

BMN Hike Report

March to the High Knoll (Sunday, March 4, 2012)

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BMN's first hike of the year was on March 4th and our destination was DeBoville Slough & Minnekhada Regional Park. We picked this day because it's our favourite day of the year to hike on (*march forth*, get it?).

As there was a threat of rain, only 3 hikers showed up at the meeting spot with umbrellas in hand. We first walked the north side of DeBoville Slough and headed north towards Addington Marsh. There was only the odd drop of rain falling and not even enough to cover ourselves. We saw a Belted Kingfisher, Bald Eagles, Northern Flickers, and a Great Blue Heron.

Ty and Michelle finding the trail .
Ian McArthur photo.

Before heading into Minnekhada Regional Park, we looked up at the High Knoll ringed in clouds and it was not looking promising for views. By the time we circled around the east side of the High Knoll and climbed to the top, the clouds had broken and we had wonderful views for our lunch break. We took in the Low Knoll viewpoint on our way down and returned via Cedar Drive. Our umbrellas were not carried in vain as we put them up for about 5 minutes a short distance from our vehicles.

View of the High Knoll from Addington Marsh.
Ty Orosco photo.

