

DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL WHINE & CHEESE HIKE REPORT

As in the Olympics, just getting there is half the battle... finishing is the other half!

On Saturday, August 15, 2021 nine members of the WWC showed that we truly are Olympic Champions! No medals were awarded but bragging rights go to Shari & Brian, Lynn, Jane & Norm, Di, Alexa, and Rick & Sue. And our canines Spirit & Agnes.



We knew it was going to be hot... very hot, so we scheduled the hike for 8:30 a.m.

Unfortunately, instructions as to the starting point weren't as clear as they could have been, as one member had trouble finding the Trailhead. Six of our group headed out first, and we then all met up at the "Snack Shack". Some of us rested there, while others did "The Loop", then we all proceeded to the Devil's Punch Bowl.

As the temperature rose, we decided it was aptly named.

Despite the heat & drought conditions over the past few months, there was plenty of greenery. We enjoyed seeing & speculating about the various animal tracks we found in the sand, with Norm making up names of imaginary creatures to test our knowledge. After listing off a few, the BS meter went off & we asked him to tell us about one of his fictional friends. That's when it all fell apart- you got us good Norm!



It is always fun to share in the amazement of first-time visitors to the Punch Bowl- this really is such an amazing trek!

We broke off into different groups depending on differing timelines and obligations for the rest of the day, but all completed the hike.

By completion the temperature was 35 degrees and park officials were encouraging people not to hike the trail.

It was an Olympian effort, and we should all be very proud of our efforts!



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