

March 21, 2020 Brandon Hills Hike

5 Wilderness Club members and 2 guests, along with 2 canines met in the Brandon Hills parking lot to embark on a 5.5 km hike. The parking lot was almost full when we arrived--an unusual sight--but with the many trails in the park, we encountered only 3 people in our 3 hour journey.

"3 hours to walk 5.5 km!" you say. Well, James and his GPS weren't along, so despite the many lovely signposts and group navigation efforts, our hike stretched to just about double that and we ended up doing much of the North Face before returning via Broken Hoe and TP Two! Not a problem, though, as it was a glorious, warm, sunny day and I, at least, was happy to have been forced into a little extra exercise and fresh air.

The trails were a little icy on the steep downhills, and Katie had to stop often to chew the ice that accumulated under her paws (no worries--Katie was one of the canines--a very, very well-furred malamut), but otherwise it is easily hikeable.

I also found that it was very easy to keep my 6 or 8 foot distance from people, and still be in communication with the group, so a grand way to safely spend some time with others and out of the house as spring arrives. Obviously, a lot of others thought so too, as the parking lot was even fuller when we arrived back at our cars.

Thanks to all who came out and made it a pleasant afternoon.

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