

## JUN 08 - SISTERS, OR

On the way to Tumalo State Park, just outside of Bend, OR a couple of days ago, we passed a large area of lava rock.



We were surprised that the park was FULL when we arrived. But because of Jen's disabled tag, we got the very last site - a small tent site just big enough for Ali with Alfie parked at an angle across the front.



We drove up Pilot Butte, an extinct volcano which rises nearly 500' above the surrounding plains. Too bad the smog obliterated most of the distant views.



After 2 days at Tumalo State Park, it was time to move on. We'd done the chores, updated the blog, given Alfie some new motor oil, and done a bit of sightseeing.

We said goodbye and drove west heading for Detroit State Park just outside of Detroit, OR. On the way we stopped at the western town of Sisters. As it turned out, the town was hosting its annual rodeo, a 5-day affair. Looks like it might have been fun had we known. Sisters is a very pretty little place; maybe we'll come for a few days during next year's rodeo weekend. The RV park at the fairgrounds sure looked nice.

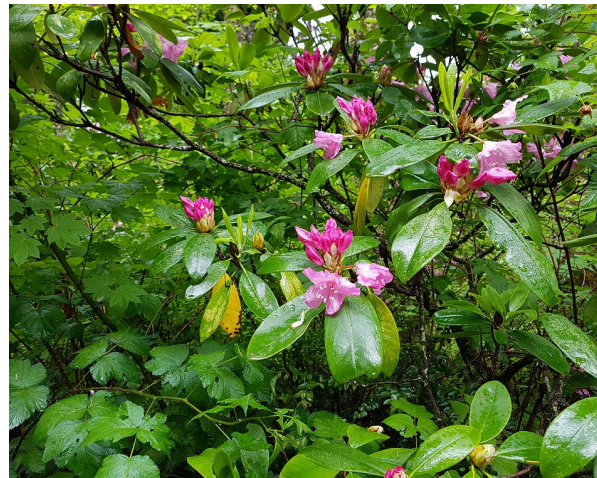


The weather for today's drive was typical north west: a mix of sun, rain, clouds, and wind.

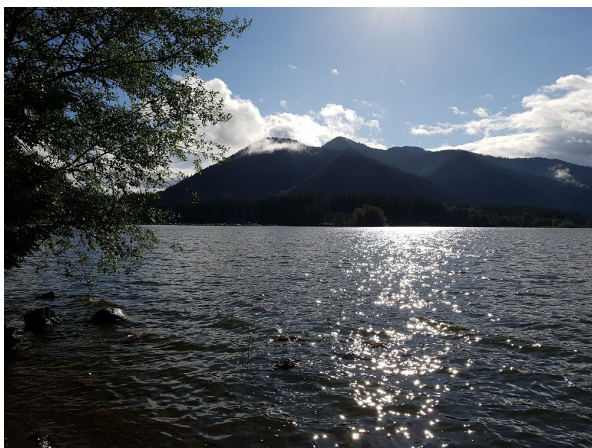
We crested Santiam Pass in the Cascades at 4,817' and arrived at the state park as planned. This is a very large state park; it took me about 45 minutes to walk from one end to the other and back.



There were many rhodies in bloom throughout the park.



Our site was right on the lake.



Tomorrow we head further west to the coast and Nehalem Bay State Park. It was back in the '80s when Jen and I first camped at Nehalem. See you there.