

It was a cold and windy morning when we assembled at the Brandon Hills parking lot for our hike. The temperature had just broken above the minus 20 degree overnight low, but it felt a little warmer with the bright sunshine. There were 10 two legged hikers; Rick, Sue, Bert, Judy, Di, Jane, Chris, Adam, Olwen and James along with 2 four legged participants; Spirit and Leo.



We headed out along the North Face Trail towards the Fire Road. Just before we got to the Fire Road we lost 2 hikers. They made a return trip to the trailhead to do some hiking near the parking lot. The rest of us continued eastward to the Fire Road then traveled south down to the Ridgeline Trail. After a short off trail hike into a *GeoCache*, [\(I Saw the See!\)](#), we continued over to Lucky 1 Trail and started our trip back to the West. We had planned to stop at the usual bench up on the hill overlooking the tower, but decided it would be much too windy, so we opted for stopping in a sheltered area for our snacks. After snacks and some hot tea we continued west down Burning Bush Trail over to Fire Ant Trail making the loop back around to the trailhead and parking lot, to wrap up the 11.3 km hike. When we arrived at the parking lot we found that we were still 2 hikers short. After rounding up the missing 2 we headed off to Forbidden Flavours for some hot drinks and more snacks.

[Link to Hike Photos.](#)