

## Bald Hill hike September 2, 2023

Eleven hardy hikers hit the trail on time with 23°C and a nice wind. Ekaterina, Steffany, Rick, Sue, Steven, Tracey, Kara, Liane, Dianne, Olwen and James headed south on the Bald Hill Trail from the northeast trailhead. This trailhead had to be used because the southeast trailhead access road is closed at the Highway 19 entrance.



The hike was uneventful, other than the numerous piles of bear scat. We headed down this relatively flat trail to the four-way junction of Bald Hill and J.E.T. / Reeves Ravine connector Trail.

The J.E.T. / Reeves Ravine connector trail to the next junction took on more of a wilderness nature with a narrow trail winding through the forest. Poison ivy was spotted on some overgrown sections of the trail, so I will see if anything shows up in the next few days. It can join my Brandon Hills poison ivy patches.

The next section of the hike was a more challenging trail that ran uphill parallel to Reeves Ravine. The scenic and panoramic views from this trail were much better than the previous two sections. This trail brought us to a junction with a 550 meter spur trail to Bald Hill.



We endured the wind chill on top of Bald Hill, which brought the temperature down from the 30C to about 29C, to enjoy our snacks and refreshments.

The departure from Bald Hill took us back out the spur trail and then we did the return trip down the long and never-ending downhill back to the four-way junction.

The final piece of the hike was just a reversal of the first piece, but we got to see everything there from the opposite perspective.

We saw trees, 2 bears, more than 50 piles of fresh bear scat and no other wildlife ... although I did hear a blue jay.

James

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