

## Chadsey Lake – April 18, 2021

Five of us met at 9:30am outside Tim Hortons in Abbotsford (but did not go in for doughnuts!) and then drove about 15 minutes to the trail-head. Normally we expect to see a few cars parked on the gravel road by the trailhead, but on this day, there were over 30 cars parked along the road. Maybe a reflection of the effect of COVID restrictions on other available activities.

This hike is also referred to as “the annual great Trillium count”. For some reason Sumas Mountain, or at least the area around the trail to Chadsey Lake, has an abundance of Trilliums which bloom at this time in Spring. During our ascent of the trail to Chadsey Lake we spotted about 85 Trilliums in bloom. Not quite equal to the record of a few years ago, but pretty close!

As we neared the lake, we saw lots of small groups of people and dogs (and one cat on a leash!). It seemed a number of people had also decided to have lunch at the lake. But we found a spot without difficulty and enjoyed lunch at the edge of the water, in dappled sunshine.

Going back down the trail was uneventful and we arrived back at the cars by about 4pm. By this time most of the other cars had left. However, the gravel road, which is quite steep by the trail-head, was very dusty and our cars were covered in a layer of fine dust after being parked there for several hours.

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