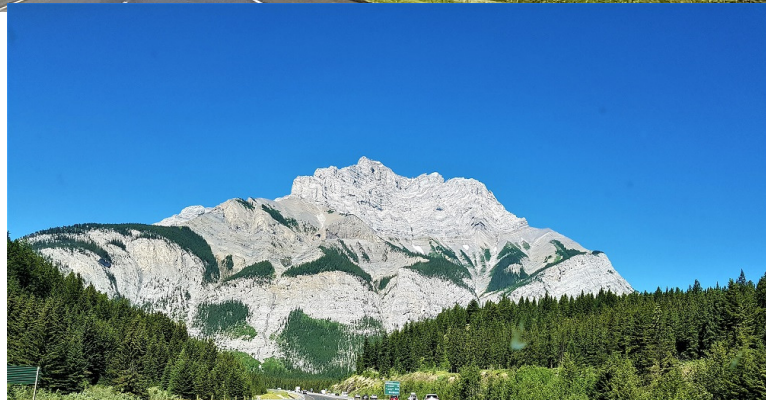


## Canmore, AB to Windermere, BC – July17-22

As we drove west along Hwy 1, it was hard not to be in awe of the vistas.



We turned left onto Hwy 95 and headed south-east for Radium Hot Springs, BC. The lack of pullouts along the route was disappointing. As it was getting close to lunch time, I uttered to the highway gods, "All we need is a bit of wide pavement". A couple of minutes later, guess what appeared. Yup, a safe place to pull off and make a bit of lunch. Looks like a forest fire has been through here in the past.

We continued our journey and as we approached Radium, we went through this massive cut. Doc-y Bear was aghast! Through the cut, we faced a short, 11% downgrade into Radium itself.



We decided to take a look at Dry Gulch Provincial Park. Did we remember to pick up some ice on the way in?? Uh, no!



We found a nice campsite – many of them were "Reserved", but number 13 did us just fine. Our tenting neighbours next door had a Golden. Well, you gotta know what happened next. We didn't totally ignore Jessie's humans, but we crouched down and asked Jessie if she wanted to visit. You have to be a dog person to know how it works! But it doesn't take much to lure a Golden. Over she came, tail wagging. Jen said hello, and had a chat, with 4-year-old Jessie. After a short visit, Jessie went back home, slowly sniffing the smells along the way. Made us wish Matts was still with us.



We set up camp and I went to get the ice that we'd forgotten to pick up on the way in. Boy it was hot – 38C and not much of a breeze. Made me wish that BC provincial parks, like many in Alberta, at least had power at the campsites. Well, the next best thing? A six-pack of dark ale from a Nelson, BC craft brewery.

The next day, Wednesday, we drove 9 miles down the highway to Sun Valley RV Park. We booked in for 2 night, then upped it to 4 nights – then we don't have to worry about finding a campsite on the weekend.

We set up camp and in the afternoon, went to explore Invermere. Well more correctly to check out the local craft brewery.



Lookit this: All the way in Invermere, BC, a little bit of down home, Nova Scotia style. We will return Saturday!



After sampling 4 of their offerings, we walked across the road to Kicking Horse Coffee. We used to buy Kicking Horse's Kick Ass coffee and mix it with their decaffeinated coffee (half and half). We did this long before Kicking Horse announced a new blend – Half Ass. Yup, they stole our recipe!



Well, Thursday evening I went to pay for the 2 extra nights as I mentioned, to no avail. "Our" spot was booked for Friday night and the only site that was available was a crappy little site that they usually don't rent out.

After a quick phone call to an RV park in Cranbrook, we said "No Thanks".

We're heading for Cranbrook Friday morning. Catch us there.

