

Lake Ann (Mount Baker), October 6, 2019

At one point there were 14 people signed up for this trip but several cancelled, for various reasons, and there were 8 of us who piled into 2 vehicles for the long drive to Mount Baker. After a quick stop at the Ranger station in Glacier we continued to the trail head, which is a short distance before Artists Point.

This trail involves descending 180m to a lovely valley at the start of the hike before climbing 300m up to the pass leading to Lake Ann. Of course this also means ascending 180m back up to the parking area at the end of the hike!

We had good weather for this trip, unlike a few days later when there was 20cm on snow in the area! The trail ascended easily over some rough, rocky terrain and at a couple of places required some careful footwork to cross large creeks which are fed by glacier and snow melt. Picas serenaded us as we worked our way up the trail.

Lake Ann was an almost perfect reflecting pond when we arrived at the pass. The sun kindly emerged as we sat down to eat our lunches and warmed us as we ate. Mount Shuksan towered above us and the Curtis Glacier framed the base of the mountain. On the other side, we gazed into the clear waters of Lake Ann. A lovely place.

All too soon we had to set off back to the trailhead. From there, one carload returned directly to Burnaby, while the other made a diversion for a quick coffee in Glacier - to make sure the driver stayed alert for the long drive home!

Thanks to Gerard for driving the other vehicle.

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