

Viking Monday Tour Report for February 7, 2022

Hello Viking Tourers and friends,

Yesterday's tour on our new back-country trail was a big success. Ten tourers showed up including new member Benjamin Garant-Pruneau, bienvenue !

We started off from the church at Montfort, east on the A/C turning right at the first snowshoe trail about 100m down. This trail climbs sharply for about 10m when we turn left onto the new trail, lightly marked with light blue ribbons. It is a beautiful trail through the silent woods, and lightly traveled. It is also quite up and down with some sharp turns. Having been lightly travelled it was a joy to ski. We continued through the dense woods, suddenly coming out into the open at the junction of M-H's Poste and Edelweiss trails. Avoiding the well-travelled link to the Viking Red we took a narrow cut in the trees to the left and continued, crossing the Red at F where we were nearly run over by Neil Matheson and Alison Steel who were bombing down the Red. (Traffic lights here, ChrisT?) We continued along the Orange to E1, E2, E where we parted ways. 8 of us, Jarmila, Linda, HenryN, ChrisN, Katherine, DonH, myself and Judy went back on the Red, down the Tour Montfort and back to the church.

Tom and Benjamin GP, continued on the NNT to R1, which they describe as follow: *The trail gradually climbs to what appears to be a plateau with extensive area of low conifers on one side and mature maple forest on the other. It really cleverly winds its way to the Blue/ Black trail intersection. Very nice terrain.*

I presume they continued along the Blue Ridge, picking up the NNT at K1, down the Tour Montfort to the A/C to the church.

I hope to do this south section on Monday Feb 15.

Stats: We did about 8kms., 3 hours. Thanks to Jarmila.

Many thanks to Pierre Faucher, who with friends cleared and marked this trail during the fall of 2020.



