

The Chase
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Hebgen Lake
June 2018

John, Pat & Hank



This trip started on 04 June 2018 with lunch in Dallas that Melanie arranged to include Jacob and friend from Prague. Then we traveled to Denver where we visited the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. While in Denver, Hank visited his brother Gator and we had dinner with Carrie Burns and significant other.



On 06 June 2018 we passed by the Tetons on the way to West Yellowstone. We took note of the Dude Motel originally developed by Forrest Fenn and family and spent the night in the Grizzly Motel.



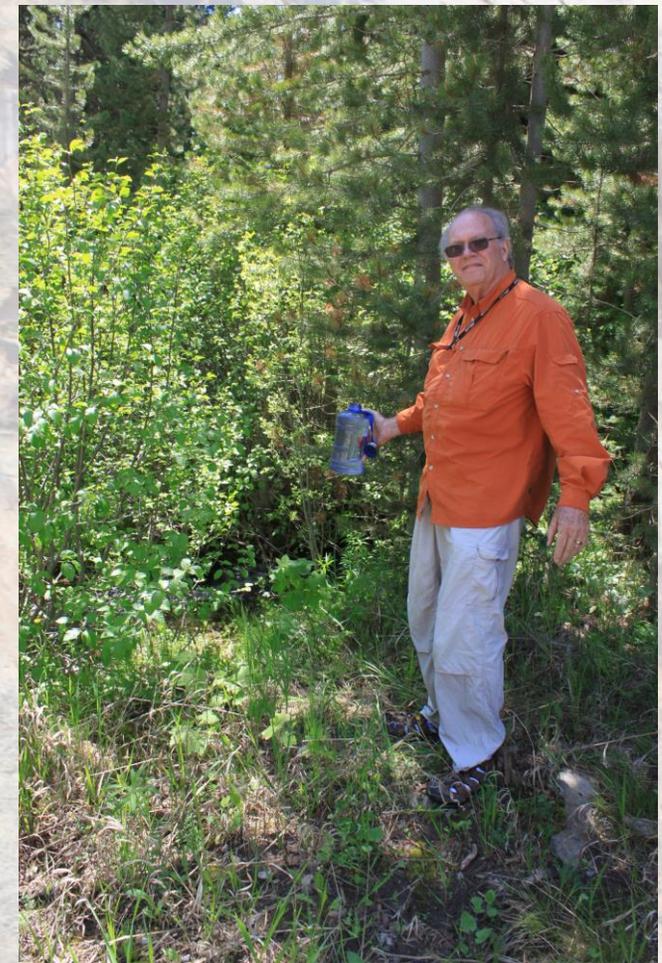


We visited at the Grizzly Discovery Center then dropped by the Ranger Station where we saw this map of the area. After talking to the rangers about the area, we headed out to Denny Creek Road where we saw Hebgen Lake.



On 07 June 2018, after looking over the area, we chose a campsite at the Cherry Creek Campground off of Denny Creek Road. The campground has 4 primitive campsites situated on Hebgen Lake. Bear signs are on the trees. There is a fifth campsite about one-half mile up the road which is on Cherry Creek.





Later that day we visited Watkins Creek. We drove toward lower Rumbaugh Creek, but found it impassable due to rains. I walked down anyway with Hank. Water was retrieved from upper Rumbaugh Creek, but the cap leaked so we discarded it.



We drove to the Watkins Creek Trailhead, then went back down on the creek. A nice view of Hebgen Lake between locations.



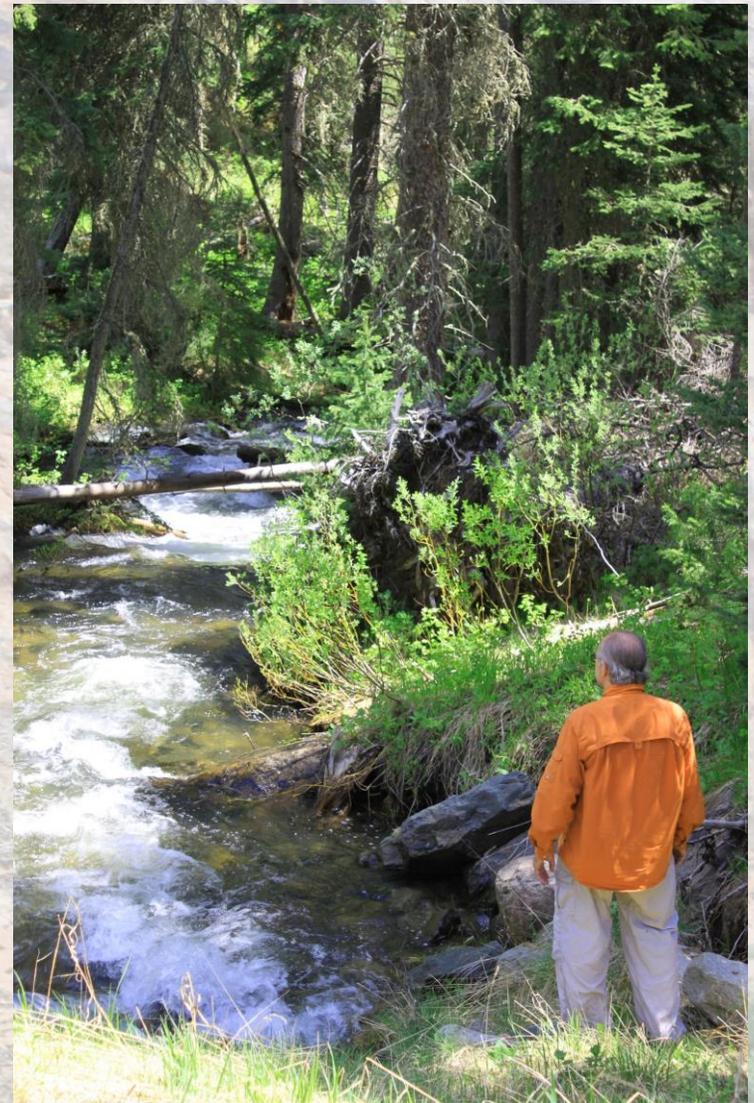


Continuing at Watkins Creek led to stream crossings and off-trail exploration.





Hank followed through the cold water and we looked around pretty good. A very beautiful area with the magic of creeks fed by snow melt.



Returning through a fast-running creek is a little harder than it looks. We took a last look and decided to think on it a while.



Back on Denny Creek Road we see the Watkins tombstone and an old tractor nearby. One more look at Rumbaugh Creek.



That evening we sit by the campfire and enjoy views of Hebgen Lake from our campsite.



The next morning, on 09 June 2019, we enjoy sunrise from the campsite before going through West Yellowstone and looking up the Madison River just before it empties into Hebgen Lake.





The Northern side of Hebgen Lake has many creeks as you drive toward the Madison Slide which formed Quake Lake. A look down Cabin Creek and Pat with Hank on Beaver Creek.



The skelton was a few miles up
Beaver Creek close by the creek.
Then we returned to Hebgen
Lake and relaxed at the
campsite.

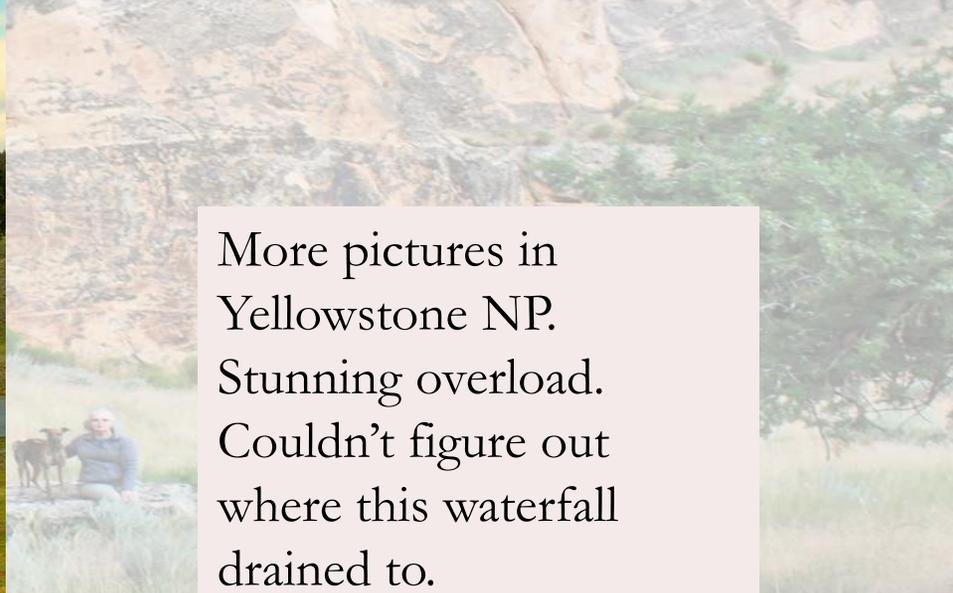
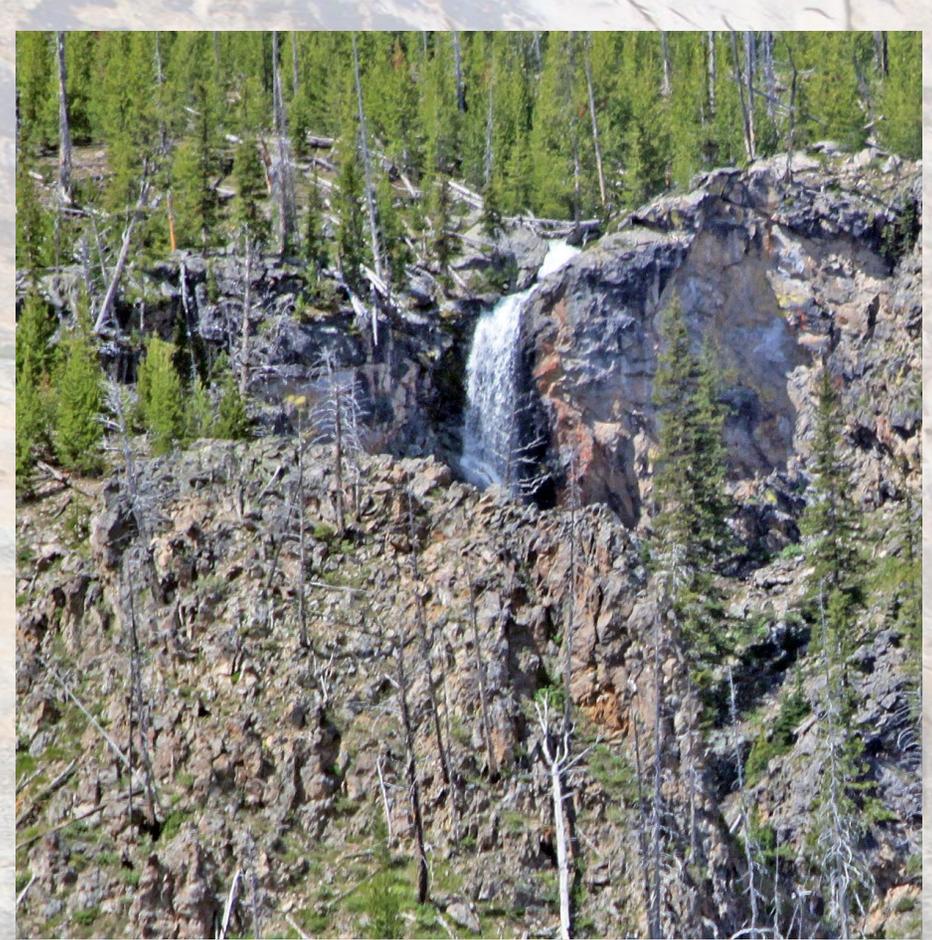
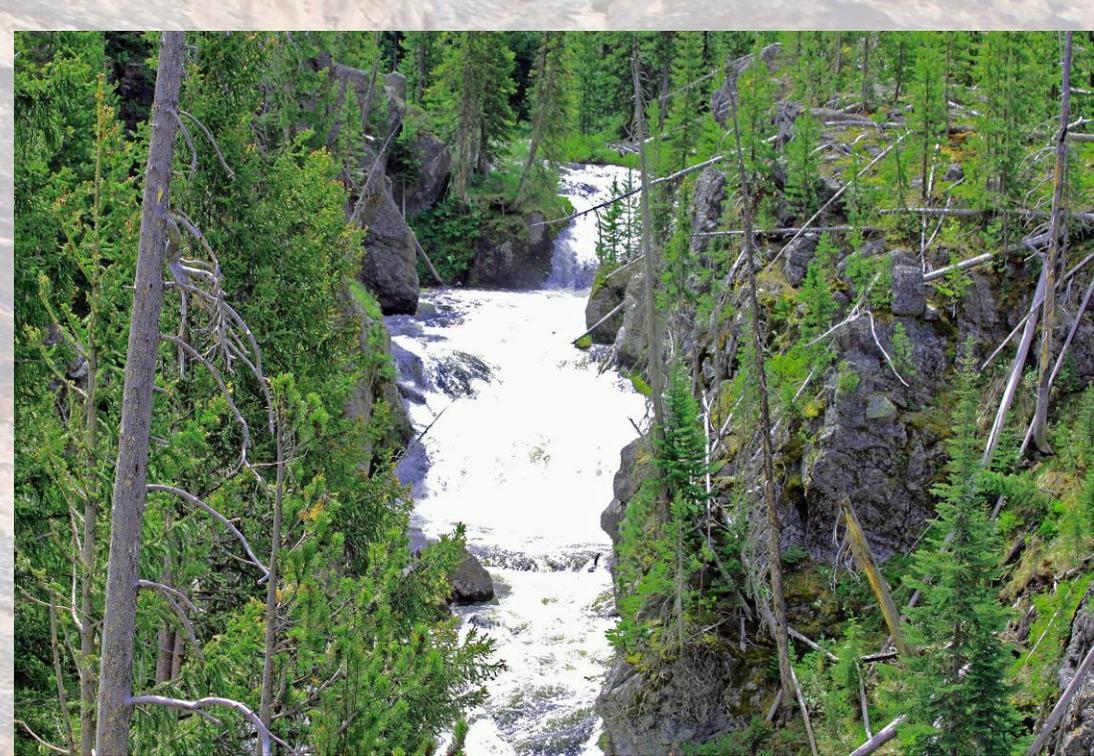


There were visitors in the area and we had a nice fire to keep us warm. Probably in the low 40's. The next morning we headed out into Yellowstone NP on the Firehole River.



Lots of waterfalls and wildlife along the Firehole River.





More pictures in
Yellowstone NP.
Stunning overload.
Couldn't figure out
where this waterfall
drained to.

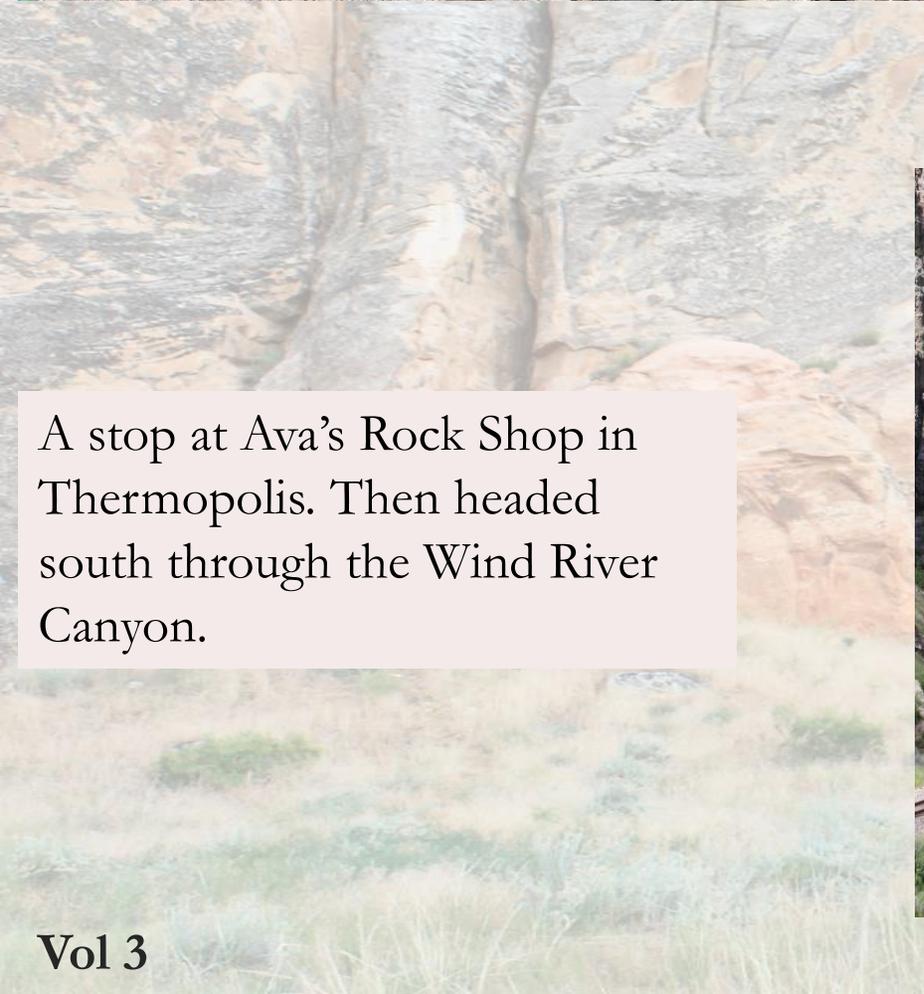


Devils Slide on 10Jun2018 and
then the Buffalo Bill Museum in
Cody on 11June2018





A statue on the museum grounds and flags on the streets of Cody. On the road headed southeast.



A stop at Ava's Rock Shop in Thermopolis. Then headed south through the Wind River Canyon.





Continuing through the
Wind River canyon.



We continue on the road and have lunch with Doug and family at Katy Trail in Dallas on 13 June 2018. Then a pie from Sam's on the counter at home.



