

YOHO LAKE FROM EMERALD LAKE, YOHO NATIONAL PARK, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

We decided to hike to Yoho Lake from Emerald Lake even though the distance is longer than the trail from Takakkaw Falls (about 7 kilometers versus about 4.6 kilometers). We have hiked the first part of the trail from Takakkaw Falls many times to the Iceline Trail, and we have hiked to Yoho Lake from the Takakkaw Falls Trailhead previously, but we had never hiked to the lake from Emerald Lake.

The first part of the hike is the 1.7 km trail around the western side of Emerald Lake. Looking across Emerald Lake from near the parking lot towards Yoho Pass; it is an elevation gain of 515 meters to this pass, from 1,300 meters at Emerald Lake to 1,815 meters at Yoho Pass:



Another view of the pass as we approach the northern end of Emerald Lake:



Looking back across Emerald Lake at Wapta Mountain (on the left) and Mount Burgess (on the right):



Panorama looking up-trail once on the Yoho Pass Trail, with Emerald Peak to the far left, Mount Carnarvon behind the Emerald Basin just left of center, Michael Peak to the right of Mount Carnarvon, and Wapta Mountain to the far right:



Looking back towards Emerald Lake from further up-trail; in the distance, across where Emerald Lake is hidden by the trees, you can see the Ottertail Range:



Looking up at Emerald Basin and the Emerald Basin Waterfalls:



The next three photos show the nicely maintained trail which heads towards the climb up to Yoho Pass:





The trail begins to climb steeply up the hillside seen in the last three photos; looking back towards Emerald Lake and the trail from the lake to where the uphill climb begins:



Looking up at Michael Peak:



A very nice waterfall right by the trail that proved to be somewhat difficult to photograph:



Panorama with Mount Burgess on the left and Emerald Lake to the right of Mount Burgess:



Another panorama from further up the trail, with Wapta Mountain to the far left, Mount Burgess to the left of center, Emerald Lake at the center, Emerald Peak to the right of center, and the base of Michael Falls to the far right:



Looking up towards Michael Peak with Michael Falls in the center of the panorama:



Clouds over Wapta Mountain:



Yet another view towards Emerald Lake from further up the trail towards Yoho Pass; we got better and better views of the top of Michael Falls as we climbed higher and higher:



One last view of these spectacular waterfalls before we enter taller trees:



There were many nice wildflowers in the meadows on the way to Yoho Lake:



Trail sign; distances listed on signs on these trails tend to conflict with distances listed on maps, perhaps to make a tired hiker reconsider plans if the distance is longer than expected:



The trail leveled off after we reached the 6.4 kilometer point from the parking lot, which was Yoho Pass and the junction with the Wapta-Highline Trail:



After 0.6 km from the pass, we reached Yoho Lake. This hike seems easier than many hikes of similar distance and elevation gain in the area:



Plaque at the edge of the lake for the Alpine Club of Canada:



From here, we decided to walk the 0.3 km towards the southern end of the lake to get some photos. Panorama taken from down towards the southern end of Yoho Lake:



Panorama taken from the southern end of the lake with the outlet stream on the right:



Panorama of the lake taken from just north of where the main trail reaches the lake:



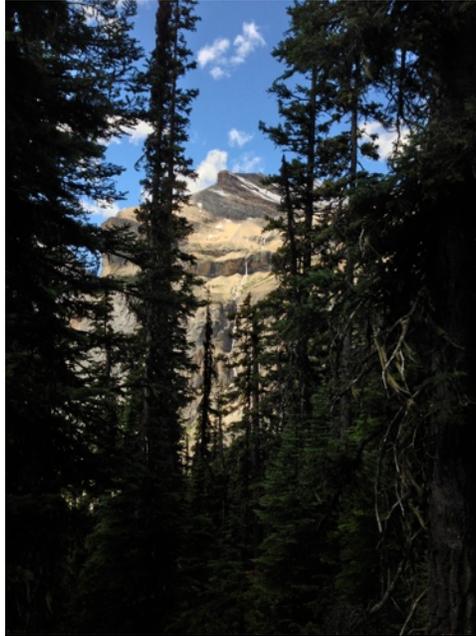
Panorama of the northern end of lake:



Panorama from a nice view-spot which points out into the lake and from which most of the lake can be seen:



From here, we headed back towards Emerald Lake. Photo of the top of Michael Falls; this looks like a very interesting waterfall to get to the top of, but I don't know if that is possible for a hiker to do:



Looking down at Emerald Lake from where it first becomes visible on the trail back:



One last panorama looking towards Emerald Lake on the way down:



Emerald Lake from its northern end:



Emerald Lake with Yoho Pass to the left, Wapta Mountain to the left of center, and Mount Burgess to the right of center:

