

Actif Epica exploring Emerson for next years race



Under the moonlight on Feb 26th, 5 fat-tire bikers from Winnipeg departed Emerson at 8pm. Their purpose was an exploratory run; peddling the Crow Wing Trail to Senkiw bridge. They were monitoring difficulty on the unplowed cross country trail, and determining how much time takes to make the 60 km run. Consideration is being explored for next years annual winter Actif Epic bike race in February to start in Emerson rather than St. Malo. The current 160 km trek would be lengthened to 220 km from Emerson to Winnipeg, creating a bigger appeal for international participants who seek the longer endurance events.

Crow Wing Trail board member Wayne Arseny

indicates this is great news for the Emerson-Franklin municipality if our section of the trail gets included in the race. The start off in Emerson and a mid-point check-point in Ridgeville and Senkiw provides us three opportunities to host not only the riders but those who travel with them. Its a new aspect of tourism for us here in this rural area. We never thought our trails would be used in winter as well as summer.

The bikers made it to Ridgeville in approx. 2 hrs. They spent the night in sleeping bags on the snow and reached Senkiw bridge by 10am the next morning.