parking lot at 3:45 pm.

It was a fantastic way to spend Canada Day - perfect weather, abundant wild flowers, amazing views, fantastic company, great exercise! We piled back into our cars, feeling satisfied and grateful.

Huge thanks to our hike leader Su-Jane, our end persons Sandy and Amit, and our drivers Amit, Jacques and Su-Jane for making this beautiful excursion possible for us.