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There's no easy days in the Arctic

10 Mar, 05 - 19:00

GPS-pos: N68°13' | E157°42' | Alt: 2 M

It's the 10th of March today, Thursday, and we're sitting, slightly shivering, in the tent at N 68°13'21.6 and E 157°42'33.2. We've done 12 demanding kilometers today. -45°F in the morning, but a mere -13°F at midday. Unfortunately a freezing southwesterly at 4 m/h have bothered us badly.

At the present we're munching down a Beef and Potato Casserole -dried frozen- which tastes great. It's a welcome break from the monotonous moose- and caribou diet.

After 1 hour of skiing today, we did a spectacular move for the first time since we started skiing from Zyryanka in November, we took the gloves off, and the Gore-Tex Jacket and skied only in our thermal underwear! What a tremendous feeling! Birds were singing and the sun was shining and I thought:



Writing today's report

"Maybe we finally, after this long, freezing cold and demanding winter, can thaw up!"

A freezing cold southwesterly arrived twenty minutes later, which iced the kidney's and gave me the runs. (diarrhea) It was by far the most freezing tom-tit (dump) of the trip. I felt like I lost all sense of feeling in my bottom half and my hands were dangerously cold, since I had no gloves. I felt that hot and cold tingling feeling of frostbite in all fingers. It took me 20 minutes to warm the hands up, before I could start skiing to catch up with a by now well-clothed Johan. The rest of the day was one long struggle, both of us void of any energy, and by 4.30 p.m. we pitched camp.

Right now, food is finished, and we're not getting the stove to work as we like, due to the extremely poor quality Russian petrol. Johan is swearing at it in his native dialect - malungsish. He also reckons that the matches are the worst of the worst. I agree fully since I've done all the initial condemnation an hour earlier whilst cooking. The cup of coffee was good, though! We still feel cold and the temperature is dropping fast both inside and outside.

It seems there's no easy day's to be found in an arctic Siberia. We definitely haven't had any yet.

8 days to go to reach Kolymskaya. 400 km;s to the final end at Ambarchik Bay.

Det är torsdagen den 10 mars och vi sitter i tältet och huttrar vid N 68°13'21.6 och Ö 157°42'33.2. 12 tunga kilometer avverkade idag. -42°C på morgonen, men runt -25°C under dagen samt en iskall 4 s/m sydväst vind som gjort livet surt.

Det finns inga lätta vinterdagar i arktiska trakter

Vi sitter just nu och äter torrmat -lappskojs- som smakar mycket bra. Älg- och renkött dieten börjar bli lite väl monoton.

Efter en timmes åkning idag, gjorde vi någonting häpnadsväckande, för första gången under vinterturen så tog vi av oss alla handskar, ytterjackan och åkte i understället! Underbart! Solen sken, småfåglarna kvittrade och jag tänkte:

"Skall vi äntligen tina upp nu efter en lång vinter!"

Tjugo minuter senare anlände en iskall sydvästvind som snabbt isade ner njurarna och jag fick diarr'e. Kallaste bajsningen på hela turen. Hela underlivet kändes bortdomnat efteråt och eftersom jag saknade handskar, var händerna genomfrusna. Jag kände den där kallvarma känslan i fingrarna som tyder på inledande förfrysning. Det tog tjugo minuter för mig att få upp värmen, innan jag kunde åka ikapp Johan, som pålsat på sig igen. Resten av dagen blev en enda lång kamp utan energi och halv fem slog vi upp läger.

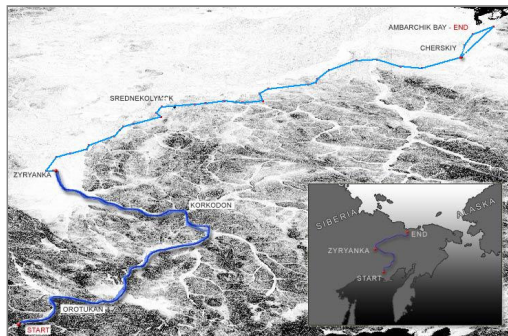
Nu sitter vi i tältet och krånglar med köket som inte kommer överrens med den urusla ryska bensinen. Johan bannar den på malungsmål. Tändstickorna är också under all kritik anser han. Jag kan bara hålla med eftersom jag svurit mig genom den första timmens matlagning. Kaffekoppen var dock godkänd. Iskalla känner vi oss ännu.

Det finns tydligen inga lätta dagar i ett arktiskt Sibirien. Åtminstone har vi inte upplevt någon ännu.

8 dagar kvar till Kolymskaya. 40 mil till slutmålet i Ambarchik.

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Tired after eight months of travelling 8 Mar, 05 - 20:12

It's the 8th of March today and we've decided to take a restday at a hunters cabin, N 68°07'52.1 and E 157°40'24.4, after 14 km:s of skiing yesterday. It's partly cloudy today with the temperature at



The scenery along Kolyma 6 Mar, 05 - 19:29

-36°F this morning which rose to -4°F at 2 p.m. It's been sunny today and pretty much void of any wind this Sunday the 6th of March. We've put 51 km:s behind us these last 3 days and after a bunch of



Living in a tent in the Arctic during the month of March 3 Mar, 05 - 20:15

We've pitched our tent at N 67°57'01.3 and E 156°26'56.7. It's been a gray day, -22°F plagued by a 3-4 m/s southerly and we've basically followed a fresh wolf track all day and we've done 27 km:s duri



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