

Hello tourers,

Yesterday's tour, simply put, couldn't have been better. When we started out across the pond it was a bit windy and quite cold, but once into the woods it was fine. I always like to start off on the flay or downhill a bit, for 2 reasons. First you get a chance to warm up a bit before exerting yourself of hills and second-if you are using waxable skis (which I prefer at colder than about -3) you get a chance to rub in your wax so that it grips properly on the hills.

Anyway, we were soon onto the Red and it was in great shape thanks to an overnight snow of about 4 cms, maybe a bit more in spots. When we got to M, the main body turned right to stay on the Red, while myself and two others skied left over to ch du lac Noiret. (M1) Following this road east turning south to Montée Hurtubise, arriving back at Viking at the same time as those who skied back on the Red. Subsequently I learned that if we had turned left onto ch des 3 Lacs and right after about 100m we would be on our old Green trail, recently refurbished by Isabel Sigouin and family, and now groomed from time to time by PDC. Isabel advises to ski in a counter-clockwise direction. Doing this trail A1-2-3-1 looks like a nice alternative to doing the 1.5k Sheldon Racing Trail. More up and down, however if you look at the contour lines.

