
AWA's 2018 Hiking Season

AWA's 2018 hiking season whisked us off on some great adventures that offered breathtaking views of many Alberta landscapes. Over the past year, more than 200 people took advantage of AWA's hikes program and helped to make it a wonderful season.

AWA hikes aim both to promote healthy lifestyles and increase awareness about the natural history and unique features of Alberta's wildspaces. Amazing volunteers and staff are key to realizing that second

goal. From the Cardinal Divide to Lakeland, from the Parkland Dunes to the expansive grasslands of Milk River Ridge, AWA explored a broad range of natural regions across Alberta, and made many new friends along the way. Several trips to Nose Hill Park, a natural treasure in Calgary's backyard, reminded us of how protected areas in our metropolitan areas may serve as refuges for the ecological values we seek to protect and promote.

As Albertans, we are very privileged to

live in such a beautiful and ecologically-diverse province. Sharing trips into some of that beauty and diversity over this past year has been our distinct pleasure.

Our hikes program will not be hibernating this winter. Why don't you join us on a winterscape exploration near the town of Cochrane on January 11th 2019? Vivian Pharis and Christyann Olson will join me in following a trail through a 40-acre Environmental Reserve located at the southern end of the Bighill Creek

drainage in Rocky View County. The gentle terrain of this glacial meltwater coulee is home to an array of resident wildlife species and is sure to offer some picturesque views. We hope you will register online and join us there!

- Nissa Petterson

*A misty exploration of
the Crowsnest Pass with
dedicated volunteers
Carol and Terry Ostrom.*
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