

7th Annual “Whine & Cheese” Hike Report- Saturday, May 6

Saturday, May 6 was a very windy day, but not too windy to scare off 18 hardy hikers and 1 canine- Steffanie, Ben & Lacy, Judy H, Kari, Patrick, Dennis, Jolene, Karen, Olga, Bert & Judy B, Olwen & James, Cathy, Crystal, Rick, Sue & Agnes (our canine).



The 16-degree temperature with a breeze made for a great hike in the Carberry Sandhills.

Some of our participants were new members, some were long-time (seasoned, not old!) members, and some were just testing the waters to see what our club was all about. We were all on our best behaviour just to show how much we can be, so hopefully they will join our ranks!



Crocuses (croci?) were just coming into bloom, so we got some great photos of them, as well as 6 turtles sunbathing.



We also saw a most handsome mallard...Rick “knew” it was a male because in the animal kingdom, the males are the best looking. Clearly it doesn’t work that way for people.

In honour of the coronation, James & Sue vied to determine who was in fact the King/Queen of the castle. James was to the top first and offered Sue a hand up, so James may have won the honour.



We had an enjoyable picnic lunch about ½ way, where cheese & chocolate was shared- Rick was excited to find another chocolate lover in our midst by the name of Olga!

Whilst we ate, a hiker we had met before joined us- Ashley from Backcountry Women was hiking on her own so we had a nice visit/catch up with her.

The only “whining” that occurred on the hike was a difference of opinion as to the exact distance we hiked. We advertised the hike as 13 k, yet various Fitbits & Apple Watches begged to differ. We decided to accept James’s GPS measurement of 11.8 k and rounded up to 12 k to get to our cars.

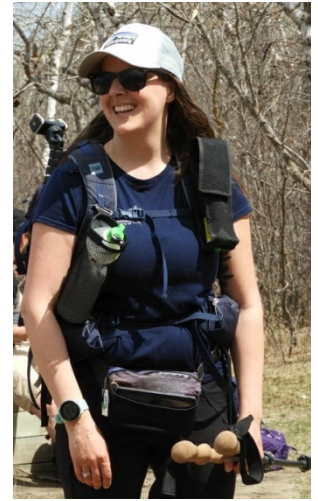


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