

Brandon Hills October 29th hike

It was a cool but pleasant start to a beautiful day for the 8 of us. Kari, Steffany, Terri, Liane, Bert, Judy, Olwen and James headed off ahead of schedule to hike the East Side of the Brandon Hills, including the North and South Spine which are not part of the Brandon Hills. (Permission from the landowner is required to hike the Spine.)



The hike started on the Easy Up trail and we quickly diverted onto the Death Valley trail as a Halloween treat.



The hill up out of Death Valley would not be recommended for anyone with a pacemaker. After some photos by the Death Valley sign, and a quick visit to the pet cemetery, we continued on Lucky 3 then on to Lucky 2 for a quick side trip to the old blue car for a refreshment stop.



More photo ops at the old blue car.

After leaving the old blue car we headed back east down Paul's trail onto North and South Trail and carried on north to the Grand Downhill trail.



There was a quick stop along this trail for SkwerlyBird to find the last of the 8 geocaches that she scored today.

Then it was uphill to the North Spine. The weather was perfect to take in the views as we travelled along the North Spine. We stopped for our snack break up on the North Spine where we could enjoy the views. Then it was on to the South Spine. The Spine is also known as Old Baldy on some maps.

It was now all downhill from here to return to the parking lot at the old gun club road. After 3 hours of hiking and an hour of trail snacks and rest everyone was ready to head their separate ways.

I had promised an 11km hike, but sadly I only delivered 10.81km of hiking. :(

James

[The link to some additional photos here.](#)

Any participants are welcome to add photos to this album.