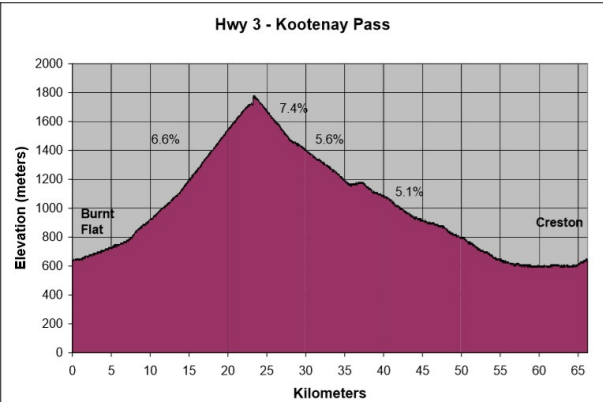


Cranbrook to Oliver via Grand Forks, BC Jul 22-23

Today, Monday Jul 23, we headed west from Cranbrook, along Hwy 3/95, towards Grand Forks.

Out of Creston, we climbed and climbed towards Kootenay Pass (1,774m; 5,766'), and then of course, down we went on the other side. Methinks we will do similar climbs in the coming days.

At the summit, the views of the lake were very pretty.



At the other end of this stretch of highway is Salmo. I recognized the Shell station on the way into town. I also noticed a signboard for the Dragonfly Café. Hmmm, looks pretty good; let's stop for lunch.

When I perused the menu, I noticed one of Jen's favourites: Smoked salmon on a bagel. I told Jen not to bother looking at the menu, I had it covered.

Jen's lunch was great; my Chicken Caesar wrap was too.



We pulled into Grand Forks early afternoon. After passing a couple of rv parks, we decided to give the muni campground a look. Joan, the attendant, explained that because of the flooding in May, the washrooms and showers were not available. She indicated that the water in the campground was about 4' deep where she was standing talking to us. The town sure has worked miracles to be able to have the campground and park open in such a short time.

So it turned out that camping (full hookups) was free; Joan suggested, if we felt like it, a donation at City Hall would be appreciated. We backed into a site and set up camp. It was too warm to go for a walk into the downtown; we'll do that later when the temperature is more accommodating.

After dinner, we walked around the ground of the campground and its green grassy park, down by the Kettle River then part way into the main drag. There wasn't much happening.



In the evening, we watched a Netflix movie that I had downloaded earlier.

The next morning it was time to say goodbye to Grand Forks. We stopped by City Hall on the way.

We stopped in Greenwood and had a walk up and down the main street.

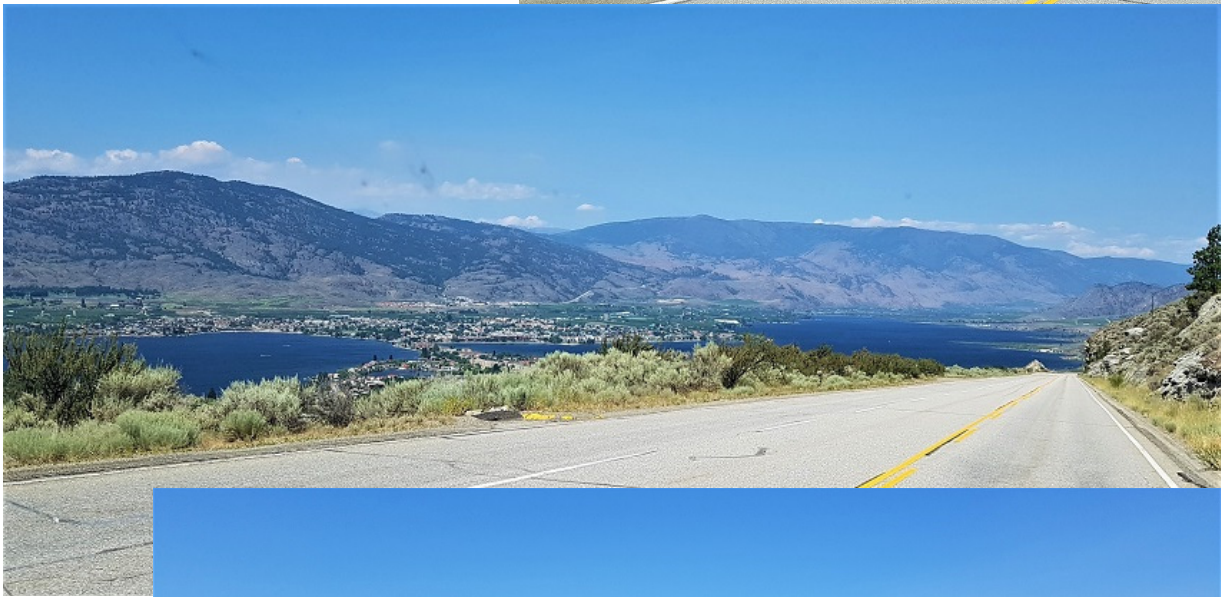


A few kilometres later we stopped in Midway and went looking for a picnic/park area. We ended up in the municipal campground, right on the Kettle River. The picnic tables were in the blazing sun, so we picked the last tent site and had a coffee there. \$20 a night plus \$2 for power. Pretty much have to reserve, but sure was a pretty spot.



Back on the road, we started climbing again.

We weren't that far from Osoyoos and I knew what was coming; the 11 km, 7% grade down Anarchist Mountain into Osoyoos. We dropped from 4,045' to 910'.



We drove north on Hwy 97 and pulled into Gallagher Lake RV Park. This park is part of the same organization that runs Oceanside RV Park in Sidney, BC. We've stayed there a number of times.

I have to say this is the most we have paid for a site: \$63. If you like tight spaces, lots of gravel, and no grass; this is your place.

Oceanside is much nicer, but then it's not the Okanagan in summer.

Tomorrow we head north thru Penticton to Kelowna. After calling on the colleges, we're going to head west along the Connector, then south to Princeton.

See you tomorrow.

