Tucked away just a short distance from Highway 99 and downtown Squamish is the popular rock climbing area of Smoke Bluffs. For the non-climber, there is a lovely moderate loop hiking trail which passes very close to some of the imposing granite slabs. Also on offer are pleasant viewpoints of Howe Sound, along with delicious thimbleberries.

After completing this excursion, our second trip involved a short drive to the Mamquam River trail for a stroll beside its rushing waters. Later we found a suitable place for basking in the sun. A great day with few other hikers encountered!

Jim McCavour