

**Thursday May 17**

Another sunny morning; time for breakfast down by the river.

After breakfast, we drove west towards Strathcona Provincial Park. We passed the Strathcona Park Lodge and stopped at a roadside picnic site overlooking Upper Campbell Lake for morning coffee.



  
Province of British Columbia  
**Strathcona Provincial Park**  
To commemorate 75 years of  
British Columbia Provincial Parks  
that began when this park was  
established March 1, 1911  
Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing  
August 4, 1986  
Honourable Jack J. Kempf, Minister

Continuing our drive we pulled into the parking area at Lupin Falls, walked across the highway, and up the short trail to the falls. Spectacular!



We turned around and headed for waterfall #2: Lady Falls 22kms this side of Gold River. On the way there we drove through Buttle Lake campground (just in case we want to come back here another day to camp). Check out the white flowering dogwood, BC's provincial flower (Zoom in to see all the white dogwoods).



We reached Lady Falls and were disappointed to find that this waterfall was a 40 minute round trip – far too long for Jen. But as we were so close to Gold River, we decided to go check the place out; many years ago Jen did a couple of seminars for the mill in Gold River so it has been a while.

Well not much is happening in Gold River these days. We did a circuit of the highlights and headed back towards Campbell River.

On the way back we stopped to look at Kings Peak. We were surprised at its elevation. I mean, we know there are mountains down the spine of Vancouver Island but we really had no idea they were as high as this (6,711').



We stopped for tea at the picnic site overlooking Upper Campbell Lake.

Back at camp, we settled in for the evening. See you in the morning.



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Another sunny day; a good day for a drive home. We pulled out of the campground just after 9 a.m.

We retraced our route south on Hwy 19A. We stopped in Courtenay to visit Shipwrecked Bead shop and Hot Chocolates – Jen needed a few items. Then it was time for coffee at Mudsharks where we enjoyed the patio.

Continuing south, we stopped at the waterfront at Qualicum Beach and had lunch.

By 2 p.m. we were back in Errington after a fun 4-day trip. Total mileage: 324 miles.

Hopefully sometime in early June, we will be on the lower mainland, heading for the interior of BC and AB.

See you then.