

2013A RV Trip to Move Boys to West Coast

Monday, June 24 – Drive to Brother's House in Columbus, Ohio (566 miles; 11 hours)

Drive 11 hours to Jim's house in Columbus
Car problems along way – Andrew's Honda towed to Meineke in Hershey, PA to have alternator belt replaced
Arrive at Jim's late for BBQ
Stay at Jim's

Tuesday, June 25 – Jim's House and Drive to Indiana KOA (175 miles; 3 hours)

Drop Andrew's car off at Midas in New Albany to have air conditioning repaired
Hike with Jim's family at Hoover Dam and ?
Drive 3 hours to a KOA in Indianapolis, Indiana
Swim in pool
Camp at Indianapolis KOA

Wednesday, June 26 – Lake Anita State Park (553 miles; 11 hours)

Drive 11 hours to Lake Anita State Park
Campground right on lake – can fish, but beach to swim is across the lake
Bike ride around lake
Swim at beach
Camp at Lake Anita State Park

Thursday, June 27 – Lake McConaughy State Park, Nebraska (424 miles; 8 hours)

Drive 8 hours to Lake McConaughy State Rec Area in Nebraska
Swim and play Frisbee on beach
Camp at Little Thunder Campground

Friday, June 28 – Lake McConaughy to Estes Park (252 miles; 5 hours)

Drop Andrew's car off at Fort Collins Midas for another repair attempt
Drive the windy, scenic road along the Big Thomson River into Estes Park
Hang at the campground pool – way too crowded
Drive into park and have cocktail hour at Hidden Valley
Tommy's friend John joins us and we have a lasagna dinner
Camp at Estes Park Campground at Mary's Lake

Saturday, June 29 – Rocky Mountain National Park (25 miles; 1 hour)

Hike 6.3-mile (round trip) to Lake Helene from Bear Lake Trailhead (get caught in thunder and lightning storm)
Drive down Route 7 to Lily Lake
Have cocktail hour overlooking lake
Have dinner at the Rock Inn (near the park entrance)

Sad – last dinner before we separate as a family
Camp at Estes Park Campground at Mary's Lake

Sunday, June 30 - Rocky Mountain National Park to Ogden, Utah (507 miles; 10 hours)

I drive while Andrew works on his interview presentation
Meet in rest area in Wyoming to separate and say goodbye to Andrew and Celeste
Very stormy and windy – scary
Andrew calls that car air conditioning is acting up again – meet in another rest area
Say goodbye again
We (me, Herb, and Tommy) continue on towards Seattle
Andrew and Celeste continue to San Francisco across the Nevada desert (without air conditioning)
Camp at Century Mobile Home and RV Park in Ogden, Utah

Monday, July 1 – Ogden to Columbia River, Oregon (564 miles; 11 hours)

Drive 11 hours towards Seattle
Camp at Umatilla Marina and RV Park along the Oregon side of the Columbia River

Tuesday, July 2 – Columbia River to Saltwater State Park (near Seattle) (247 miles; 4.5 hours)

In morning Herb works on brakes and Tommy gets Subaru warning light fixed at dealership in Hermiston, Oregon
We take a swim in the Columbia River
Drive 4.5 hours to Saltwater State Park (near Seattle) – part with Tommy who goes to Seattle
Cocktail hour on beach watching sunset
Tommy comes back down to join us and stay overnight
Camp at Saltwater State Park

Wednesday, July 3 – Tour Seattle (75 miles; 2 ½ hours)

Green Lake
Golden Gardens Park – nice beach
Discovery Park
Chittendon Locks – watch the salmon jump up the ladders
Olympic Sculpture Garden
Pike Place Market – have lunch at Pike Place Chowder
Bike ride on the trail that runs alongside Alki Beach
Camp again at Saltwater State Park

Thursday, July 4 – Tommy Shopping and Fireworks (23 miles; ½ hour)

Herb works on brakes

Tommy and I shop for his new apartment – IKEA, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.

Stop for ice mochas at Starbucks

Run at Saltwater State Park

Watch fireworks from beach (around 20 surrounding towns' firework displays)

Say goodbye to Tommy for now – will meet up again in Bend in a few days

Camp again at Saltwater State Park

Friday, July 5 – Saltwater State Park to Mount Rainier (100 miles; 2 ½ hours)

Drive to Mt. Rainier

Cloudy so mountain not visible

Drive into park and talk to rangers about hiking options

Stop at Longmire Visitor Center

Walk to Narada Falls

Have cocktail hour in park

Camp at Mounthaven RV Resort

Saturday, July 6 – Mt. Rainier (41 miles; 1.25 hours)

Drive to Paradise

Hike the Skyline to Golden Gate Trails (about 5 miles) – too much snow to do the Skyline Trail loop

Have ice mochas at the Paradise Café

Drive back into the park to Reflection Lakes and walk part of the Wonderland Trail

Camp at Mounthaven RV Resort

Sunday, July 7 Mt. Rainier to Bend (293 miles; 6 hours)

Meet Tommy on I5 on his drive from Seattle

Have dinner at Deschutes Brewery Pub

Camp at Crown Villa RV Resort (Platinum)

Hard to find because directions keep you away from low overpass

Monday, July 8 – Smith Rocks State Park and Bend (60 miles; 1 ½ hours)

Rock climb at Smith Rocks State Park

Drive back to Bend and swim in Deschutes River (McKay Park)

Walk around town – river, flying fishing golf, etc.

Dinner – takeout paninis from pizza place

Camp at Crown Villa RV Resort

Tuesday, July 9 – Bend to Crater Lake National Park (123 miles; 3 hours)

Say goodbye to Tommy as he goes back to Seattle

Drive the West Rim Drive of Crater Lake NP stopping at viewpoints
Stop at Visitor Center and buy tickets for boat tour next day
Go to Mazama Campground
Drive back to park
Have cocktails at scenic viewpoint on West Rim Drive
Have dinner on porch of Crater Lake Inn
 Me – Northwest Chowder and Coffee Liqueur drink
 Herb – Salmon
Go back to campground – arrive late for Ranger Talk on stars
Camp at Mazama Campground

Wednesday, July 10 – Crater lake National Park (40 miles; 1 ½ hours)

Drive the West Rim Drive stopping at view points along the way
Park at Cleetwood Cove Trailhead and hike the Cleetwood Cove Trail down to the lake
(1.1 strenuous miles each way)
Swim in lake and watch others jump off rock
Boat ride to Wizard Island (bought tickets previous day)
 Hike to the summit of Wizard Mountain and walk down into crater
 Hike to Fumarole Bay and fish – Herb catches trout
Drive East Rim Drive back to campground
Ranger talk on climate change
Camp at Mazama Campground

Thursday, July 11 – Crater Lake to Crescent City (173 miles; 3 ½ hours)

Drive to Crescent City
Stop at Rogue Gorge Viewpoint along the way
Camp at Anchor RV Park – view of beach out back of window
 Do laundry
 Talk to neighbors – lots of long-term residents
Walk on beach – very cold

Friday, July 12 – Crescent City to Mendocino (221 miles; 6 hours)

Stop at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
Hike the 2.6-mile Cathedral Trees - Big Tree Loop through the redwoods to the Big Tree
Drive very windy and steep road (Route 1) down to Mendocino
 Brake problems – had to pull over and cool off
Camp at Caspar Beach RV Park (Mendocino) – right across the road from Caspar Beach
Spend time on beach in evening watching the sunset

Saturday, July 13 – Mendocino (14 miles; ½ hour)

Go to Big River and bike 6.5 miles each way
Sun and swim in river
Meet Dave and Cathy (nice couple from Petaluma)
Buy sandwiches in Mendocino Market Deli
Have wine and sandwiches out on our favorite bench on the Headlands
Forgot red cups – so swig from bottle
Hear classical music, so walk over to big white tent on Headlands
Sit on Crazy Creek chairs outside the tent overlooking the ocean
Listen to Rachmaninoff Symphony #2
Didn't realize the Mendocino Music Festival was going on (2 weeks each July)
Camp at Caspar Beach RV Park again

Sunday, July 14 – Mendocino to Petaluma KOA (117 miles; 2 ½ hours)

Drive on Route 128 through Anderson Valley
Stop to food shop in Santa Rosa
Camp at Petaluma KOA
Go to friends' house in Sebastopol for burgers

Monday, July 15 – Annadel State Park and Sebastopol (49 miles; 1 hour)

Run/Hike Annadel State Park
Pasta dinner at friend's house in Sebastopol
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Tuesday, July 16 – Tour San Francisco (90 miles; 2 hours)

Walk around Fisherman's Wharf
Hang out at Crissy Field
Go see Andrew's new apartment
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Wednesday, July 17 – DMV and Lagunitas Brewery (30 miles; ¾ hours)

Spend day at Santa Rosa DMV with Andrew – transfer and register car
Dinner at Lagunitas Brewery
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Thursday, July 18 – San Francisco

Drive to Golden Gate Bridge Scenic Viewpoint
Bike across Golden Gate Bridge and along waterfront to Crissy Field
Go to Andrew's apartment to help with move in
Dinner at Mescolanza Restaurant near Andrew's apartment with Bergs and their friends
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Friday, July 19 – Petaluma (0 miles; 0 hours)

Andrew gets job offer

Organize RV

Hang out at campground pool with Andrew

Camp at Petaluma KOA

Saturday, July 20 – Home (55 miles; 1 hour)

Prep and put motorhome in storage at Petaluma KOA

Take Petaluma taxi and Sonoma County Airport Express to San Francisco Airport

Have dinner at Anchor Steam in airport

Fly home

Total Trip Mileage: 4897 miles

Average Miles per Day: 181 miles per day