

Bowen Lookout – February 9th, 2020

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Eight members and three guests signed up for the snowshoe hike to Bowen Lookout from the Cypress downhill ski park. Unfortunately, two of the guests had misunderstood the instructions and waited for us at the Hollyburn parking area. The traffic by that time was very slow and it would take too long to get finally to the trail head, so we started with nine snowshoers. The weather was good, temperature about 3° above zero, no wind and an overcast sky that was promising to clear.

The snow was good, not icy with about five centimeters of soft snow. The first part of the trail went past Yew Lake. This is a beautiful area with snow, the creek and the lake. After the Yew Lake area, we crossed a small area of trees and followed the snow-covered road to the Bowen Lookout Trail. The trail started to climb here, but not too steep. At the Bowen Lookout we had a short break to look across the Howe Sound to Gambier Island, Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast.

After our break we returned on the Bowen Lookout trail for about 200 meters and then changed directions to go to the Howe Sound Crest Trail. We went as far as to get a view of the Two Lions but they were unfortunately in the clouds and not visible. At this point we turned back. At about noon we stopped for lunch at a sunny spot along the trail.

We all had a great time, and it was a good way to get used again to hike on snowshoes.