

Westman Wilderness Club Hike Report

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Brandon Hills, Loop C

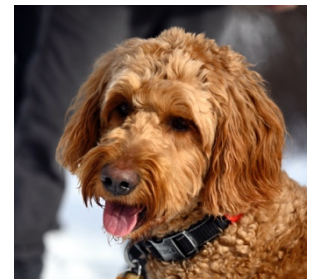


Yes, you read correctly, 9 courageous members of the Westman Wilderness Club (Steffany, Bette, Ed, Judy H, Ron & Judy D, Dennis, and Rick & Sue) along with 2 guests (Debbie- guest of Judy H, & Carolyn- guest of Bette) took our lives in our hands & tackled the rarely travelled C-Loop in the Brandon Hills.

Fortunately, weather was on our side and we experienced virtually no wind even in open areas, with a high temperature of +2. Should weather conditions not been optimum we definitely would not have risked life & limb on the formidable C-Loop.



We'd planned ahead and brought two dogs for protection should we run into squirrels or other fear-provoking beasts... Purl & Agnes's presence kept us safe & out of harm's way.



Never without sustenance (especially on a trek like this!), Rick brought nourishing snacks which he shared with the group to keep spirits up and to help maintain momentum when the going got tough.



After the grueling 7.5 k hike we regrouped to decompress & celebrate our achievement at the brand new Second Cup in Brandon.

Having just faced our mortality, it was interesting to note how unimportant money was... everyone threw caution to the wind as we celebrated our survival with fancy overpriced teas & coffees, along with sandwiches & pastries.



We only had one casualty; that was a large blister on Bette's right foot. Fortunately, we learned that her foot did not require amputation and that she will be investing in some better footwear for next time. Give the girl credit, there was nary a complaint during the hike. Whilst she didn't lead the pack, she didn't hold us back either... we did not learn of her injury until after we were home.



Thanks to all who joined us, and to Ed, Rick & Carolyn who provided the important photographic documentation to forever memorialize our courageous foray into Loop-C of the Brandon Hills on February 24, 2024.