

JAMES LAKE CABIN - Jan 28-30

Judy, Di and Spirit and Di's friend Cathy started the trip with a cinnamon bun and coffee at the Saw Mill cafe in Boissevain. We then headed down to the Turtle Mts and the winter parking lot at Adam Lake.

After getting our packs on - Judy hiked and Di and Cathy snowshoed the 5.5km into the cabin.

As soon as we arrived - it was chop wood and get the wood stove going. Cathy showed us which wood was the best to burn - and we soon had ourselves in a comfortably warm cabin - with enough to keep us going over night. We enjoyed some Christmas cake, spiced apple cider and dipped into each other's supper to check it out! We, or should I say Judy, kept the stove going over night - as it was forecast to dip to -30.

In the morning Di, Cathy and Spirit had a snowshoe around the lake. In the afternoon we all hit the trail towards Adam lake - but turned around before we got there. Another good evening was spent at the cabin. Di baked gingerbread cookies and Judy shared her spiced apple cider - and we devoured our second bar of chocolate!

It was decided that we'd let the stove go out over night. Di made the BIG mistake of putting far too much of the hot burning wood in the stove - and almost baked everyone to death! At about midnight - Judy and Di are outside trying to cool off - leaving the cabin door open to get things cooled down! Cathy just melted in the corner.....

We lived to tell the tale - and in the morning we headed back to the parking lot. The trail was beautiful with everything covered in haw frost. Our vehicles did start (thanks Kari for being on standby to call for rescue) - and we just had to go back for another cinnamon bun and coffee in Boissevain!

Thanks to Judy and Cathy for making this such a memorable trip.

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