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Introduction

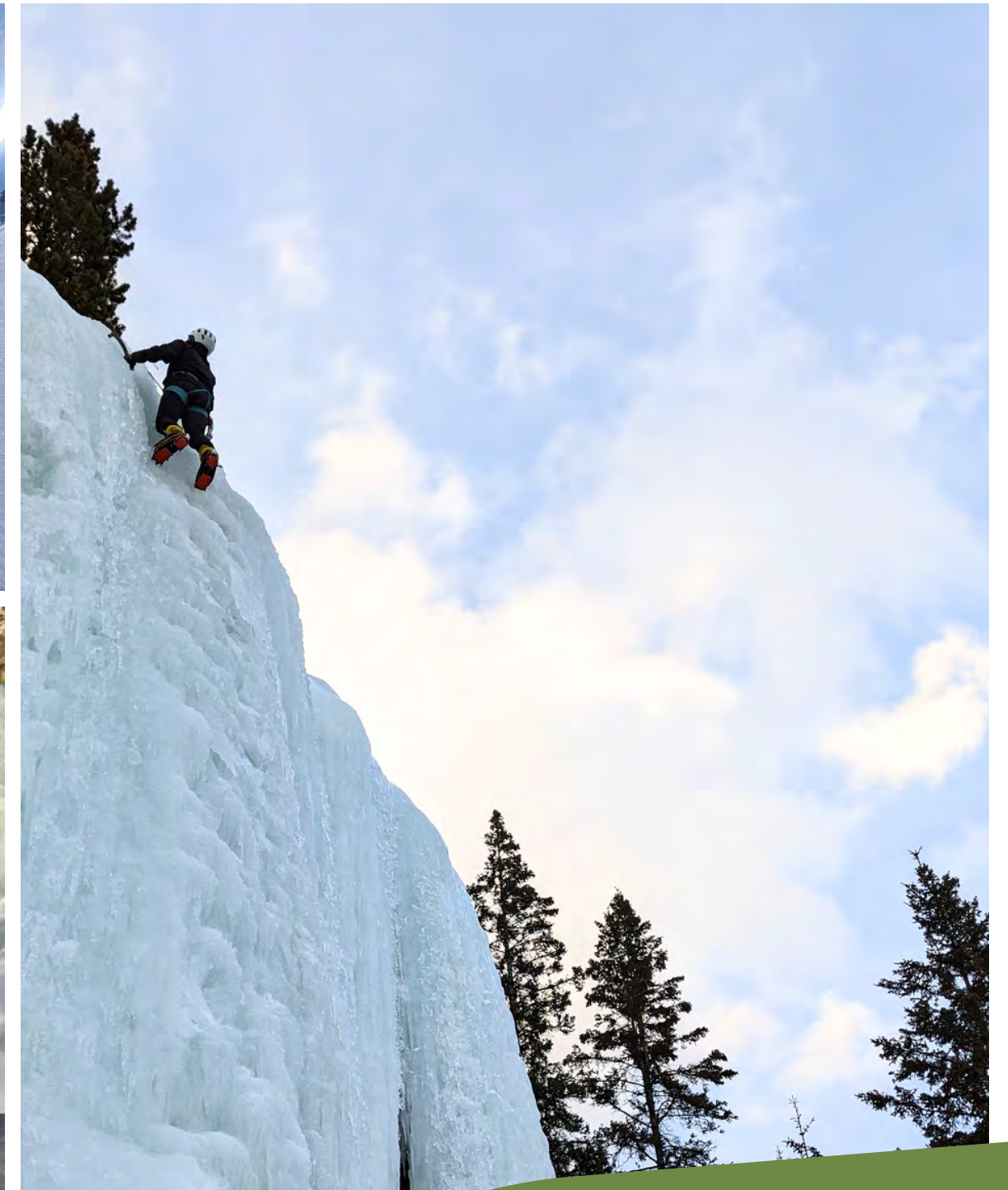
Ashley Sherlow, Newsletter Editor

Hello!

I'm Ashley, a long-time hiker turned climber after moving to the coast a few years ago. I'm honoured to officially begin my stint as Newsletter Editor for the BCMC and share the first edition of 2023.

I must admit - I have some big shoes to fill, but I'm stoked to share stories, tips, and club updates that highlight all the reasons we get outside: to challenge ourselves, to find community, to disconnect, to reconnect, and, of course, *to explore*.

If you have a story to share or advice to give in an upcoming newsletter, send it our way at editor@bcmc.ca or send me a message through the [BCMC website](#).



Club Updates

Call for Volunteers

The BCMC is maintained and improved by the generous volunteer help provided by many of our members. Consider donating some of your free time to help our club improve and find fulfillment in a community with shared interests. **If you're interested in sharing your time and skills with the BCMC, please contact us** with the volunteer areas that interest you, such as helping with trail work, memberships, or our monthly socials.

In the Works: The BCMC Centennial Journal

2023 marks a particularly monumental time in BCMC history: it's been 100 years since the first edition of The B.C. Mountaineer. The first edition of the BCMC journal was first published in March of 1923 and we're excited to announce that a special centennial edition of the BCMC journal is in progress.

Stay tuned for the official release! We can't wait to share it with you.

Contact Us

Have questions or suggestions about any of our programs? Visit <https://bcmc.ca/contact.php> or email contact@bcmc.ca.

For Those New to Backcountry Skiing

By Sima Valizadeh with help from Winifred Swatschek and Marie Amante

Know Your Gear

At home:

- Learn about how your binding works in ski and skin mode.
- Practice putting on and removing your skins: any issues with the tip or tail attachment? Is it the right length?
- How tight you like your boots in each mode. Walk around with them prior to the trip checking for pressure points and potential rubbing spots (hot spots).

Practice multiple times so you can do it quickly even with closed eyes. Remember in the mountains, there might be bad weather, you have your gloves on and it might be dark.

You want to be able to do all you need to do efficiently in any situation or at least that is what we practice to achieve. Don't be rushy in an attempt to be fast. Be efficient and effective with your time and you will be fast.

Transitions

Learn and practice fast transitions from skin-to-ski and ski-to-skin.

- Skins: put your skins inside your jacket
 - Keeps them warm (better glue adhesion)
 - Don't need to remove pack
- Bindings:
 - Some bindings will allow you to transition to ski mode without removing the skin—remember to unlock the toe!
- Boots
 - Learn your preferred buckle adjustment for each mode
 - Remember to lock/unlock your walk/ski mode on the cuff
- Helmet
 - Consider keeping your helmet on while doing laps to save time
 - Also quick to attach your helmet just to the side of their pack while skinning up for short period of time to have easy access for ski transition

Safety

Practice avalanche companion rescue every year. Organize a practice session if the ones on the schedule are full or don't fit in your schedule. Seek out additional training. You will learn new things in every practice and with every discussion on strategy and efficiency. Also, during those sessions, you meet potential trip members for future adventures.

Clothing

Find the layering system that works for you. In backcountry skiing, we want to minimize the time that we stop while skinning up. It gets super cold if we are not moving. Some say start cold so you don't have to de-layer. Find what works best for you and your team. Ideally, you all want to de-layer together if there is a need to do so and no-one is sweating while going uphill.

Remember keeping our clothes dry as much as possible in winter is extremely important. Otherwise, our clothes will freeze.

Gear

Bring the ten essentials, including hotspot bandages. Think about all you might need and in what order you might need them. Aim to be self-sufficient for your personal needs.

Local Practice

Before your first long trip, practice laps on Seymour to Brockton Point or on Black Mountain (Cypress Resort). Practice skinning up in various situations when it is icy or deep powder. Practice skiing in powder if groomed runs are all you have been on before. There are opportunities to try different elements of the day in a relatively safe environment before a big day. Think about sections of the day that you might struggle or have less experience. Divide the day into sections and work on those sections separately. You will feel great once you realize all the prep you have done was absolutely worth it to make the big day a smooth and enjoyable day for yourself and your teammates.

Big-Mountain Practice

Familiarize yourself with non-groomed terrain outside of North Shore mountains. Big mountains offer a different set of opportunities for practising your navigation skills and offer a different set of challenges in skiing compared to smaller hills. Spend time practising and improving your downhill skiing skills, especially skiing on non-groomed runs.

Fitness

Learn about your uphill fitness. We know our hiking pace and have a good estimate of it. Knowing that pace helps us know which trips are best suited to our taste and strength. As you go out on more ski touring trips, learn your pace for uphill travel as well. Also, which terrains you can ski down and how long it takes you to survival ski if the terrain is difficult for you. Think about hiking. When you read the grouse grind time for the trip, it gives you an estimate of the pace of the trip. Is it a fast-paced trip, moderate paced, or an easy-going and leisurely trip?

Team

As a team, we are like one body in the mountains. The whole team works as one. We stand together against all the odds to travel safely in the mountains and trust our lives to our climbing partners. Be ready to participate in team load if one person has an injury or needs help. Be willing to have part of your load be taken by your teammates if you are injured or exhausted. If a person who has twisted their ankle insists on carrying their pack all the way, it will slow down the whole team and will put everyone in danger. Always think team.

Skiing down in the backcountry can be tricky. It is so easy go somewhere you didn't mean to go. Always respect team decisions. It wastes time if one person picks their line of choice and just goes down it without considering others in the team. The group may get separated easily and lots of time wasted to find each other and get back together. Have a ski buddy. Team up as two or three and watch each other (avalanche and tree well risks).

When you watch for each other, always pick safe islands to stop. Never stop in avalanche terrain.

Skinning

- Don't get too close to the person in front of you while skinning up.
 - They may feel they need to rush.
 - Or they may slide back and need space behind them.
- It is sometimes OK to travel side-by-side instead of single file such as in low angle terrain. Consider avalanche hazards.

Have fun! Wishing you the best of luck and lots of stoke for the ski season.

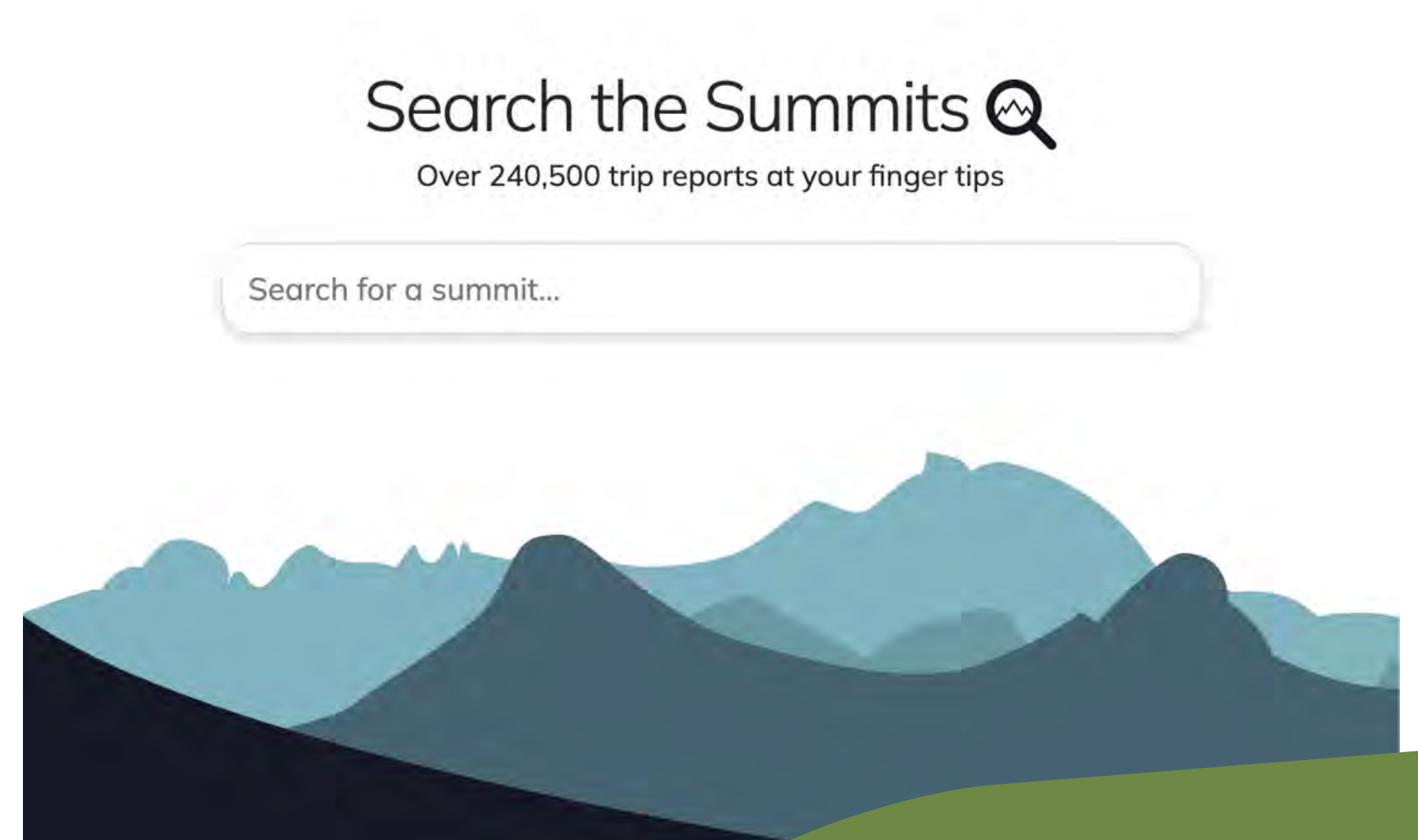
Search the Summits: A Climber's Go-to Resource

Concept and development by Francis Bailey with with UX and design by Andrea Tate

If you've planned a few trips in your day, you know exactly what it means to sift through Google's search results for *actually* relevant trip reports. Search the Summits is an answer to this, built for finding trip reports, route information, and more - just without all the unrelated results.

Google and Bing are powerful tools but they don't know the difference between a useful trip report and something that's, well, less than helpful. Search the Summits aims to provide a better search experience, focusing only on websites, forums, and journals with trip reports and related summit information. Its the single place to search the thousands of resources on the world's ranges and summits. From the obscure to the obvious; the goal is to make it searchable.

Find trip reports for your next adventure at <https://searchthesummits.com>



My Story: Joining BCMC

By Sima Valizadeh

From September 2010 to September 2019, once in a while, I would look up the BCMC webpage, check out its calendar of trips and wonder which event I could join. My only experience was hiking in the summer and downhill skiing in the winter. Occasionally, I was intrigued by pictures of snowy trees, mountain ranges in the background and the colorful clothes of backcountry skiers that my friends post on Facebook. It was only a once-in-while thing but so powerful that it made my eyes shine and my heart melt.

I knew only two people in my whole circle of friends of over 1000 friends in facebook who were going on those trips. I would see them maybe once in three years and my question was always: “how do you go on those trips?” They would tell me about the BCMC and I would come back home, check the calendar of events for the club and find it so strange as if it is written in another language. I would then review the difficulty ratings multiple times and find the least difficult trip - even that trip was intimidating to join. During those nine years, it felt like I had no idea how to decode this language.

In 2019, through a friend who was a frequent BCMC trip leader, I realized there were socials for bcmc members. I started attending the bcmc socials in September 2019, which opened few doors for me. I made the goal of reaching out to at least two BCMC members in every social. Sometimes I asked them to meet over coffee to ask them my many questions about how they started learning the required skills, which courses they took and which books they read. I took note of everything they said.

The very first trips I went on through the BCMC included an evening hike up Grouse via F&F, a hike to Brandywine in November, and a hike to Mount Hanover in December. As I write this, I have attended over 26 BCMC trips and instructional sessions since joining. Little by little my notes gave me a clear idea of the club activities and the path to learn the required skills. I found that enthusiasm, continued commitment and patience has always helped me find a way forward.

I realized there are people in the community who like to bring more people in - Facebook groups for different outdoor activities (ski touring, rock climbing and ice climbing) are great for that. When I posted a question on a Facebook group, several members answered with suitable links, stories to share, techniques to learn, and things to be aware of and careful about. Here is a list of Facebook groups that I found useful to follow: Squamish Rock Climbing**, West Coast Ice, Canadian Rockies Ice Climbing, Glitter Girls**, South Coast Alpine Climbing, Squamish Ski Mountaineering and Mountain Running, and South Coast Touring**. I marked the ones that have been the most useful for me with two stars.

As a beginner, there is so much to learn, which is motivating! As an expert, there are deep understandings of the subject which can be mentally orgasmic. I find it is best to stay where I am and enjoy it to the fullest. This way, naturally, I will get to where I am meant to be. I am very grateful for the opportunity to get to know so many mountain people during the last year, both people I met in person and those I read about or just heard about. It is only by their dedication, hard work and sacrifices for the mountains that we get to experience these moments in the mountains now.

Excerpt: Phyllis's Engine Trip Report

By Francis Bailey with Andrea Tate

Elevation Gain: 2,408m

Distance: 47.5km

Total Time: 43 hours 11 minutes

Date: September 20-21, 2022

Reaching the summit of Phyllis's Engine requires a culmination of many mountaineering and climbing skills. The approach alone is around 19km and you must cross two separate glaciers and navigate seasonally challenging sections of snow just to reach the base of the climb. Once there, you must be comfortable climbing 5.8 cracks and face holds in an alpine setting. Thankfully, for me, I would not be alone on this endeavor and Andrea was just as stoked to take on this summit as I was.

Read the full trip report [here](#).



Mind Of A Hut Maker: David Scanlon And The Watersprite Lake Hut

By Drew Copeland

First appeared on [Mountain Life Media](#)

Hut life is good life: these sanctuaries are a way to access the otherwise inaccessible, to escape to the hills from the less-mountainy aspects of our lives; to unwind and relax; or to gear up for a proper adventure. Each carries a nuanced history, the result of fanciful idea coupled with a substantial dose of tenacity. From the simple and rough to the elaborate and beautiful, these huts don't build themselves.



FRAMING UP A DREAM.
SCANLON DRIVES A FEW NAILS HOME.
PHOTO: ED ZENGER



Hut makers are strange and unruly dreamers, they're pragmatic workers willing to shoulder the heavy administrative and labour-intensive burdens required to bring their visions into reality. David Scanlon is the mind (and muscle) behind the British Columbia Mountaineering Club's newest hut at Watersprite Lake. Arriving in BC in 1977 as a single father of two, Scanlon spent as much time as he could muster in the hills, and soon fell in with the BCMC. "It worked out really well," he recalls. "Here was a whole new group of people who loved doing what I do."

Scanlon led numerous trips with the club: into the Columbia Icefields, the Bendor Range, the Stein Valley, Mount Logan, the Wapta Traverse, as well as many local Sea to Sky spots. Over the years, he noticed many of the club's backcountry huts had fallen into serious disrepair so he began arranging multi-week trips for hiking, climbing, and hut repair. The Plummer Hut in the Waddington Range and the North Creek Cabin, beyond Birkenhead Lake, both received treatment.

DAVID SCANLON, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.
PHOTO: DREW COPELAND.

In 2006, a day hike in the Squamish area triggered something with Scanlon—the beginning of what is now the complete Watersprite Lake Hut. The aesthetic new construction is perched at the edge of Garibaldi Park in the Mamquam drainage, overlooking Watersprite Lake and out to Dreadnought Peak. Through the BCMC, Scanlon obtained tenure in 2009 to build a mountaineering cabin and outhouse at the location. While the superfluous bureaucracy involved with building huts on public lands definitely caused him to shudder, Scanlon is the kind of person who sees what needs doing and then does it. He navigated the forms, signatures and phone calls required by the province, and garnered sufficient support within the BCMC to actually complete the project.

By 2016, ten years after inception, it was on. Scanlon put in 78 days over 18 trips up to the lake: repairing the trail, digging holes for pilings, packing loads for heli-transport, sawing, hammering nails and organizing the efforts of volunteers. Last summer, he completed the project. Its beautiful arched beams and red roof accent the green-blue of Watersprite Lake, bringing smiles to the faces of backcountry enthusiasts.

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Despite the accomplishment, Scanlon points to the efforts of the many volunteers who helped with this project, over his own energy and leadership.

In the basement pub at one of the club's monthly social events in Vancouver, he considers the question of what's next, having laid this project to rest. He doesn't mention a specific location, but talks about a few incredible spots that just might work for a backcountry hut. As these living rooms of the backcountry become more and more popular (and populated), it's not surprising that the hut makers continue to look for new locations a bit farther afield, in which to locate the next sanctuary.

HUT ACCESS

- The door to the Water Sprite Lake Hut is locked 24/7. Overnighters looking to use the hut are required to book time with the BCMC automated booking system [here](#).
- The hut holds ten people and booking fees are \$20/night (per person) for non-BCMC members and \$10/night for members. (Membership is \$40/year.)
- The hut has daily drop-in hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for BCMC members (and their accompanying guests). Volunteers from the club act as hut custodians.



WATERSPRITE AND SKINNY DIPPERS.
ANOTHER FINE DAY IN THE ALPINE.
PHOTO: ALEX GIURY

Watersprite Lake designated provincial recreation site

By Megan Lalonde

First appeared on [*Pique News Magazine*](#)

If you're planning an overnight trip to Watersprite Lake in 2022, the experience might look a little different than your previous visits.

The B.C. Mountaineering Club (BCMC) has entered into a partnership agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC—a division of the province's Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO)—to manage the popular hiking trail and alpine lake in Squamish after the area was designated a formal recreation site earlier this year.



WATERSPRITE LAKE
PHOTO: MEGAN LALONDE

“I’ve been told this is a bit of an experiment in that this will be the first alpine recreational site in the province,” said David Scanlon, a member of BCMC’s executive board and a past president of the club.

Scanlon helped spearhead the construction of Watersprite’s trail and existing hut more than a decade ago. The 10-person, reservation-only BCMC hut at Watersprite Lake opened to the public in 2017, after the access trail was completed in 2016. The recreation site will be bordered on two sides by Garibaldi Provincial Park. Beginning next summer, Scanlon said the plans are to have 20 newly built, pay-for-use lakeside campsites available by reservation only. At this point, the fees will be set at \$15 per campsite, per night, he said.

Because there wasn’t space near the cabin to comfortably pitch tents, Scanlon said most backpackers naturally began heading to a flat section of terrain on the far side of the lake. BCMC volunteers put in “a tremendous amount of work to put a trail through that rockslide to the far end of the lake, and it worked out really well,” he explained.

Turning Watersprite into a formal rec site “is going to be quite the transition, because everybody’s been under the impression that you just go up and grab a spot. This is going to be new,” said Scanlon. “This will be a challenge and I’m anticipating a few hiccups, but we’ll see.”

Under the agreement, BCMC volunteers will continue to operate and maintain the site, from taking point on ecological restoration, research and conservation projects to completing trail and facility work and handling public outreach. In addition to the volunteer BCMC custodians, a recreation officer will visit the site on occasion.

B.C. recreation officer Alistair McCrone said while stakeholders are currently working on a booking and funding structure for the Watersprite site, work is also underway on a strategy to improve interactions between the area’s threatened mountain goat population and those recreating.

“What really changes when you establish a [recreation] site is now the province can act and take responsibility and fund [initiatives] within that site to manage recreation, and we can make real changes to manage recreation,” he explained. “And we can partner with other stakeholder groups that are concerned or want to contribute like the BCMC, and more effectively, we can manage the recreation together there.”

Added McCrone, “We are working on a lot of different ways to refine and improve the experience for the public there, and also manage the impacts of a high level of use on a fairly fragile environment.”

Including initiatives like trail work, toilets, tent pads, bear caches and other infrastructure, McCrone estimated that FLNRO and the BCMC combined have put in nearly \$100,000 worth of work over the last four years, “getting the site to a point where it can stand a high level of use.”

The area has experienced a massive traffic spike in recent years: Watersprite logged a 126-per-cent increase in visitation from summer 2019 to summer 2020, though it saw traffic fall by 47 per cent from 2020 to 2021, according to data from FLNRO. Watersprite’s busiest day in 2020 occurred on Aug. 15, when 263 people visited the trail. Its busiest day this year was on Aug. 29, when 194 people ventured to the trailhead. In 2020, there were more than 4,000 people who visited the trail between June and November.

“We get about 5,000 people a year go up there, and we get about 1,000 to 1,200 people who use the cabin,” explained Scanlon.

He attributed the success of the site to the thousands of people who have hiked and camped in the area, whom he said have been “absolutely fantastic in keeping things neat and clean and tidy... and keeping it clean for the next person.”

McCrone, on the other hand, credited Scanlon and other BCMC volunteers for their endless hours of “hard work and consistency” to help the site keep up with that rapid development.

Though day-use passes have been one strategy that’s been increasingly used to help manage foot traffic in some of B.C.’s most popular provincial parks, that will not be the case for Watersprite, McCrone assured. “And if that was to change, there would be a long consultation process and public engagement before we ever did anything like that,” he said.

“When you talk about high levels of use, the most important thing to do is to design the infrastructure to handle it, to put the use where you want it, and provide the opportunity people want.”

Obit: HOWARD (Howie) ARNE RODE October 28, 1919 – June 16, 2022

Marilynn Hunter

After a long life, well lived with purpose, Howard (Howie) Arne Rode died of old age, leaving us to contemplate the many changes he observed over more than a century. Howie grew up in Denmark and Winnipeg, then pedalled west (circa 1938) and settled in Vancouver. Howie was a natural athlete, excelling in tower diving, gymnastics, and canoeing. He loved the west coast and the cliffs and pools of Lynn Canyon. After WW2 Howard enthusiastically explored and climbed in the southern Coast Mountains in all seasons with the ACC and BCMC, occasionally making trips east to the Selkirk Range and Rockies.



He honed his mountaineering skills, volunteered teaching newcomers, mentoring others, and leading trips, for which he was honoured with an ACC “Silver Rope for Leadership”, and put a lot of sweat into building and maintaining trails and cabins. He calculated and carried in the cement needed to construct the (Waddington) cairn for Elfrida Pigou et al, above Nabob Pass. Locally, Howie was particularly interested in the Stave Lake area, climbing several major summits there, and over decades explored and climbed many peaks of the Sea-to-Sky region of the southern Coast mountains. Howie and John Dudra were credited with first ascents (1951) of Badshot, Mohican and Piton peaks in the (still) remote area of the southern Selkirks, climbs not officially repeated for 50 yrs. With other ACC’ers he visited the Mt Monarch / Ape Lake area (1953) southeast of Bella Coola, and the Premier group (1950) in the Cariboo Mtns. After many years, Howard was awarded lifetime memberships in both the ACC and BCMC. He was a member of the ACC for 75 years(!) and an original member of the Mountain Rescue Group (now NSR). Howie witnessed the evolution from heavy basic mountain gear to the lightweight technical equipment and clothing we take for granted today. He was an efficient navigator with compass and altimeter, with a knack for route finding long before GPS and useful topo maps were available, and perversely enjoyed bushwhacking. Howie, who built his first pair of skis in Winnipeg and later used skis primarily as a means of winter access, became a good skier after he got senior, then super-senior, ski passes for Whistler, which he enjoyed ‘til age 94.

Howie met and married Mary Ney, his lifelong partner and outdoor accomplice, while in the ACC. Together they raised their family in Lynn Valley, introducing their children to many adventurous outdoor pursuits, often exploring off the beaten track. Family meant everything to Howie, trumping, not without some regret, opportunities to climb in the St Elias and Himalayas. He generously supported Mary and the children in their endeavours, and later cheered on his beloved grandchildren. Retirement allowed for adventures further afield: New Zealand, the Canadian Arctic, canoeing and rafting big rivers with their Dogwood CC friends, fly-in hiking camps and western Canada backroads. As age and multiple major fractures slowed him down - ladders(!), Dad became a “stream keeper” on the North Shore, volunteering until he turned 100.

Always a practical hands-on person, Howard trained as a metal worker, then as a master carpenter which he put to good use building boats, a holiday camper, airplane engine cowling, furniture, toys, as well as paying the bills. He was always tinkering, building, or fixing things and could be counted upon to help with projects large or small. Often designed on the back of an envelope, all received meticulous attention to detail and were built to last. With his neighbours he shared his knowledge, organic garden produce and honey.

Computers remained both a marvel and mystery to him - he loved "flying over" Google Earth, but felt their operation was best left to the younger generation. Howard was committed to physical and mental fitness: eating simply and sparingly, staying active, and engaging positively with people of all ages throughout his life. All who knew Howie remember his generous spirit, the sparkle in his eyes and enthusiasm for his, or someone else's, next adventure.

Howard is survived by his daughter Marilyn Hunter (Chris), son Brian (Heidi) and grandchildren Jeff, Peter, Erica (Jeff P), Liam, Lar, Lochlan, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Mary, sister Rena, brother Ken, a nephew and grandniece, and many treasured and respected friends. To honour Howie, pause for a moment in your outdoor adventure, absorb and embrace the details; pass your appreciation and knowledge forward.



Obit: Jay MacArthur

Celebrating the life of Jay MacArthur, an outdoor enthusiast, mountaineer, and skier, but most importantly, a loyal husband, father, and grandfather.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalms 121:1-2



Obit: Bob Cuthbert

July 19, 1938 – January 27, 2023

Alice Purdey and Howie Richardson
with contributions from Iain MacLeod,
Colin MacKenzie & Glenn Woodsworth

A few older BCMC members will remember Bob Cuthbert. Bob spent his early years in war-torn Glasgow then responded to the call of the crags, where, with his pals, he developed a love for the mountains. A long-ago Scottish friend writes:

Our day began with a route that may or should have been called Tarzan. The climb starts below a stunning overhang which has to be surmounted by shinning up an adjacent pine tree, walking out without a belay to the end of a stout branch, then jumping across a six-foot gap onto the rockface above the bulge. The hardest part about this climb, is seconding it - watching Bob fight his way up the tree then disappearing above the overhang.



Lead climbers experience an adrenaline surge too, because once they leave the relative safety of the tree there is no going back. They have to rely on speed and friction to defy gravity on their way to the first belay. Bob was in excellent physical shape and enjoying himself so much that we knocked off several demanding routes on what became an unforgettable climbing day on warm rock.

Bob was also attracted to the military but was rejected because he had “flat feet” and therefore “wouldn’t be able to carry the heavy packs. But after immigrating to Canada, probably in 1965, his feet held up just fine! He joined the BCMC and participated in many expeditions, including an attempted first winter ascent of Mt. Assiniboine (insanely cold), the Pantheons, and more, gaining first ascents along the way. Bob also participated in an attempted new route on Mt. Logan (1967) and in the rescue of two party members narrowly saved after an avalanche in a bad snow year. Quite the Centennial Celebration!

In the Vancouver area, he was active in the late 1960s and early 1970s, often climbing with Dick Culbert and Alice Purdey, among others. His new routes include the Pup’s Butt on Mt. Harvey, Gambit Grooves on Mt. Habrich, Pi Pillar in the Rexford area, and good new routes on Tantalus, Dione, and Alpha in the Tantalus Range.



Probably his best climb was the first (and only) winter ascent of Mt. Waddington in February 1969, as part of a strong party that included BCMC members Dick Culbert and Barry Hagen, and the legendary Allen Steck.

Howie Richardson remembers:

Bob's penchant for good gear was still pertinent until he could no longer shop. When he could no longer drive I often took him out for drives and walks on local trails and hills. We would get particularly large and tasty sandwiches and have a picnic somewhere. But above that, his first choice of venue for a drive was to the local Mountain Equipment Coop store where he would browse for hours and always left with some nice article of clothing or gear. He was always very good to my two sons, both keen mountaineers, and passed "down" many items of gear from tents to sleeping bags to anoraks, all high quality. I have inherited much of his wardrobe and have never felt so well-dressed in my life.

May he rest in peace.

Meet the BCMC Board of Directors

As the first newsletter of 2023, we're sharing this year's Executive Committee.

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If You're Not a Member...

Get on board with the BC Mountaineering Club! For many, getting outside isn't just about the objective - along the way, you meet incredible folks who share your passion for adventure, challenge, and incredible spaces. If you aren't yet a member of the BCMC, find your community, take part in trips, and even learn new skills by joining today. Head to the [BCMC website](#) for more details and instructions to sign up.

Membership Benefits

- Gain access to over 550 Club Trips and Courses per year
- Learn how to hike, climb, and ski with us
- Find hiking, skiing, or climbing partners via our Partner List
- Meet new friends with similar interests
- Save with free bookings for BCMC cabins
- Join other members for the club's monthly socials
- connect on the many website forums
- Stay current through the club's e-news and newsletters
- Become a part of the club's future

If you're interested in a membership with the BCMC, [visit our website](#) for full details and a link to sign up.