

Viking Monday Tour Report for February 15, 2021

Morin-Heights Triangle & Salzburg

A nice little group gathered in the Basler parking yesterday to do the Triangle, Salzburg. The weather was milder than forecast so I had to re-wax blue (thanks Jarmila) which turned out to be perfect. Some parts of the trails were a bit too packed down after a busy weekend, but the overall rating was Excellent.

When we reached the junction of the Salzburg(4) and the Bellevue(37) most of us elected to return via the Bellevue for a 10+ km trip, but two turned right which led to the Triangle((2) and back to the Basler at the very end., about 13+kms.

Here is a report from Richard:

Yesterday, after our group of tourers split at the crossing of the Salzburg (4) and Bellevue (37), Chris N., and I continued on the Salzburg, then turned left when reaching the Triangle (2). Between chemin du lac Écho and the turn toward the golf course, the Triangle follows a long straight line that goes smoothly uphill, then downhill. That line is the limit between Morin-Heights and Saint-Sauveur and was originally the NW limit of the Augmentation to the Seigneurie des Mille-Isles, which was allocated in 1752 by Gouverneur de la Jonquière and Intendant Bigot to the Sieur Dumont (see attachment on left). "Augmentations" were extensions of existing seigneuries meant to accommodate a growing population. Seigneuries were abolished in 1854 and replaced by municipalities. As we were skiing along that line, we could see to the right old wooden farm buildings on the Saint-Sauveur side, across the fence. This goes back to the time when farming was a major activity in the Laurentians. At that time, it was Morin, later Morin Township, later Morin Flats and finally Morin Heights.

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