

May Long Backpack - Sprucewoods

Kari, Di and Spirit made an early start on the Saturday morning to get some camping spots at cabin 3 on the Epinette trail. Due to all other parks being closed for a variety of reasons - we were anticipating a busy weekend! We were entertained by some cute little birds we'd never seen before - American Redstarts. We did chat with a hiker who was ecstatic about Sprucewoods - and was making a You Tube video. Davys-Dash! After setting up camp, we backtracked to meet Sue, Rick and Agnes coming in on the trail. We enjoyed an evening around the fire and making Smores - thanks Kari!

There were just a few other campers at cabin 3, as most had hiked on to cabin 4. There were some who had arrived without packs and who decided sleep in the cabin. We felt uneasy leaving our food with potentially hungry hikers - so hung things up in the trees - and kept our fingers crossed that the little critters didn't have a feast!

The following morning Sue, Rick and Agnes headed out, while Di and Kari set off to cabin 4. Di met other backpacking buddies along the way - Mei, Lydia and Carri. What a small world! This was a long day hike - 24.4km - but with lots of stops to admire the Crocus's, we made it!

Once back at cabin 3, we were joined by Chris and Selena, Jeff and Leanne. We had to inspect each others gear - there's always something better or lighter than you already have! By now lots more campers were arriving - and their dogs. We had to grab the table from the cabin to accommodate all of us! Supper included two desserts - and the mandatory night caps! We also had more gear to inspect - there are some new inventions. Please see Di for more info!!!!

We all hiked out on Monday morning.

Thanks to everyone who made this a great weekend!

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