

Viking Thursday Tour Report for February 3, 2022

Hello Everyone,

Defying the risk of snowy traffic conditions, seven of us arrived at Ste Agathe Parc des Campeurs for a 10:30 departure: Gord, Derek, Katherine, Jarmilla, Heidi, and Chris.

Lucky us, we enjoyed the fresh powder on the trails yet had no snow coming or going from Montreal. Once there, we discovered the new service arrangement at the ever-friendly centre.

The sun came out as we headed out to the trails. We started on the Grignon stopping for a look at the refuge which sadly burned down last Wednesday January, 26th. We arrived at the same time as the worker who had been called in to remove 3 propane cylinders from the site before they exploded. We were perplexed as to why they were there as the cabin had a wood burning stove. He said the cause of the fire was unknown and fortunately it was a very calm day, so the cabin collapsed in on itself and didn't burn the forest.

We skied from the Grignon to Legault, Deux Lacs and then the Sommet. We agreed the ski conditions were the best ever and persuaded Heidi with her new fast skis that it was the day for her to do the Sommet. Jarmilla, our data collector, clocked 28kmh as her top speed on the descent. A lovely wood burning fire welcomed us back at the centre where we sat around it and had our lunch. Thanks once again to Gord and Derek for organizing such a beautiful day for us.

