

*Vic's View – October 18, 2006:*

**Powderface Ridge** has an elevation of 7,250 feet (2,210 meters). It is located in the Elbow River Valley in **Kananaskis Country**, Alberta. This eight kilometer long, grass and tree covered ridge stretches from Prairie Creek in the north to the Elbow River to the west. You'll find it east of Ford Creek and opposite Forgetmenot Ridge.

**Powderface Ridge** can be clearly seen from Highway # 66. It was named after a Stoney Indian, Tom Powderface, who lived in the Bragg Creek area.

For a 3-D view of this mountain, or any of the 1,558 mountain peaks identified on Dave Birrell's web site, surf up [www.PeakFinder.com](http://www.PeakFinder.com) and click on the Google Earth link.

On Wednesday Oct. 18, Dee, Sheila, Ursula and I went up **Powderface Ridge** (once again for me). The snow that had fallen in the previous days prevented us from doing anything more challenging. But, as usual, it didn't matter where you go.

It was again a great day to be out stomping on the trails. It was cloudy and cool when we started. A cold, strong wind greeted us at the top of the ridge. We found shelter behind trees for lunch and then got out of the top in a hurry. By then, though, the skies started to open up here and there. And as it has been happening often this season, by the time we got back to the car, the sun was shining on us with bright blues skies everywhere but to the West. Here are some of the images that we took that day:



**Nihahi Ridge** from **Powderface Ridge**

"Nihahi" is the Stoney Indian word for "rocky."



**Nihahi Ridge, Mount Remus and Mount Romulus**

Romulus and Remus were the legendary founders of Rome. Twin sons of Mars and Rhea Silvia, they were abandoned and cast adrift on the Tiber, ultimately washing ashore where they were suckled by a wolf and fed by a woodpecker. They were then adopted by a shepherd and later founded the city that was to become Rome. Romulus surrounded it with a wall, but Remus in contempt jumped over it so Romulus killed him and reigned alone in the city which was named for him.



**Banded Peak: Elevation 2934m (9626ft.)**

A horizontal band of dark rock forms a steep cliff just below the summit of the mountain. As snow does not lie on the cliff, it forms a dark band below the summit with snow above and below.



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