

Joffre Bridge Hike

November 12th, 2016

Six hikers started at the Joffre Bridge which crosses the Red Deer River. The bridge is just a short drive east of Red Deer. I have to say it is great to have this nice little hike so close to the city. I would say it is a hidden gem that most locals don't know about. The trail starts on a 4x4 track which runs parallel to the river. It certainly didn't feel like November this morning with no snow and balmy temperatures. There were nice fall colors and we saw quite a few geese who would rest on the river during their long journey south. The trail then leaves the 4x4 track and becomes a hiking trail as it goes across the slopes of the river. While on this part of the trail we were joined by another bringing our party to six. There are many options at this point and you can stay close to the river or choose to be higher up on the hill. There are a few little bridges along the way to practice your balancing skills. The trail would eventually take you to the Canyon Ski Hill but we chose to have lunch and then head back for home before reaching the end of the trail. There were a few laughs and stories shared over lunch. Right before the trail end we took a group picture. Thank you, Sandy, for organising this nice little outing.



