

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 20th February 2020



This Gai-Luron x-c ski centre, tucked away west of St-Jérôme, has been around for some 49 years and yet, as far as is recalled, never been a candidate for a Viking Thursday tour. So today we made amends and the following 8 tourers were certainly not disappointed:

Kathy Walsh, Daphne Armstrong, Chris Neal, Jicheng Huang, Jan Brochocki, Gordon Cohen, Tim Baker & Derek Wills.

There is a welcoming warm wood fire reception centre, wherein because of our advanced years were able to clip \$1 off our nominal \$19 day passes!

Unlike last Thursday's tour, no trail breaking, bumbling with compasses and looking for signage was required as this 30 km network of trails is impeccably laid out amid forest-lands, and track set to perfection, with frequent signage indicating trail direction, name and km distance markers.....all hand crafted in wood.

We set off to ski the outermost loop "L" of some 8 km distant, with options to add 3 km loops "B" and "C". The blazing sun and minimal wind was some compensation for the chilling -15 Deg. C air temperature. About halfway around, we retreated into a "relais", lit a wood stove and took the opportunity warm up and dip into our drinks and nibbles. Cold fingers voted that we give the extra loop options "B" and "C" a miss, so just enjoyed the gentle inclines, and clear, wide and exhilarating downhill runs back to base.

For apres ski refreshments, we retired to a Tim Hortons at the exit 45 shopping complex.

Derek

Photo Gallery



The Gai-Luron x-c ski centre, created back in 1971



A warm welcome.....“Bon Jour.....can I help you?”



Some comic Gai-Luron reception area characters.



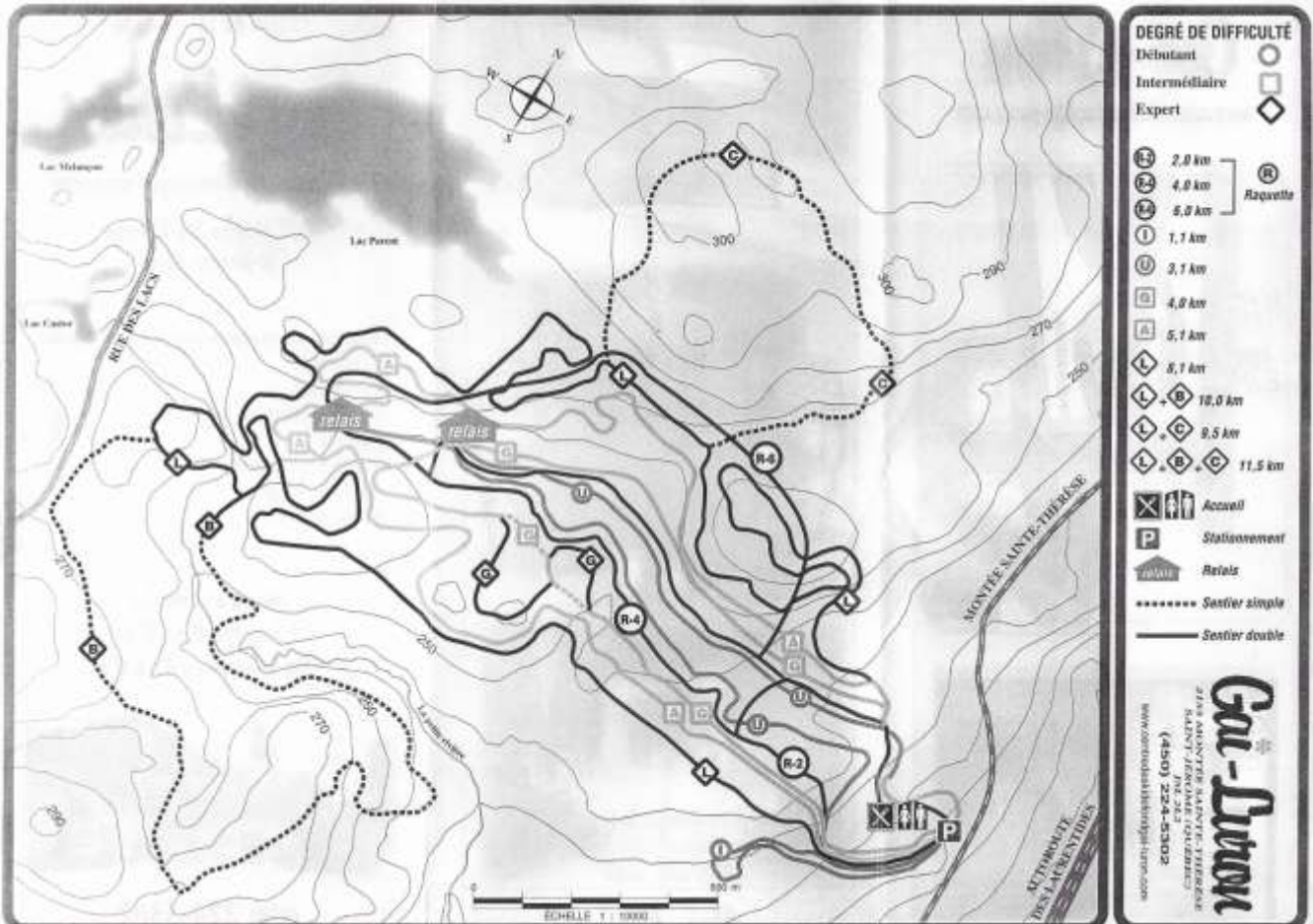
We set off on seemingly Olympic standard ski trail tracks!



We stop off at a relais to warm up..... and gas up!



Making ourselves at home in the trail-side relais!



So here's the 30 km of Gai-Luron spaghetti trail network.