

Buntzen Lakeview Hike – Jan. 21 st , 2023

On Saturday morning around 9:20 a.m. 6 BOC members and 2 guests met to hike the Buntzen Lake View Trail. The day opened with sun but as we started on the trek the clouds came rolling in and a light sprinkle of rain began. There were some smoother, flatter parts to the beginning of the trail but as soon as we started the Lakeview trail, the trail transformed into a series of ascents and descents often on rocks. The forested areas gave way to lush green foliage and furry moss that embraced larger rocks, almost feeling like a mini–Emerald City. A few hikers decided to go off the trail a short distance to check out a viewpoint where they found a roaring waterfall display located on the north side of the lake. We returned via the Buntzen Lake Trail as the suspension bridge was unavailable for use that day. The weather declined further as we started our return, and we only stopped a few minutes to have lunch as there was hardly a dry spot to be found. Bucketing rain hastened our hike back to the parking lot and despite this we all remained together as one group and returning to the parking lot safely. Our hike ended at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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