

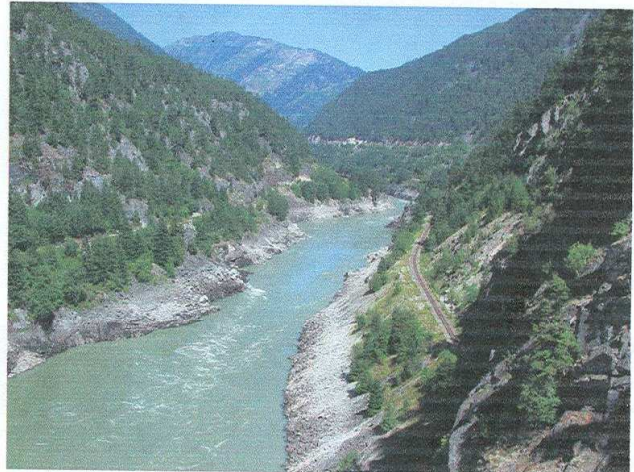
GONNA SEE BC NOW

Spending two weeks at home was enough! We flew back to Seattle and got the motorhome out of storage. One of the fears we had was that the battery would not stay charged enough to keep the refrigerator going on gas. We lucked out and found everything cold and still frozen, instead of gooey and stinky!

We met up with our former travel companions as they were coming from Alaska, having continued on when we had to go home. They filled us in on the road conditions and the sights to see. We bid them adieu and continued on our trip North.

Entering British Columbia at Sumas, you follow the valleys between stately mountains that make up the Coastal Range. Eventually the road winds beside the magnificent Fraser River. The watershed that feeds this river drains almost 41% of British Columbia.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad also runs beside the river. During construction in 1913, blasting created a huge landslide that almost blocked the river at its narrowest point called Hells Gate. It is about 180 feet wide and the entire flow of the river must squeeze thru it. The high-speed currents blocked the salmon migration for years and almost made them extinct on this river until they finally engineered fish ladders that enabled the salmon to transverse upstream once again.



We selected an RV park called Canyon Alpine. The park is situated on a hill with terraced sites and an envelope of trees that almost blots out the sky. It is a pleasant park and we liked it so much we stayed for two days.

The call of Hells Gate was too much. Armed with cameras we left to visit it. The access from the road is by aerial tramway. It descends 500 feet to the river. The cliffs here are very steep. At the bottom they have a restaurant and gift shop and a museum, that has a very good movie about the life of salmon, and the museum has marvelous displays of the area. We had lunch here and had, what else, salmon burgers!

Tomorrow we will head for Cache Creek, on the way to Prince George BC.

Dave & Bonnie