

CAMP HUGHES SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE

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Jeannine, Wendy, Sue, Lorne, Bert and Brian met at Camp Hughes Wayside park at 10 on Sunday for a snowshoe hike in the area north of the wayside park. The weather was perfect with minus 8 or so at the start and closer to plus 2 by the time we were done. We followed packed snowmobile trails, packed deer trails, packed quad trails and even went about 200 m off road in untracked snow!

The group saw a few deer on the run, and an elk calf and deer that had fallen victims of winter conditions, highway collisions or hunters last season. Two Ruff Grouse also fly past on their way to a sunny place to forage for food. The area is heavily tracked by ungulates like deer and elk and I even saw some coyote sign along one of the trails.

Everyone but Bert had lunch sitting on a fallen tree and enjoyed the beautiful day with conversations and stories about travel to far off places. Bert had left his lunch in his vehicle since he wanted to travel packless!

After lunch we continued along our way heading in the general direction of back to the vehicles. We came out on the trail where it paralleled #1 highway so between the traffic noise and crunchy snow underfoot conversation on that stretch was difficult.

The group was back at the vehicles by close to 1, after 5km of enjoyable snowshoeing in the Spruce Woods Provincial Forest at Camp Hughes. Thanks to everyone for coming along. See you on the next adventure.

Brian

