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GPS Map Detail

Whitewater Canyon, New Denver/ Retallack, BC. A good day hike that can be stretched to as long as you want, as it enters some beautiful country at its high point.

To get there: From New Denver, BC., drive towards Kaslo. About half-way there you will come to Retallack. You will see some 'abandoned' buildings on the left. Go through them into the field and to the logging road just beyond. Whitewater Canyon is signed - look for the signs right at the start of the logging road (doable by a normal car). Follow the signs to Whitewater Canyon, although it generally takes the obvious road. The GPS map above also includes the logging road. The trail starts at the end of the road, and is obvious to follow.

Opinion. A lovely hike going up one side of an open valley to a quite beautiful alpine setting. While there is considerable elevation gain, it is steady and quite tolerable. As you walk up the valley, you can clearly see the avalanche slope on the other side which are prime bear terrain. Once you reach the height of the land, there are many options for exploring the area. Bring bear spray, and do the usual bear avoidance things.

Fact. The trail is obvious to follow. The first few kilometers are through nice forests, while the next big push is on one side of an open valley. When you get to the campsite, cross over boulders to the easier walking on the other side of the creek; the trail resumes on the ridge with the large 'Easter Island' boulder at its top. A few more kilometers will bring you to the height of the land where you can explore at your leisure. Whitewater lake below the glacier is one such possibility.