

Souris River Bend; South Camp to Middle Camp October 15th hike.

There were five hikers ready to go at the scheduled starting time, even though one of the participants had tried to take a shortcut to Middle Camp. Kari, Dennis, Steffany, Olwen and James set off from South Camp at 10ish. It was Steffany's first hike with the Wilderness club, as she is a relatively new member. Even as a new member she taught the old timers something about apples at our snack break.

The start of the hike was across the windswept prairie, but we were soon making the long climb up to an elevation that would give us a great view of the Souris River Bend and the Souris River Valley. There was still a little color in the leaves on the trees on the hills on the other side of the Souris Valley. A short hike along the trail overlooking the valley brought us to Wayne's Trail which took us back down to the bottom of the valley. The great amount of fallen leaves made the downhill trek a little tricky. The rest of the hike followed the Souris River on to Middle Camp. After a short break to use the facilities and to hide a geocache we headed back a little bit before taking our snack break. Our snack was served "on the rocks" at the edge of the Souris River. After our snack break we took a different route up to the main trail. It was a shorter route, but much steeper going up. The rest of the trail back was relatively flat on a good wide trail which allowed for a good amount of chit chat.

Back at the trailhead at 1:45pm with 10.7km logged on a beautiful day with just a little bit too much wind on some of the open areas. 4 geocaches found, 1 geocache hidden. To my surprise all five of the hikers were geocache enthusiasts.

James

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