

APR 29 - LOEB STATE PARK & BROOKINGS HARBOUR, OR

We awoke to another sunny morning. Gotta love all this sunshine!

After breakfast, we wandered into the library to check emails, update the blog, and catch up on the news. That done, it was time to go sight-see.

Our neighbours in the park the other night suggested the next time they were in Brookings they were going to stay at Alfred Loeb SP, 8 miles up the river. We decided to go take a look. The river is certainly blue!



After our walk along the river, we headed back into town. It was time for a coffee. Jen suggested we venture down to the harbour to see what we could find.

WHAT HAPPENED HERE? March 11, 2011

Tsunami Wave Height Chart

This chart shows the wave height propagation of the tsunami across the entire North Pacific Ocean caused by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake off Japan on March 11th, 2011. The different colors represent different wave heights. Note the red finger reaching out toward the Pacific Northwest. Underwater topography played a major role in determining the direction and height of the surges throughout the Pacific Ocean.

Do you remember the earthquake off Japan in 2011? The tsunami wave reached Brookings! It was forceful enough to stop the flow of the rain-swollen Chetco River!

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Labels in the diagrams include: Brookings, Chetco River, Tsunami Surge, North Jetty, and South Jetty.

We found a small coffee shop - the Bell & Whistle - and enjoyed coffee and a cookie. After coffee, I stopped in at the Tourist Bureau to ask about fresh seafood and where we could buy some. Turns out it was just across the parking lot, on the other side of the boat launch ramps. While in the TB, I noticed this bowl for sale - \$39.95. It was about 24" in diameter and about 5" deep. It was exquisite!



Have you ever had one of those moments when you know you will regret later not buying something right now. Yup, me too! But where the heck do I put a 2' diameter bowl for the next 2 months without it getting damaged? And furthermore, where do I put it when we get "home"? Home is right behind the van most days. But, boy, it sure was a stunning piece of art.

Pretty flowers outside the shops.



Then we headed back to camp so Jen could have her afternoon rest.

Tomorrow we break camp, after 4 beautiful days in Brookings, and head towards Redding, CA. Forecast temperatures for the next few days there are in the 30C range. Good thing we have our A/C and our new awning!

Catch you later.