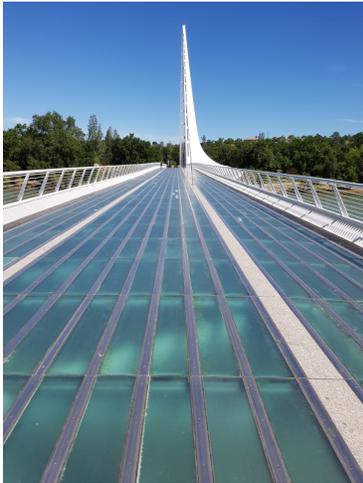


MAY 1 - SUNDIAL BRIDGE & SHASTA DAM, REDDING, CA

We awoke to sunshine and warm temps this morning. I hate to harp on about all the rain and cool temperatures we have had, both at home as well as at the beginning of our trip, but I could get used to this!



My tour director wanted to visit the Info Center this morning to inquire as to what the roads were like east of here, heading towards Susanville, CA. The Info Centre in Redding is at the Sundial Bridge - one of the items on today's tour list. So off we went.

After strolling across the 700' bridge and back, we enjoyed a coffee, in the shade, just by the bridge. What a delightful way to wile away the morning.

Okay, where to next?? Aha, the Shasta Dam.

Shasta Dam is just a short distance from Shasta Lake, which is not far from Redding. So off we went. What a gorgeous afternoon for a visit to the dam. Here's a view from the road approaching the dam.



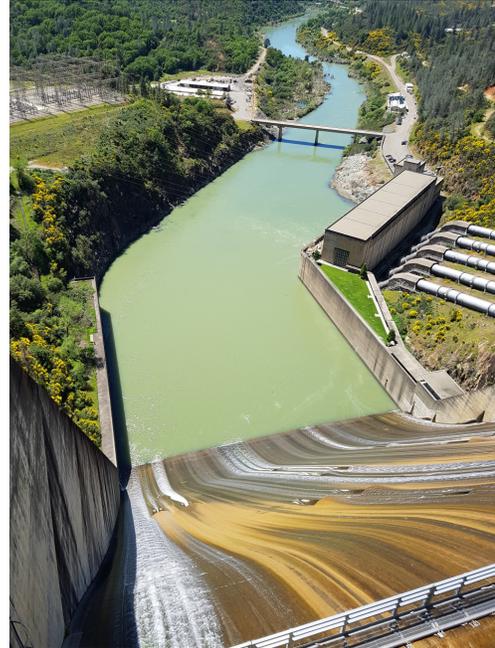
These guys aren't messing around when it comes to security at the dam! That's the guard building in the distance.

Jen went "undercover" as we walked across the top of the dam towards the centre. Part way across Jen decided to turn around - it was a very hot day.



I continued on to the spillway section. I wanted to see what it looked like from there.

Ohhhhhh, it's a giant water slide! Yeah, right!



On the left is a picture of the top of the apparatus that was retrofitted a few years ago to allow water to be let in to the turbines from various depths to maintain the "correct" temperature. The "correct" temperature ensures the water leaving the dam is 56°F or less for optimum fish habitat downstream. Pretty clever!

Shasta Dam Water Information	
Lake Elevation	1,057.09
Elevation Last Year	1,056.05
Distance From Crest	9.91
Depth at Dam	507.09
24 hr change	0.16
Storage (acre feet)	4,262,821
Percent Full	94
Inflow cfs	13,131
Shasta Release	10,678
Keswick Release	10,065

Rain Totals	
July 1 - June 30	0.00
Year-to-Date	97.60
Last Year Total	66.23"
Hist. High 1998	116.87"
Hist Low 1977	24.59"

Here's a panoramic view walking back to the Visitors Centre (on the bluff).



We've decided to stay one more night to do some "weekly" chores. We'll head east towards Lassen Volcanic National Park Wednesday. See you there.