

Burstall Pass – September 6, 2015

Well, what a day this turned out to be! Despite the wacky weather 9 crazy and awesome people showed up for a trip up to Burstall Pass in Kananaskis. Everyone started out a little nervous of what the day was to bring, but after a while everyone was chatting and admiring the incredible scenery caused by the white fluffy stuff.



“On September 6 we had a wonderful winter wonderland hike to Burstall Pass. The day started out with an early rainy morning drive hitting slushy snow on the Spray Lakes road to the trailhead. The hike began under a gray cloudy sky with a few flakes of snow falling. We broke trail in six inches of fresh snow which sometimes made the trail hard to find in the woods reaching the top of the pass around noon. As our views were limited by cloud cover we had a quick, cool lunch thinking we were the only ones hiking on such a day when suddenly we were overrun by other hikers arriving. This created a beaten though slippery path for our return. By the time we reached the bottom the snow had melted and the sun was trying to peak out.”

Pat



“Alberta Summer Hiking in the Winter Wonderland. Fresh snow everywhere and lots of it, trees which kept spilling even more snow onto our heads and Mark making a snow baby for us all to find on the way back ... and we all failed at finding this.”
Janice



“We had a great day hiking in the snow. Hard to believe it was September since it looked more like December, but that didn't stop 9 hardy souls from trekking up to Burstall Pass. A great hike for both beginner and experienced hikers alike as the terrain alternates between flat and climbing. The awesome views were hiding in the clouds but that didn't lessen the enjoyment of the day as any day in the mountains is a great one. The company was very fine too! A few 'snow babies' came out to play but most other animals were in hiding waiting for a sunnier day.”
Tricia

“It was an awesome hike in the snow with another beautiful side of nature”
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