

Five Winds - Winter Camping Hot Tenting

Event Title **Queen Elizabeth 2 - Hot Tenting**

Event Type	Overnight 1 night
Event Location	QE2 Devils Lake area
Start Date & Time	Saturday, February 17, 2018
Start Time at Whitby	10:00 AM
Finish Date	Monday, February 19, 2018
Estimated Finishing Time	7 PM back in Whitby
Registration Cut-off Date	Monday, February 12, 2018
Event Duration	3 days, 2 nights
Difficulty Rating:	Beginner, Intermediate
Event Coordinator	Gary Ataman 905-922-1434 cell
Member Cost	Share Carpool only
Participant Info:	
Who's Invited	Expeirence folks in good shape
Maximum Group Size	12
Minimum Group Size	2
Are Dogs Permitted	Yes, well behaved ones



Itinerary:

Hot Tenting Base Camp

On this adventure I wanted to try hot tenting again. I have made a homemade wood stove and a 8' x 10' tent tarp shelter. The plan is to sled in around 2 km along trails and frozen ponds and setup a base camp. Once set-up go on a 3 hour snowshoe daypack hike exploring the Queen Elizabeth 2 park around Devils/Sheldon Lake. Returning to camp for supper and sleeping in the hot tent for the night. I'm thinking we can sleep 4 in the tent shelter. On Sunday morning crank up the stove again for a good breakfast. Then head out in a different direction for a ~8-10 km (4-5 hours) day snowshoe hike. Back to camp for supper. The Monday do a short 2 hour day hike after breakfast and back to camp for a snack and pack up camp and sled back to the trail head. You can check out other trip photos from previous outings on my Facebook page.

The challenge on this adventure will be to see what's hot tenting all about.

Cooking over the wood stove or camp fire. Dress in layers. Wear boots with removable liners. This trip is open to beginners to advance experienced winter campers with overnight winter camping experience. You need to be able to be comfortable bushwhacking on this adventure. You need to be able to bushwhack snowshoe at 2 km/hr. The planned route 3-4 km loop full pack/sled and 3+8+3 km day pack outings. You will need to be comfortable crossing frozen ponds and lakes.

Itinerary:

Planning will be coordinated via emails and phone calls. Winter camping guides, maps, etc will be forwarded before the outing to help you prepare. A planning spreadsheet will be sent out and needs to be filled in and returned to the coordinator in a timely manner to solidify your spot on the trip. In addition, if you are new to the coordinator a series of questions will be asked to determine your experience and fitness level. This will allow the coordinator to create balanced shelter teams and keep everyone safe and happy.

Everyone will need to have safety ice pikes, a whistle, and a first aid kit. You can pick this gear up at a Canadian Tire, Sail or hunting supply stores.

On Monday afternoon after the outing we will have an early supper in Norland where we can sort out the carpool funds and have a few laughs.

Required Items to Bring:

Winter camping clothing and equipment (eg. sleeping bag(s) equivalent rated to -20C, sleeping pad, small tarp (~8' x 10') or tent (if no room in hot tent shelter), winter boots, snow shoes and poles, dress in layers, backpack, insulated sleeve & water bottle, food, cooking gear, etc.

Ice pikes (mandatory), Whistle and First Aid Kit

15 meter throw rope (a few in the group)

Snowshoes /poles

Shovel (2 in group)

Your own food or team up with others

Cash for share of carpool

Recommended Items to Bring:

Camera, sun glasses, lipseal, GPS, compass

NO cotton clothes.

Sled (optional)

How to Get There:

Event Directions	See organizer for map and directions
Carpool to Event Distance (round trip)(km)	290
Carpool Departure Time	8:00 AM
Carpool Location	Whitby GO Station
Carpool Directions	See me for map and directions
Cost (\$) per Km	0.2
Total carpool cost per car (\$)	58.00

Notes;(if you have not winter camped with me)

1. Please provide a brief description of your winter camping and snowshoeing experience.
2. List gear you have and need.
3. How would you describe your physical fitness?
4. Can you swim?

If you not sure about something shoot me an email and I would be glad to help you out.

Cost & Payment:

Your share of the carpool total cost / total people in carpool. Payment in cash.