

Black Mountain Snowshoe Hike

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On a beautiful Sunday morning five BOC members started their snowshoe hike from the Black Mountain Lodge at the Cypress ski area. The first 2km was a steady climb to reach the main plateau. At Cabin Lake we took a side trip to the Yew Lake summit. This peak is about 6m higher at 1224m than Black Mountain. We stopped here for a snack break and enjoyed the view that is actually better than that from Black Mountain.

We returned to the trail that leads to Black Mountain where we also stopped to look at the scenery. It was too early for lunch so we continued our hike down to the area where we looped around three lakes. The snow started to melt from the tree branches and sometimes these snow bombs fell painfully on our head. At Sam Lake we stopped for lunch in the sunshine on the snow. The lake was frozen solid and could be walked on. At this point the trail started to rise again till we reached the trail that would take us back to the parking lot. This was going downhill all the rest of the way.

We all agreed that we had a great hike on a beautiful day.