

Myra Falls Field Trip Report

The UBC-SEG student chapter's recent Myra Falls field trip was a great success. The trip ran from October 22nd to 23rd, 2011. The Myra Falls mine site is located within scenic Strathcona Provincial Park, on Vancouver Island. Early Saturday morning we departed Vancouver and arrived in Strathcona Provincial Park in the late afternoon. We drove up Cedar Creek Road to investigate some roadside outcrops of Karmutsen volcanic rocks, and to collect fossiliferous shale from a small gravel pit. Our group enjoyed a delicious dinner and spent the night at the Strathcona Park Lodge. The following day we visited the Myra Falls mine site. We were given an excellent tour led by Jen Jolliffe and Armond Stansell, two geologists working at the mine. Our group received an introductory geology presentation and was taken underground to explore several levels in the mine, including the underground drilling activities, the active mine face, the workshop and the crusher. To conclude the tour we visited the core logging facility. We returned to Vancouver on Sunday evening.



