

### Hollyburn Peak – snowshoe Feb 2, 2020

We arrived at the trailhead parking lot by 8:30 am and so were able to park fairly close to the trailhead. As we suspected, recent weather – snow, heavy rain, freezing – had left the snowpack very hard and crunchy! Crampons would have been a better choice than snowshoes, but we went with what we had.

A couple of steep stretches of trail, and the escapades of some snowshoers who were sliding down as they were descending, demonstrated how icy the travelled trail was. On some steep inclines it was easier to avoid the trail and walk on the untrodden areas.

As we neared the top, we decided that the low cloud meant we might as well turn around at that point, rather than going a little further to look at the inside of a different cloud. Going down was, not surprisingly, easier than our ascent. On the way back to the trailhead we ran into Ulla, heading up for a later outing, and then Victor who had already been out snowshoeing the previous day.

It was still too early for lunch, so we headed to a coffee shop in North Vancouver for something warm to drink and snacks.