

## Wasootch Ridge

Six hikers met at the AMA parking lot for a rainy day hike in Kananaskis.

Since a stop at the Samosa Factory on the way home was mandatory, and no one wanted to be without samosas, Sherry volunteered to fit us all in her vehicle. All six piled in with our gear and we had a cosy and green trip to the trailhead.

We hit Wasootch at 10 a.m. , there were only 2 other vehicles in the parking lot. The weather was less than stellar and the forecast more of the same. The trail starts off steep and gets steeper.....This ridge walk is 5.5 kms and 1010 m to the cairn that marks the end of the official trail.The views are



excellent, Mt. Lorette, Mt. Allan, Baldy, Mt. McDougall, Porcupine creek on one side and Wasootch Creek on the other. We saw none of those. It was mist, mist and missed.



We did see the dwarf limber pines, stressed by wind on the ridge top. Krumholz, sounds like a Scandinavian cookie....





...and a rare sighting of Big Foot.



Thank you Rob, for catching this elusive beast on camera. (I think you had to be there to appreciate the significance of this rare photo)

We were back to the car by 4 pm, hungry and ready for samosas and pakoras. Ask any of us for directions and recommendations.

Thank you Patty, Pat, Sherry, Janice and Rob for a good day out.

