

Devil's Punch Bowl Hike Report

Saturday, April 20, 2024



Blue skies, 10° temperature & moist sand made for ideal hiking on this very popular trail Saturday, April 20.

Dennis, Carolyn, Stephany, Bert & Judy, Rick & Sue, 9-year-old Sam, & canine Agnes ventured on our first Punch Bowl Hike of the year. Notably absent were the throngs of other hikers we typically encounter on this hike- we just passed a few individuals as we neared the end.

The idyllic temperature along with a breeze made for an easy hike- we only became cool when we stopped for breaks. Young Sam didn't need the breaks and encouraged us not to stop for long. We determined that after Agnes, he got the most steps of us all running back & forth in excitement as he discovered new sights & signs in the Sandhills.

As always, views from the various platforms were spectacular.



We didn't see any croci on our hike, but we did see this beautiful prickly cacti.



We also saw this stuff in the water that we could not identify. One member suggested that it looked like "rust collecting algae".

If anyone has any other suggestions, please let us know!



The youngest & the oldest in our group ventured right down to the punch bowl. We weren't sure however who was looking after whom!

At the end of our hike, there was the usual debate as to the exact distance we hiked with various devices ranging from 11.6 to 12.7 k. We did all agree though that the Devil's Punch Bowl is a fantastic hike!

Thanks to those who joined us for a great day!

Rick & Sue

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