

## January 5<sup>th</sup> Brandon Hills Hike Log:



Our group of 15 participants gathered in the parking lot around 10am on January 5<sup>th</sup> to head out on the hike in the Brandon Hills.

Just after 10 Sue, Rick, Fred, Jackie, Jane, Dennis, Aaron, Shannon, Kris, Ron, Judy, Olwen, James, Dover, and Kiefer headed off down the trail.

The 5 km of the first leg of the journey took us along the North Face Trail to TP2 & TP1 then along the Fire Road to the branch into the Fire Tower on Sad Joe Trail, with a quick stop along the Fire Road to hide a new [GeoCache](#). We had our refreshment break at the fire tower. Only two people chose to brave the climb up the fire tower, one 3/4 of the way up and the other to the top. I had gone to the top of the fire tower on the previous day to take some photographs.

After we finished refreshments we headed back West along Burning Bush and Fire Ant for a 5.6 km hike back to the parking lot. We met two groups of bikers on the return trip. The ones on the fat bikes seemed to be having no problem at all on the trails, but the group of 4 with narrow tires were struggling a little.



After the hike most of the group gathered at Forbidden Flavours for refreshments before heading off home.

Total hike 10.6 km at average speed of 4.1 km/h. 2 hours 25 minutes hiking and 32 minutes stopped.

Thanks to everyone for their participation in this event.

[Event Photos](#)

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## January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Logs:

I had gone to the Hills on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to check out the trails before the planned hike on the 5<sup>th</sup>. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> I had taken my snowshoes with me just in case they were required and I hiked the trail that we did on the 5<sup>th</sup>, but snowshoes were not required. On the 4<sup>th</sup> I came in from the south east of the Hills and snowshoes were required. I snowshoed in to the Fire Tower and then East on Sad Joe to the Camel Humps Trail and on Merglan back to the Fire Road.

Because the bikers have groomed most of the trails the only place to snowshoe is east of the Fire Road, which is quite a hike if you start at the main parking lot.

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