

Gorge Creek Hike September 28, 2019

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, nine members of the Westman Wilderness Club (myself - Kari, Judy, Bert, Stu, Jane, Robert, Audrey, Olwen, and James) and two guests (Liane and Lori) met in Riding Mountain National Park to do the Gorge Creek Hike. We left some vehicles at the bottom of the trail (East parking lot) and carpooled up to the top of the hill's parking lot where we proceeded to make our descent.

It was a bit chilly, but the sun was shining. Most of us were a bit more bundled up in mitts and such at the start of the hike, except James, who was comfortable in his shorts. Along the way, we met a few more hikers who were hiking up the trail. Although the park had rain two days before, the trail still seemed pretty good and nobody went sliding down any hills that I am aware of. I remained near the end of the group taking pictures of various fungi and berries, so if anyone had any mishaps, I was unaware . :)

As we reached the "lookout point" the temperature began to rise and the sun was shining beautifully, so mitts and other layers came off. We all enjoyed the view and some of us had a bit of a snack on our short break before continuing down the trail.

The hike lasted a little over two hours. Once we reached the bottom parking lot, Robert and Audrey were off to go shopping for horses while the rest of us visited a bit more and ate more snacks. Those who had their vehicles at the top of the trail were given a ride back to their vehicles, then we all went our separate ways. After the hike, Lori, Liane, and I went to Lake Audy to visit the bison, then had some pumpkin pie gelato from the Chocolate Fox. Yum!

A good day was had by all!

Cheers,

Kari

PS: Photos courtesy of myself, Liane, Bert, and James.



