

LEAVENWORTH, WA. (NOT THE FED POKEY!)

Leaving La Conner Thousand Trails, where we stayed longer than any time since we have camped, 11 days in one spot! We stowed our electric heater and headed east over the Cascade Mountains over Stevens Pass to the vicinity of Leavenworth, WA.

Leavenworth is an interesting city of a couple of thousand people. The railroad into the area was completed in 1893. The town became a City in 1906 and was the headquarters for the Great Northern Railway. Logging was the industry, and in 1903 they had the second largest sawmill in the US.



In the early 20's, the railroad moved the headquarters to Wenatchee, WA and it greatly affected the economy of the town. They struggled until 1962, when they decided to transform the town into a mock Bavarian village. It was based on, and with the help of Solvang, CA. became what it is today. A very successful tourist attraction. The day we were there, two busloads of tourists invaded the town. One bus had Chinese on tour. There is also a famous Nutcracker Museum, with over 5,000 different types of nutcrackers.

In 2007. Good Morning America helped light up the town for Xmas.

We are currently in a very nice Thousand Trails Preserve. There are so many trees in the park that satellite TV is a lost cause. There is a beautiful small lake in the park with camping spots right at the edge of the water.

Tomorrow ends our side trip and we head west to Olympia, WA to visit friends, the Eucher's

Dave & Bonnie