

## Fall Wind up Weekend Sept 28-29, 2019

We gathered Friday night to a surprising ½ full hostel. Too many Edmonton and Calgary meetup hiking groups are discovering our backyard.

The forecast was for snow and more snow. Alberta was hit hard with snow this weekend. Many areas receiving 2 to 3 feet. In normal fashion, Kootenay Plains was bone dry.



Saturday morning, the cars had a few inches to clean off but nothing that would scare off the 7 strong CAMC members. Don, Darlene, Jeff, Debbie, Pat, Michelle and Trent had a special hike to tackle.

Jeff was privy to a new hike to Lake of the Falls. Trailhead is on Hwy 11, west of the Landslide Lake trailhead. This was like candy to a baby, a new undiscovered route that needed our full attention.

We ascended through old forest fire areas, high level meadows and old spruce stands. Snow depth increased as we gained elevation but nothing above our knees. We followed sporadic flagging as best we could but flags seemed to peter out.

With 800+meter elevation and being past 2pm, we decided to turn back. Our intended peak, along with every peak was clouded in. It was easy for very mild flurries and a breeze to force us to the cars as we had steak and salmon waiting.



Potluck was everything it is supposed to be. All were fat and happy with the days hike and windup supper. It must have been a good day as many in bed about 9pm.

Sunday saw a few members explore the trails around the Nordegg townsite. We covered 6km and gained 185meters. Mostly quad trails but suited the purpose for a second day adventure.

We looked for the Nordegg falls, found a dry creek. Broke into the old water tower, found nothing. Had lunch on the tailgate standing in the cemetery. We did not have to share our lunch with the cemetery guests.

A great weekend to end the 2019 CAMC summer season. A big thanks to Don and Darlene for arranging the weekend. These things do not happen on their own.



