

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 16th March 2017

Summary: Morin-Heights ski network, covering a trail combo loop of some 11 km

Temp: around -8 deg. C, sunny, little to no wind, fresh snow and freshly track set.....dream conditions!

Emerging from the recent late delivery snow dump, and eager to take advantage, were 7 Vikings: Katherine, Wilma, Gordon, Frank, Jan, Tim and Derek showing up at the Corridor Aérobie rendez-vous. On-duty Sylvia (Fendle) updated us on the status of the track-setting, which nicely matched our ski tour intentions. So, off we set on the Triangle Trail (No. 2)....which condition-wise, was in stark contrast to its “wedding cake icing” status some 5 weeks previous when, for safety reasons, we had “abandon ship”, and retreat back to base!

From the Triangle Trail, we diverted off for a side trip to Austria, specifically the Salzburg Trail (No. 4) which after a couple of kilometers conveniently led us to the so-called crèche scene-like facility, ideal for a timely lunch and drink stop.



Vikings enjoy a lunch stop at "The Creche"!

After a debate about how boring a return via the Triangle Trail golf course would be, we opted instead to return via the Bellevue (No. 37) and the Echo (No. 10)...and were not disappointed! Wonderful long and safe woodland downhill runs were enjoyed and at the conclusion asked ourselves why we had never skied these gem trail before!

Post ski and only too happy to help the local economy, we partook of soup/coffee/hot chocolate at the local Restaurant O' Petit.....congratulating ourselves on the great choice of trails we had selected and enjoyed, all facilitated by a gift from the Ski Viking Gods i.e. last Tuesday's surprise and generous snow dump!