

KLAMATH

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None to soon for us, was our arrival at the coastline and temps in the 60's. Marguerite, who we are visiting, lives adjacent to the Klamath River. We are able to pull right into her yard and set up. The first afternoon here, we were given a nice Steelhead trout that we froze, to provide us meals down the road a piece!

We spent three nights here. During the day, our host took us all around the countryside to see things only the locals would know about.

One of the most interesting to me was along the coast road, which is a dirt road along the ocean, there exists a "Farm that Never Was". In 1942 the US military constructed a radar station to look out for Japanese planes and ships. The station consisted of a farmhouse and a large barn. The house contained the radar equipment and the barn housed about 40 troops who manned the station. The buildings were made of concrete even to the shingle roofs! From the air and sea it looked just like a farm, complete to the garden and fields.



The site was registered as a Historic Building, and saved from demolition. A pathway still leads down to the site, and it is trod by much younger people!

We drove along the ocean to visit a place called Fern Canyon which is a very beautiful place. We also saw a herd of large elk grazing next to the ocean by a freshwater lagoon. A Saturday trip to a 27,000 acre conservancy was sponsored by the Calif. State Parks. It is not open to the public except by these tours. About 17 people met and we caravanned behind the ranger for 1 mile. We suddenly stopped and lo and behold a large tree had toppled across the road the night before! So much for that tour! We leave Sunday for points North.

Dave & Bonnie

