

## **Viking Tour Report for Monday, February 28, 2022**

Dear Viking tourers,

Yesterday fifteen (15!) Viking tourers, including 2 guests, set out from Tomas Krejcik's house overlooking Lac Notre-Dame, to ski the Crown South, Crown West loop, via the LND loop and the connection to Tomas's house. It was a beautiful cloudless day and many of the bushes and trees sparkled with the ice left by Thursday's rain - a veritable winter wonderland.

Ski conditions were very good, with dry powder on top of the crust left by the rain. I was happy with my choice of steel-edged skis, even though mine are long, stiff and heavy. It was cold and windy on the lakes and open portions, but tolerable. PDC had tracked the Crown trails on Sunday.

Tomas, led Brent, MFA, DonH and guest Julian Harrison (son of Philip and Marie-Claire) on extra loops around Lac-en-P near the beginning and and Les Bûcherons near the end. Another group, leader undetermined, omitted the Lac-en-P loop but did the Bûcherons at the end while my group stuck to the straightforward Crown South-West-South. I estimate that our group did 12.5 kms in 3 ½ hours, the middle group 14+ kms and the fast group, 16+ kms.

We all repaired to Tomas's house for some much appreciated hot, home-made soup. Many thanks to Tomas for suggesting this trip, and his hospitality.

Many thanks also to ChrisN, Katherine, Jarmila, Christine (guest) and Judée, for the photos which I will edit and send out tomorrow.

Unfortunately, I shall not be accompanying you on Thursday as I have a conflicting obligation in town. Derek will be advising you of the plans.

Kind regards to all,

Gordon