

## **Brandon Hills September 25th hike**

It was a cool start to a beautiful day for Aaron, Jackie, Keefer, Michelle, Margaret, Darrian, Ed, Linda, Olwen and James to hike the East End 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 continued on Lucky 3 then on to Lucky 2 after passing the Death Valley turn off. A small side trip was made to the old blue car for a quick stop for refreshments. After leaving the old blue car and heading back east on Paul's trail it became evident that two-thirds of the group was missing. Someone, who will remain unnamed, had created a splinter group and was heading for the old fire tower. After regrouping we headed down Paul's trail onto North and South Trail carrying on to the Grand Downhill trail.



There was a quick stop along this trail to plant a geocache, and 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. After 2 ½ hours of hiking and an hour of trail snacks and rest everyone was ready to head their separate ways.

James

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