

PRINCE RUPERT

We traveled Canada 16 to the town of Prince Rupert, BC. We stayed however in a place called Port Edward. The town was about 6 miles from Prince Rupert and consisted of a small trailer sized grocery store and a city dump station for RV's, and a historic fishing village that was a museum!

The big city had much more to see, including a Port and a Ferry Terminal. The road in, followed the Skeena River, and snaked in and around beautiful snow capped peaks.

Leaving this area we headed to the junction of the Cassiar Highway and went North to the turn off to Stewart, BC and Hyder, USA. The campgrounds were full of caravans so we spent the next two nights dry camped in a large turn-out beside the road close to the Canadian Customs.



The next morning we went to the viewing platform at the Fish Creek salmon spawning and bear watching area. We finally saw a large bear catch a salmon and cross the stream to eat it like he was on stage in a theatre.

We then went on 20 miles further on a dirt mining road that was so full of chuckholes that we could only go 10 mph. After a bit, the most magnificent glacier came into view and after climbing 3500 ft. we drove overlooking the glacier for 5 miles. The sight was worth all the agony of the trip up and back.

The town of Hyder may have only 102 people there, but it had two of the best restaurants we have eaten in. One was a seafood place that was operated from an old school bus. The halibut fish and chips were out of this world! The other was a bakery and they also served breakfast. The lady who was the owner, got up at 2 AM and prepared and baked all the days breads and pies and pastries and cookies from scratch. She used no lard or other unhealthy ingredients and everything was delicious! They closed at noon.

Tomorrow, we leave to go to Alaska. We finally decided to try the dreaded Cassiar highway. I will include a shot of the Salmon Glacier we drove up to, in the next journal. With two pictures on one page it will take too long to transmit and receive.

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