

## Sep 14 - Chainsaw Carvings, Elk Falls, and more!

On the way to Elk Falls, we stopped in Willow Point at a display of chainsaw carvings. These were done earlier in 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150th celebration. The carvings were remarkable. Here are a few pictures.



At Elk Falls provincial park, we set up camp - nice big sites nestled in the tall trees.





Jen wanted to visit the suspension bridge at Elk Falls so we headed for the John Hart project. Long story short, old power generating infrastructure is being replaced by BC Hydro.



After touring the Centre we walked the trail to the suspension bridge.

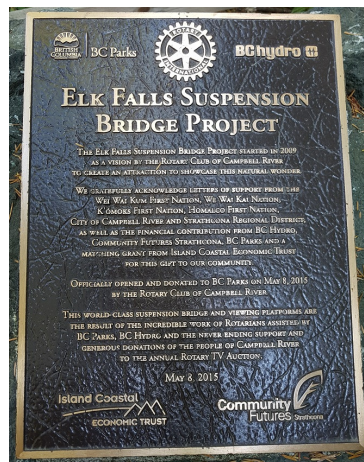


These oak penstocks are 70 years old. What an impressive sight.



They are being replaced by a single underground tunnel from the John Hart dam to a new underground generating station (6 turbines) and then out to the river via another new underground tunnel.

We crossed over the bridge over the penstocks and continued on to the falls.





Jen had to stop just short of the suspension bridge because of stairs. I continued on and took some more photos and shot a couple of videos.



Well, that was pretty spectacular!

After a well deserved rest back at camp, we headed for the waterfront and a walk.



I noticed Painters Lodge on the shoreline opposite and suggested to Jen we should go there and have a drink. Jen reminded me that we had been to the Lodge many years ago. So yes, it was definitely time for another visit.

The weather was lovely, the view was to die for, so we shared an appy special - coconut shrimp, steak bites, yam fries, fried pickles accompanied by 3 dips. Absolutely scrumptious.

We chatted with our server about April Point Lodge on Quadra Island (visible across the water in the picture). "That's our sister resort. You can take our boat across. If you spend more than \$5, the trip is free". Say no more, we were on our way!!





Arriving at April Point 15 minutes or so later, we walked to the restaurant. Along the way we noticed this sign.



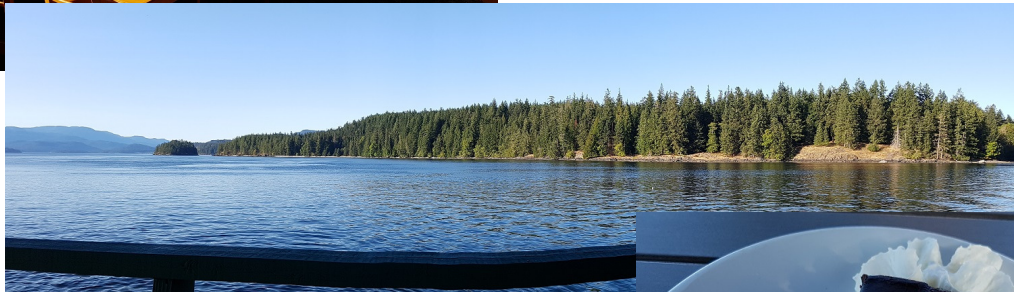
Metal art was on display. This is something I've always wanted to try. The artist had done an exceptional job. This one was large and was not cheap.



We walked through the restaurant. Not too shabby.



We sat outside for coffee/tea and desert; lemon tart for Jen and chocolate torte pour moi.





Back to reality, we boarded the launch and headed out from April Point back to Painters Lodge.



Walking back to Alfie, I noticed this guy. What's he doing?

Back at Ali, we marveled at the day we had just enjoyed. It's hard to believe we've only been "on the road" three days.

Tomorrow we head into the Campbell River library to catch up on a bit of work. See you there.

