

# Trip Report and photos for Lower Hollyburn, July 21

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Good day hiking, though planned route was neglected and without proper signage. Lower Hollyburn Loop is not one we'll recommend. Started with a great panoramic view of Lower Mainland, English Bay and beyond from the Cypress Park Picnic grounds. No other hikers around, followed a powerline and waded through narrow, overgrown sections, hoping to find adequate signage. We ended up back on the West side and never found Baden Powell Trail on the East side of the loop. Instead, we found ourselves scrambling up a difficult bike path, thankfully before the bikers arrived. Aiming for West Lk, we took West Lake Rd., but opted to turn into the historic Hollyburn Ridge Cabin area. A nice cabin occupant directed us to the correct trail from there. West Lake was very pleasant and cool, so we rested there. One of us swam in the warm water as clouds formed above. From there, a little rain fell as we took a Nordic ski path to Hollyburn Lodge and First Lake. We found the intended return route which nicely took us into the cabins area again but degenerated into a run-off gully then became an access road. Back at the bike paths, we searched for the rest of the Old Forks Trail, only to find it closed! Was supposed to be reopened in Fall of 2023! What to do? With lots of cyclists about, some lovely young biking men took pity and drove us back to our starting point.