

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 18th January 2018

Summary: A 9 km loop (~2-1/2 hr.) on the Morin-Heights Municipal trail network which included:

Triangle (No. 2), Allen (12), Salzburg (No. 4), Viking Sud (No.50), Bellevue (No. 37)

Temp: a balmy -4 Deg. C, overcast, no wind, fresh snow and freshly track set.....excellent conditions!

The 5 attendees: Daphne, David, Celia, Howard and Derek were suitably impressed with our “new” rendez-vous location; the recently renovated Chalet Bellevue (ex-hotel and old folks home) which offers a generous seating area, toilets/showers, waxing room and info reception desk for latest state of the trails, map purchases etc.



Our “new” ski rendez-vous
The Chalet Bellevue

On duty was the friendly and helpful Sylvia (Fendle) who cautioned us that the conclusion of the Triangle trail, where it meets the Simon River, was presently impassible, being now a flooded area...all thanks to last Friday’s freak Monsoon rains! Not having brought Scuba Gear, we had to revise our ski tour thoughts!

We set off up the Triangle, a long steep climb up Basler’s Hill and after about 1 km our nameless tour leader blithely had us all turn right at junction, directions of which he clearly did not see.....until a little later we come upon the main highway of Route 364 ?...discovering that we were now on the Allen trail, not the intended Triangle trail !!! Following some moans and groans, we returned back to the junction to go left on the intended Triangle trail, then later off on the Salzburg trail. The confusion was partially justified when later upon our return; Sylvia advised that the Allen and Triangle trails had been all “moved over” due to the Kicking Horse developer who had modified the territory with new roads for housing developments.

When we reached the intersection with the Viking Sud trail, we made the decision to start heading back on this trail section, classified black and “very difficult”it did indeed have its fair share of climbs and rapid curvy descents!



**Streams seem to be
“settling down” now...
...after the deluge!**



**Where's Google translate
when you need it!**

We concluded our return on the Bellevue trail, which renders a great view!



Well exercised, we went into down-town Morin-Heights to help the local economy....
..... by indulging in soups and lattes at Café Mickeys!