



MEMBERS' RESPONSES (ON THE ROAD-TRIP TO ALGONQUIN PARK)

Anupama Allen (New member):

It was our first road trip in Canada and thanks to all for making this a memorable one. Had a great experience beyond our expectation. Looking forward for the next one.

Vasantha Nair:

It was a wonderful trip. Though the 7.7km trail was very tedious and never-ending, my fit bit reading at the end has made my day or week. Have burnt almost 2000 calories 😊. Altogether it was a great trip, with good food, good friends and good weather. Thankyou co-ordinators and volunteers! Thumps up

Rajeev Menon:

Awesome trip. We thoroughly enjoyed. I encourage everyone to take the same trail in Fall. It will be a totally different experience. Thanks again for the organizing committee. You guys DID IT AGAIN.

Tom V Oommen (New member):

No doubt, I really enjoyed my first trip with MEGA.

To recollect those 48 hours of trip:

1. Watched sunset after a long time
2. Camp fire Party
3. Fall view & sightseeing in Muskoka & Algonquin Park
4. 7.5 km trail walk
5. Sleeping under a tree.
6. First Swimming on a Canadian Lake.

Wow, I am thankful to MEGA office bearers & family. God bless.

Raghu Menon (New Member):

Thanks to all Mega team members for arranging such a fabulous well connected event involving every member participant.

Even though the trail was bit a tough one it seems the Mega associates had a pre-set with Mother Nature to have a pleasant weather for a long trail-walk.

Special thanks to Latha chechi , Sanooja , Sindhu's for feeding us on time and of course the spirit was kept high by maestro Rajesh

Preetha Varma:

It was a wonderful trip. It's not where you travel but who you travel with - Thank you MEGA for amazing experience that will last a life time. Looking forward for more such events.

Harikumar:

Without a doubt it was an excellent trip. Kudos to the organizers who put in extra effort to make this a MEGA success. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sindhu Nair:

Thank you Mega team for organizing yet another awesome event. . The shared accommodation helped to build the camaraderie -it felt like one big family. Three cheers to the organizing team

Nandini & Vineed (New members):

One of our greatest pleasures in life is a journey to the middle of nowhere. We hold that thought very close to our hearts and have been looking forward to a journey that we could make outside the city. Thanks to MEGA, the trip to Algonquin was just the breath of fresh air that we needed.

There are many things that made this trip wonderful and memorable. However as new MEGA members, what made it extraordinary was the warm family atmosphere that we felt within the group. There was little or no effort for breaking the ice, in fact, the members were very forthcoming with introductions.

We were very pleased with the level of organization during the trip. Including the room bookings, food, beverages and communication before and during the trip. The motel location at Dwight was an excellent choice as we had the entire place to ourselves. It is really difficult to manage food and beverages for 40 people but any confusion (if present) was seamlessly managed.

The hike in Algonquin Park was the true highlight of the trip for us. It was meditative and purposeful. It brought back a lot of memories from our travels before coming to Canada. It was also exciting to see how everyone was dedicated to making it fun and entertaining.

Coming up close behind the hike in memorable moments is the musical night by the campfire on Friday. Though it took some time for us to warm up to the weather and the crowd, we were by the end, card-holding members of Campfire Singers of MEGA!

Due to previous commitments, we could not stay for the events on Saturday night, which we do regret. However, we would love to make it up by helping organize more trips for nature and treks/hikes enthusiasts like us.

Thanks to Sajeev and Latha for their wonderful skills organizing this trip; to Binu and Sanooja for their amazing stories and constant entertainment; Rajesh for ensuring our cups were always full; Hari, Sudha and Sai for the most amazing conversations and the beautiful drive. To Parvathi, Anupama and Allen for braving the extended trek to the lookout point! The biryani was worth the extra effort!

Thanks to everyone for all the love and an amazing time!

Response from Organizers:

Thank you all for the valuable feedback! We enjoyed organizing it, as much as you enjoyed being a part of it!

As a group, you were:

- Up keeping the spirit 'One MEGA, One Family!'
- Open-minded to all our experiments (room-share being major)
- Accommodative regarding the meals (children first, gents next and ladies last- in line with our traditions)
- Very responsible consumers of CH₃CH₂OOH (a sensitive guy who can turn things upside down)
- Tolerant to the rules of the motel like Power saving and clean-up (SWATTCH-DWIGHT initiatives)
- Being on time which helped optimizing the fun
- Careful about event-free driving back and forth
- Treating us with the same respect (at least superficially), even after the exhausting trail-hike!

Hope this spirit and co-operation will continue for all MEGA events in future!

Organizers are humbled!

Sajeev Nair, President MEGA along with Sanooja, Roni and Oommachan