

## 2011 RV Trip to Colorado

### **Thursday, July 14 – Drive to Toledo, Ohio (560 miles; 11 hours)**

Drive 11 hours to Flying J near Toledo, OH  
26415 Warns Drive, Perrysburg, OH 43551

### **Friday, July 15 – Lake Anita State Park, Iowa (621 miles; 12 hours)**

Drive another 12 hours to western Iowa  
Stay at Lake Anita State Park  
Campground right on lake – can fish, but beach to swim is across the lake

### **Saturday, July 16 – Lake McConaughy State Park, Nebraska (419 miles; 7 hours)**

Drive 7 hours to Lake McConaughy State Rec Area in Nebraska  
Camp at Lone Eagle Campground

### **Sunday, July 17 – Lake McConaughy State Park, Nebraska (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Hang out for the day – swim, bike ride, geocache  
Camp again at Lone Eagle Campground

### **Monday, July 18 – Boyd Lake State Park (242 miles; 5 hours)**

Drive about 4 hours to Boyd Lake State Park and stay there

### **Tuesday, July 19 – Walmart / Airport / Boulder (115 miles; 2.5 hours)**

Herb meets Tommy at Broomfield Walmart - 500 Summit Blvd  
Herb takes Tommy's car and picks Lorry and Andrew up at Denver International Airport  
We all pick Tommy up from work and go to Boulder  
Dinner at Mountain Sun Brewery - 1535 Pearl Street  
Drive back to Broomfield Walmart to stay overnight

### **Wednesday, July 20 – Golden Gate Canyon State Park (38 miles; 1.5 hours)**

Stop at Tommy's office to meet co-workers  
Drive to Golden Gate Canyon State Park via Boulder Canyon Drive (Route 119)  
Stop at Boulder Creek Falls  
Do some geocaching along the way  
Camp at Reverends Ridge Campground in the Park  
Hike Raccoon Trail from campground – 2.5 mile loop  
<http://protrails.com/trail.php?trailID=81>  
Tommy meets up with us after work

### **Thursday, July 21 – Golden Gate Canyon State Park (44 miles; 1.5 hours)**

Drive to Clear Creek Canyon in Golden (Tommy's car) to rock climb (30 minutes away)  
Afterwards drive into Golden and go on Coors Brewery Tour  
Drive back to Reverend Ridge Campground

**Friday, July 22 – Peak to Peak Highway to Estes Park (with side trip to Boulder (85 miles; 2.5 hours)**

Follow the boys to Boulder  
Park RV at Target - 2800 Pearl Street (28<sup>th</sup> + Pearl)  
Go for a run at Betasso Preserve in Boulder  
Separate for awhile:  
    Boys go back to Boulder to pickup a friend  
    Herb and I drive to Estes Park  
Drive Peak to Peak Scenic Highway (119 to 72 to 7) to Estes Park  
<http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/2114/travel.html>  
Geocache along the way  
All meet up at Estes Park Campground at Mary's Lake

**Saturday, July 23 – Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park (22 miles; .5 hours)**

Get up very early and drive to Longs Peak Trailhead (fills up early)  
Hike the 8.4 mile round-trip trail to Chasm Lake  
<http://protrails.com/trail.php?trailID=61>  
Drive into Estes Park for Tommy's birthday bash  
    Listen to free live music (Dick Orleans) in Barlow Plaza along the Riverwalk  
    Have dinner at Mama Rose's

**Sunday, July 24 – Rocky Mountain National Park (Estes Park to Timber Creek) (36 miles; 1.5 hours)**

Say goodbye to boys – Tom headed back to work and Andrew to California  
Drive the Scenic Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park  
Stay at Timber Creek Campground in RMNP  
Enjoy cocktails with the elk in the campground

**Monday, July 25 – Mt. Ida Hike in Rocky Mountain National Park (16 miles; .5 hours)**

Get up very early and drive to Milner Pass Trailhead  
Hike the 11-mile round-trip trail to the summit of Mt. Ida  
<http://www.thespiritoftherockies.net/spirit/Hikes/MountIda/MountIda.html>  
Stay at Timber Creek Campground again

**Tuesday, July 26 – Rocky Mountain National Park to Breckenridge (107 miles; 2 hours)**

Drive scenic route through Grand Lake, Granby, Winter Park and Berthoud Pass  
Camp at Tiger Run RV Resort in Breckenridge  
Spend time in hot tub at campground

**Wednesday, July 27 – Breckenridge / Montezuma / Flying J Near Airport (128 miles; 3 hours)**

Rent Jeep from Mountain High Rentals in Breckenridge  
Drive it to Montezuma and do the Deer Creek/St. Johns 12-mile loop  
<http://www.funtreks.com/colorado-backroads-4wd-trails/deer-creek-saints-john-4x4-loop-colorado>  
Drive part of the Keystone Gulch road

Return Jeep in Breckenridge  
Dinner at Whale's Tail in Breckenridge  
Drive to Flying J near Denver International Airport  
16751 East 32nd Avenue, Aurora, CO (303) 366-7600 ↑

**Thursday, July 28 – Lolo fly home / Herb Chatfield State Park (64 miles; 1.5 hour)**

Herb drops Lorry off at airport  
Camp at Chatfield State Park

**Friday, July 29 – Chatfield State park (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Hang out at Chatfield to relax before long drive home – run and bike

**Saturday, July 30 – Kansas Rest Area on I70 in Kansas (385 miles; 7 hours)**

**Sunday, July 31 – Cedarbrook RV Park, Illinois (538 miles; 9 hours)**

**Monday, August 1 – Jimmy's House (375 miles; 6.5 hours)**

**Tuesday, August 2 – Hickory Run State Park (457 miles; 8 hours)**

**Wednesday, August 3 – Home (118 miles; 2.5 hours)**

Total Trip Mileage: 4368 miles  
Average Miles per Day: 208 miles per day