

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 16th January 2020

Our “one short of a dozen” Viking attendees were:

Christine Bush, Kathy Walsh, Chris Neal, Howard Bussey, Richard L’Heureux, Dave Clark, Jan Brochocki, Tim Baker, Gordon Cohen, Derek Wills and a warm welcome to first timer Jicheng Huang.

The Morin-Heights Municipal Parc des Bouleaux trail network is described as “back-country” for which read “not track-set!” and was our Thursday choice. Following a 10 am initial rendezvous at the Chalet Bellevue, wherein helpful staff plasticized our Viking membership cards with driving licence photos used as “back side ID”, we drove over to a surprisingly busy car park at the Parc des Bouleaux. On the positive side, more early skiers means a better chance of the trails being already “broken”, which indeed turned out to be the case..... we only encountered 3 folks during the whole tour.



In our 2-1/2 hour ski loop excursion, we covered some 8 km which included the following trails: Lovers Leap, Swiss, Viking West, Corbeau, and Lac Green, with lake crossings over Corbeau and Green.

Trail conditions were characterized by a very firm base, with a satin-like coverage of loose snow, which could prove quite challenging on the downhill sections.....indeed the final rundown to the car park had many of us cautiously removing our skis and walking down!

Weather-wise it was a mild -5 Deg. C, and although overcast to start, the sun did later shed some welcoming vitamin D rays upon us!

We concluded by rewarding ourselves, and the local economy, with hot soups and beverages at the local Restaurant La Fouine.

Thursday Tour - Photo Gallery



Welcome to back-country Parc des Bouleaux.....at your convenience!



Slim trails...for slim Vikings!



A windy start to traversing Lac du Corbeau!



Route decision time on Lac du Corbeau



Refueling stop, on the Corbeau Trail



Junction democracy, which way now?