

Event Review Gorge Creek Day Hike



On Saturday, October 2, 2021, shortly after 10am, 11 members of Westman Wilderness Club and 3 guests to the club hiked Gorge Creek trail in Riding Mountain National Park. Three members of the Hiker Chicks also tagged along to see what our club was all about. We split into two different groups. James led most of the club members all the way to the top of the trail and back down to the parking lot, while I stayed with two of the members who wished to go to the beautiful halfway point, have lunch, and go back to the parking lot, which was approximately 6 km altogether. The terrain was a challenge with the steep hills, shale, and dry leaves covering the path, but the views

were worth it. While the rest of the club had lunch at the top of the trail in the parking area, Liane and I decided after only doing half of the hike that we would join the rest of the group at the top and hike all the way down.

The temperature was not too warm and not too cool - and there were no mosquitoes - making for perfect hiking weather. Some members conquered their fear of heights (some areas of the trail are not for those afraid of heights) and others were glad to have been using poles in the steep areas (myself included, as I am known for not being graceful), while most went without poles.

It was a good day to hit the trails!

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