

## DAY Twenty-Two Cardston to Cut Bank MT 120 Km

August 31/07 Friday D 119.87 km M 46.9 A17.6 PT6h46 RT8 h total 1608.5 km

### Cut Bank MT Day 22 – Aug 31 Riverview CG

0.0 Depart Cardston AB Hwy 2 Lt on 501 [7.5 Aetna} NS

13k St Mary's River CG unserviced municipal CG \$10

32 Point of Interest: Whiskey Gap site of old town where whiskey was pedaled in Prohibition Nothing on site now

40k Remington Ranch [same as Buggy Museum]

50 Del Bonita CG on HWY-62 (South) Store would let cyclists stay if arrive late [CG 11km up Hwy 62 also]

53 **Boarder to USA:** Entering Montana

53 Continue (South) on CR-213 12.9 km [Chalk Butte Rd] NS

67 Bear LEFT (South-East) onto RTE-213 [CR-213] 38.8 km

106.5 Turn RIGHT (South) onto Santa Rita N Hwy 213 [CR-213] 11.9 km

118 Turn RIGHT (North-West) onto US-2 [W Main St] 0.5 km

118.5 Turn LEFT (South-West) onto 4th Ave SW 0.6 km

Continue (South-West) on Local road(s) 0.2 km

120 Arrive Riverview CG **Cut Bank** (AS)

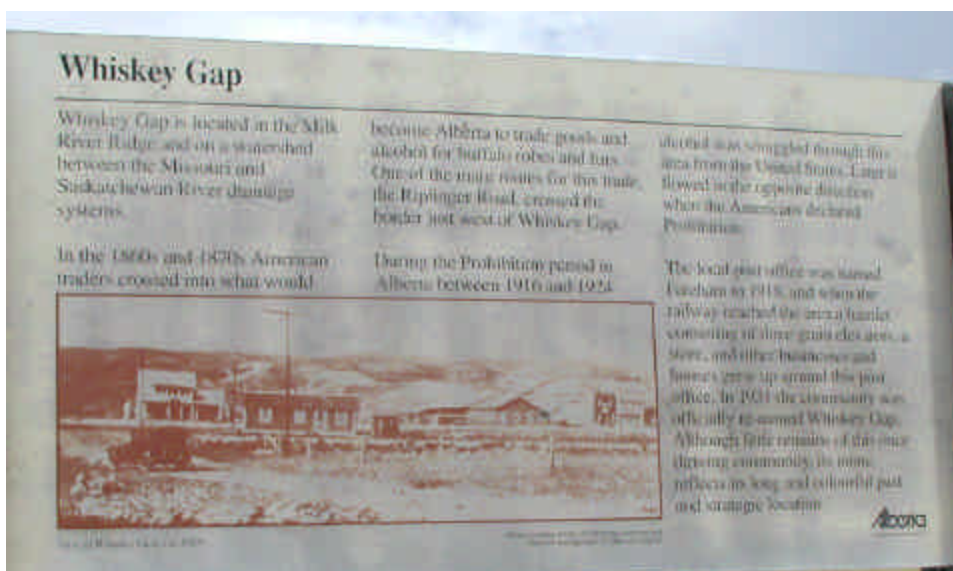
**Wind:** out of the west too bad the road doesn't go straight east! Worst part last 11k hard to stay upright! Incredible to be hit by the wind on the back and pushed like a sail boat down the way. Worst at the top of the hill going out of the coulees as it tries to push you into the traffic or push me over! Breaks on full a few times going down hill!

**Temp** 28C with high overcast or smoke haze all day. Wind died off and then whipped up again at 2100

**Road Conditions :** minimal shoulder - minimal traffic. Wind so strong going east fully breaks on and going 40+km into a coolie. I got more relaxed as time went on. Miles and miles of no farms or services from Canadian border -Cutbank.

**FOOD Lunch:** picnic at Del Bonita in the wind on very dry grass Met another cyclist from USA

**Supper:** worst yet.... Tried to cook macaroni with little boiler... not great



Interesting spot.



This is what was Del Bonita, Alberta Now store is behind me in about the same shape as these old buildings.



MONTANA.... Looking back at Canada, very vast empty spaces... huge ranches, no services for miles and miles

**Accommodations**: CG great \$19.25 US very private spot for our tent. Showers included could take a bath too. Immaculate tv room also camp kitchen stoves off but sinks great... could use own stove in area. Microwave available. Owner really nice and accommodating Fabulous spot all around. Also a cute wooden TP fully equipped for rent





**Overall** Long but great day. I can see why Grandpa Tomlinson loved this country and it's wide open spaces. Doesn't look so far like southern Alberta. About the boarder crossing ... very funny. We cycled up and 2 motorcyclist ahead were sent to the side and a "sniff dog" went about there stuff. We went into the carport and they started talking to us and didn't seem to be in a hurry to check us thru... kind of a slow day for them. Finally we asked if we could go... one lady had our passports so "Oh sure" and off we went... So much for huge security crossing the boarder. The wild life... mostly "crickets" making huge noises from the ditch and all over the road them and these black beetles. Hot day very dry air... my bike sounds like it has a cricket stuck in it it is squeeling ever since taking it into the shop "Revolution Cycle" in Edmonton.... Won't be going there again.



Looking back at Cutbank MT Not a huge place to call home, but really friendly



TRAINS ++



## DAY TwentyThree Cut Bank Montana to Chester MT 111km +town

Sept 1/07 Saturday D 115.24 km M 43 A 23.2 PT 4 h51 RT 6h total 1723.7 km

### Chester MT Day 23 – Sep 1 City Park CG 111k

0.0 Depart Riverview CG Cutbank, MT on Local road(s) (North-East) 0.2 km

0.2 Continue (North-East) on 4th Ave SW 0.6 km

0.8 Turn RIGHT (South-East) onto US-2 [W Main St] 38.8 km

39.6 **Shelby town** [AS] Stay on US-2 [I-15 Bus] (East) 68.8 km

52 **Dunkirk town** Pub only [yearly antique car show Sept long weekend with free supper]

111k Turn RIGHT (South) onto 2nd St E 0.4 km **Chester townsite**

111.71k Arrive Chester City Park CG [overnites allowed on park grass, has flush toilets/no showers donation]

**Wind:** Incredibly windy mostly from the west and as our route mostly to the east Yippe! Fast 111k

**Temp** 15C in am and went up from there to 34C by mid afternoon. Fluffy clouds and blue sky all day Weather is expected to take a turn and cool off, hopefully not too much as we have really enjoyed the past couple of days

**Road Conditions :** Small shoulder with little traffic only negative was the rumble strip was entire shoulder width in parts... not a problem as everyone moved over

**FOOD Lunch:** quick peanut butter sandwich while looking at the antique cars

**Supper:** could have been pig roast with all the trimmings if we had stayed in Dunkirk but we had the wind so continued on and had a picnic with potato salad, veggie sandwiches and yummy raisin oatmeal cookies

**Accommodations :** Park very nice with really green grass. Planned a stop over here, but they turn on the sprinklers at 0900 so must take down the tent so will go on and have a lay over in Harve on Monday Camp is in a city park so a few drive bys thru out the night. Had really pretty flower garden with daisy like boarder flowers 6-8" ht white or yellow or hot pink kind of like colendula but much prettier. Very noisy trains all nite til ~3am and again 0705h. They say 50 or so per day! Blow the whistles about 10 times per town. BNSF on engines.

**Overall** Great day. Became more flat with mild grades up [being pushed up the hills might have affected my judgement] Could go 25k/h with no pedaling! Met a 2 fellows today... one came into camp on a recumbent just as we were leaving. (Derryl Cocks) He had come from Canada yesterday, but free ranged about 10pm as the wind had done him in. He planned to stay the day in Cut Bank which we had thought of but the wind enticed us on. In Shelby we met



another fellow who has been cycle touring for many years he is 64 and recently retired, I think single, and looking for a place to call home. Was a school bus driver in Great Falls for years and just wants a new quieter place. Nice fellow who seemed a little depressed as he had cycled into the wind for a few days and ended up taking the train back to Shelby. School will be starting on Tuesday so I guess we won't be seeing many younger cyclists now... just old retired ones! 1909 Car still running 1928 Chev with metal wheels not wooden like Stews



Dunkirk car show

## DAY Twenty-Four Chester MT to Harve 95 km +town

Sept 2/07 Sunday D104.88 km M41.6 A 17.4 PT 6h RT 9h total 1828.6 km

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Harve MT Day 24 – Sep 2 Harve RV Plaza 104k

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0.0 Depart Chester City Park CG on 2nd St E (North) 0.3 km

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0.3 Turn RIGHT (East) onto US-2 [E Washington Ave] 15.5 km

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15.9 **Joplin (GR/restaurant)** closed sunday off on Hwy 224 ~1k Has a CG in park) Stay on US-2 (East) 6.0 km

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21.9 **Inverness (R)** Stay on US-2 [7th St] (East) 19.4 km

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41.3 **Hingham (GR)** Stay on US-2 [3rd St S] (East) 9.3 km

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50.7 Stay on US-2 (East) 43.5 km Gildford (GR) + ? Kremlin no services

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87 **Fresno Blackies Bar** welcome oasis as nothing since Inverness that was open Sundays!

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94.2 Turn RIGHT (South) onto 19th Ave W 0.3 km Holiday Village on Rt of Hwy 2

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94.5 Bear LEFT (East) onto 2nd St W 0.9 km

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95.3 Bear LEFT (North) onto 12th Ave W 0.1 km

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95.4 Turn RIGHT (East) onto Local road(s) 70 m

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95.5 Arrive Earl Clack City CG at the Fair Grounds

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104 Continue thru town to east side to Harve RV Plaza CG Harve (AS)

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**Wind:** SE or cross wind or head wind all day.

**Temp** 18C At 0800 34C [91F] by noon Hot and dry with no shade for mile and miles and no services

**Road Conditions :** good wide shoulder at most times with little traffic

**Accommodations :** Harve RV pk fairly secure but they are twinning hwy 2 so even though it is Sunday they are jackhammering and making a terrific racket. The whole town is a strip mall of CASINOS so to speak. Tons of Canadians through town.

**FOOD Coffee break:** Inverness 25.19k 12h M23.21/A 12.9 Very nice restaurant with sticky buns!

**Lunch:** Peanut butter Sands on a bench outside a “closed on Sunday” Restaurant...

**Supper:** went out in search of food.... Definitely MEAT country. Ended up at Pizza Hut and then went to a pub for a beer after.

**Overall Hot Hot and more HOT.** Stopped for a coffee break and after that we couldn't find a spot open for miles. By 2pm I was cooked and we happened upon a bar in the middle of no where. BLACKIES PUB and Blackie is a woman looking 70 but very weathered 55+. Interesting how many Indian Reserves thru Montana and they are very careful monitoring what they are up to once in the pub. It seems things are no different here than many years ago. Asked her about the “summer fallow” and yes that is the law here... it is not due to not enough water to crop. After that spot we were suddenly in the “Bear Paw Mountains” and go up hill! Into the town of Havre. Very dusty due to construction and no rain for months. The first CG was deserted and so we went on to the RV park which is beside the Best Western so we were able to use the pool and hot tub. Ear plugs were well used last night with the train on one side and the hiway on the other.



**Hot and Dry...** summer following due to no water? Or choice not sure





## DAY Twenty-Five Harve Rest Day

Sept 3/07 Monday Walked ++

**Wind:** Some still from the east which was a blessing as it is so so ho

**Temp** high was 34C we spent part of the day indoors typing log in the lobby of the Best Western

**Road Conditions :** they are doing road construction so mega noisy

**Accommodations :** CG ok but needs cleaning

**FOOD Lunch:** Greek salad, Pistachio salad buns etc at the city park in the shade Oh so nice

**Supper:** went out for the worst Nachos ever! Uncle Dave wouldn't believe that anyone could wreck Nachos... they used some Cheese whiz type stuff... cold... on taco chips, yek. Deep fried mushrooms and cauliflowers... need less to say a high fat pig out... and I'm paying for it now! They don't seem to have any idea as to making any meal without meat!

**Overall** Not much of a restful day but much needed day off from pedaling.



## DAY TwentySix Harve to Harlem 71 km +town

Sept 4/07 Tuesday D70.42 km M 42.8 A 18.9 PT 3h42 RT5h total 1899.0 km

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Harlem MT Day 26 – Sep 4 City Park/City Hall CG 71k

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0.0 Depart Earl Clack City CG (location uncertain) on Local road(s) (West) 70 m

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0.1 Turn LEFT (South) onto 12th Ave W 0.1 km

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0.2 Turn LEFT (East) onto 2nd St W 1.0 km

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1.2 Turn LEFT (North) onto 4th Ave W 0.1 km

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1.3 Turn RIGHT (East) onto US-2 [1st St W] 35.6 km

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36.9 **Chinook** (AS) Stay on US-2 [1st St] (East) 32.3 km has Napa if need grease

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45 **Zurich** [NS] has a school, few houses but no store or restaurant or garage

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69.2 Bear LEFT (East) onto Old Savoy Rd 0.8 km [Sign for Harlem]

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70.0 Continue (East) on Central Ave (W) 0.8 km

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70.8 Turn RIGHT (South) onto 1st St SE 90 m

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70.9 Arrive **Harlem** City Park CG / City Hall see sign on east side of building (AS) Albertsons grocery

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**Wind:** very slight from the rear

**Temp** 18C in am and 30C 90F all day

**Road Conditions :** excellent shoulder/ light traffic In Harve widening road [support 4 for Hwy 2 signs everywhere] but they started work at 0630 with a cement saw so I was not very supportive with the road 10 feet from my head

**Accommodations :** The Harve RV park doesn't seem to have regular cleaning of the washrooms, but otherwise ok. The Harlem site is free for cyclists and an excellent location with a Pizza parlor , grocery and the police just next door. They appoligized for the pool being closed so no showers, but the price is sure right. Free wouldn't even take a donation. They have mega mosquitos! In this heat!

**FOOD Breakfast:** usual fruit

**Lunch:** peanut butter sands on arriving at Harlem city park

**Supper:** Cheese o crackers; veggies with ranch dip, flat bread, great picnic supper as way too hot to cook

**Overall** Hot tired muscle day. Arrived early to Harlem which was nice as I didn't sleep well situated between the train and the road construction last night. The road is pretty flat with farms all along with more trees than previous days. Neat older man, Burchard Windels, came by 2 days early for the City council meeting.... As it was the wrong day he started to talk to us and asked us to his home to see the ¼ size to scale steam engine he is making in his garage. It is made out of steel and is to be a running 1898 model for a kids park he is buying land for. He said he was a farmer and now he is finally able to do what he wants. Kind of an excentric guy who's wife is down by Great Falls looking after the grandchildren! I'm sure she is ready to kill him if he spends any more time, money or energy on this hobby ... labor of love for sure. Ken says it will probably explode into a million bolts when he lights the fire in the hole!





Which way is CANADA??





What do retired farmers do?



Burchard Windels is making this 1/4 scale steam engine!

## DAY Twenty-Seven Harlem to Malta MT 74 km +town

**Sept 5/07 Wednesday D79.64 km M 34.5 A 17.6 PT 4h30 RT5h total 1978.8 km**

[stats are out when I don't take them down before going around town!]

Malta MT	Day 27 – Sep 5	Trafton City CG	74.1k
0.0	Depart Main St S, <b>Harlem</b> , MT 59526 on Main St S (South)	0.8 km	
0.8	Turn LEFT (South-East) onto US-2	5.2 km	
6.0	Stay on US-2 (South)	4.7 km	<b>Fort Belkin</b> (G/R) NS seen
10.6	Stay on US-2 (East)	35.3 km	Don't take Adven Cycle Route Hwy 2 is quiet and paved
45.9	Stay on US-2 [1st St] (East)	28.1 km	<b>Dodson</b> (G/R) very nice [47.3 2h30 29/18.8]
74.0	Turn LEFT (North) onto US-191	70 m	after crossing the river, go past the motel /CG and rest area
74.1	Arrive Trafton City Park CG	\$3.00	<b>Malta</b> (AS)
	Edgewater Motel and CG and also Riversedge motel and CG		

**Wind:** none

**Temp** 10C in am and 20C all day overcast with smoke haze

**Road Conditions** : excellent shoulder/ light traffic some construction, no problem

**Accommodations** : Trafton City Park CG is quiet. Has no showers , but wash house with hot water and flush toilets. Train is across the hwy so a little quieter.

**FOOD Breakfast:** usual fruit

**Lunch:** Ken usual grilled cheese sand with fries; me salad with oh oh onion rings!

**Supper:** veggies with ranch dip, flat bread, strawberries for appetizer as 2 for one at Albertsons! And soup

**Overall** really relaxing lazy day slight hills to go over the Little Rocky Mtns but no effort. More trees around. Read about the mosquito for the West Nile Virus.... It is not all mosquitos that can carry it and they die off if the nights are cold so they expect them to be gone soon... the other mossies are pretty voracious. Milk River is an irrigation canal so I think they are breeding there.

Went to the Library and met Derryl another cyclist who we met once earlier. He got up late and is just at 1530 heading on the road for maybe 40 miles... better him than me. Evening turned out warm and the sun came out so he would have had a great evening ride. He is on a recumbent like Lornas.

The birds are singing tonight just like at home. We haven't seen or heard any birds for days. It may be because of the heat. Mossies not as bad as expected. Train more distant.

Must look up when home... MT is at least as big as Alberta and has only as many people as Calgary in the whole state. I didn't think they had such wide open spaces. Very friendly small "cities" some with old brick buildings (120 yrs old)



## EARLY DAY OUTLAWS

The old West produced some tolerably lurid gunslingers.

Their hole card was a single-action frontier model 45 Colt, and their long suit was fanning it a split second quicker than similarly inclined gents. This talent sometimes postponed their obsequies quite a while, providing they weren't pushed into taking up rope spinning from the loop end of a lariat by a wearied public. Through choice or force of circumstances these parties sometimes threw in with the "wild bunch" - rough riding, shooting hombres, prone to disregard the customary respect accorded other people's cattle brands.

Kid Curry's stomping ground in the 1880's was the Little Rockies country about forty miles southwest of here. On July 3, 1901, Curry and his partners, Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and Deaf Charlie, pulled off a premature Independence Day celebration by holding up the Great Northern Railway's No. 3 passenger train and blowing up the express car safe near this point. Montana's most famous train robbery netted the crooks a bag of gold coins and \$40,000 in unsigned and worthless banknotes. Soon after, Curry and his gang departed Montana.

## DAY Twenty-Eight Malta to Glasgow MT 118 km

Sept 6/07 Thursday D 117.23 km M 52.5 A 20.4 PT 5h43 RT8 h total 2096.0 km

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**Glasgow MT** Day 28 – Sep 6 Shady Rest CG 111.2k

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0.0 Depart Trafton City Park CG **Malta MT** on US-191 (South) 60 m

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0.1 Turn LEFT (East) onto US-2 44.6 km

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44.7 Stay on US-2 [Taylor St] (East) 21.9 km **Saco (A/S)**

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66.5 Stay on US-2 [1st St] (East) 44.0 km **Hinsdale (G/R)**

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91 Rest Area could easily be a camp spot with BR and tables with cover

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110.6 Turn LEFT (North-East) onto Local road(s) 0.6 km

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111.2 Turn LEFT (West) onto Local road(s) 30 m

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117.2 Arrive Shady Rest CG **Glasgow (AS)**

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Trails West is 0.6KM off road and west of Glasgow just in town for RV's only

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Cottonwoods Motel & CG is 2.5km further into center of Glasgow [no trees]

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1 km further (still further in town) is the **Shady Rest RV CG** [nice treed spot]

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**Wind:** 0 to a nice tail wind at the end of the day

**Temp** 12C-30C by afternoon Raining first thing then high overcast sky to gorgeous sunset

**Road Conditions :** shoulder good mostly quiet rd some up but minimal. Seems end of the hills for a while Easy 117km

**Accommodations :** .Shady Rest is one of 3 choices. Probably the oldest, but the washrooms are spotless and the water hot and unending [no extra charge] Good tent site beside the check in with a deck with power and covered if rains

**FOOD Breakfast:** usual fruit Coffee stop in Saco... nice restaurant in the town. [45.77 2h25 37.4/18.9

**Lunch:** veggie wraps, veggies and dip

**Supper:** peanut butter wraps, veggies and dip

### Overall

Started to rain just as we thought to head out so sat for another ½ hr and stayed relatively dry. Saw 2 Antelope again today... heavier than deer and with white butts and underbellies. Very petty looking at us but not running off, used to cars on the road I guess.

About 10km before Saco is a point of interest worth stopping at. There are 2 stones with First Nations significants. One is of a resting Buffalo and it is too bad they fenced so close to it you can't get a good picture, but it really does look like a buffalo.

Nice company with our new friend Derryl Cocks along. He is a computer programmer from north of New York on a 3 month cycle trip across the northern tier route. He is on a recumbent EZ racer Tour Easy made in Freedom USA... must check it out. Nice rig with low panniers.

Must have a time change soon as ours changes in Saskatchewan and we are well over that border now.

Bike is worse off then body if you can believe that. The bike shop in Edmonton doesn't get a star as they didn't do us any good service. My bike has been squeeling since they touched it! No bike shop here so we will put up with it for a while yet... seems to be the derailleur wheels.

## DAY Twenty-Nine Glasgow to Wolf Point 82km +town

Sept 7/07 Friday D84.41 km M 40.8 A 18.1 PT 4h 38 RT5.5 h total 2181.0km

Wolf Point MT	Day 29 – Sep 7	Warmshowers.org	82k
0.0	Depart Trails West CG on Local road(s) (East)	30 m	<b>Don't take Indian HWY today</b>
0.1	Turn RIGHT (South) onto Local road(s)	0.6 km	
0.6	Turn LEFT (South-East) onto US-2 [US-2 W]	25.1 km	
25.7	<b>Nashau (G/R)</b> Stay on US-2 [Lewis and Clark Trl] (East)	25.5 km	
51.2	Stay on US-2 [A St] (East)	10.0 km	Frazer [NS]
61.3	Stay on US-2 [Lewis and Clark Trl] (East)	19.9 km	Oswega [ns]deviated to Indian Hwy BA
81.1	Bear LEFT (North) onto (N) 6th Ave (N)	10 m	
81.1	Continue (North) on 6th Ave (N) [N 6th Ave]	1.2 km	
82.3	Turn LEFT (West) onto Local road(s)	40 m	
82.4	Arrive Borge Park CG	Going to new friend from warmshowers.org	Mary Madson

**Wind:** none then face mildly then back

**Temp** cool morning 8C warmed up to 20C Sunny some and dark ominous clouds as we arrived in Wolf Point

**Road Conditions :** excellent shoulder until we took the Indian Hwy... don't bother we thought we would see the Missouri River but not visible from the road

**Accommodations :** Well I don't think I can say enough about Mary. She is a fabulous woman I think she would be ok with me saying she is 73 and she headed out on the hwy on her bike to meet us... we were on the Indian route so missed her. She looks 63! Fit as a fiddle and full of life!

**FOOD Breakfast:** usual fruit Coffee stop in Nashau at the best Café... go to the one with the Homemade "Ice Cream "sign Has a neat history of being an ice cream shop for almost 100 years... not the same owner or building, but they have a lot of the antiques and use the same recipes! We had brunch: Ken pancakes and me French Toast

**Lunch:** Well that's another story as both of the next two towns had not any services so finally just a short stop on the road side for a veggie wrap and off we went again

**Supper:** Picnic in Mary's back yard

### Overall

Great cycle started to leave and Ken had a flat tire overnight! First real flat of the trip... one of those steel belted radial wires! Oh well he is quick I didn't get to read my book very long and we were off at 0915. The day flew by on mostly flat roads... oh by the way I cleaned my bike last night and guess what ... no more squeel. Go figure! See if it comes back.

The Indian Hwy is not worth it unless you want to get away from the 2 cars per ½ hour that pass on the wide shoulder of Hwy 2.. and you get in return frost heaves and almost as many cars so we don't advise going that way.

Wolf Point is an interesting town which is on Fort Peck Indian Reservation. We saw a lot of very nice people all over town in all kinds of jobs, with families and just doing the things as in every other town. No worries with cycling here. www.warmshowers.org is an amazing site where cyclists help other cyclists by offering a nites accommodation.

Mary is our first new friend. And what a friendship it might turn out to be She and her friend are cyclists and like to ski! So we hope she or they might come to Canada and we can return the hospitality. She has been wonderful and an inspiration to me... 17 years my senior and still cycle touring! GO GIRL!! She is a retired RN who lastly worked with Diabetics. She tells us that it is the highest place in America for type 2 diabetics per capita... that is terrible.



## DAY Thirty Wolf Point to Culburtson MT 89km +town

Sept 8/07 Saturday D 95.25 km M 39.3 A 17.9 PT 5h20 RT8 h total 2276.3 km

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Culbertson MT Day 30– Sep 8 Bicentennial Park CG 89k

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0.0	Depart Borge Park CG on Local road(s) (East)	40 m	<b>Don't take Indian Hwy until Brockton</b>
0.1	Turn RIGHT (South) onto 6th Ave N [N 6th Ave]	0.8 km	
0.8	Turn LEFT (East) onto Fallon St	0.7 km	
1.5	Turn RIGHT (South) onto N 1st Ave	60 m	
1.6	Turn LEFT (East) onto US-2 [US-2 E]	33.8 km	Macon ~9k
13k	RBW Camp Grounds: looks like for RV's [farm]		
35.4	Stay on US-2 (East)	22.3 km	<b>Poplar</b> (AS)[just over the bridge is old camp spot, covered spots for tents, no tab
57.7	Stay on US-2 [A St] (East)	30.4 km	<b>Brockton</b> (G/R) [Restaurant in Laundromat/video store]
62k	Turn Rt on route 1 Old Hwy as Hwy 2 has poor shoulder		[good road no traffic]
88.1	Turn RIGHT (South) onto 4th Ave E	0.4 km	
88.5	Bear RIGHT (West) onto Local road(s)	30 m	
88.5	Arrive Bicentennial Park CG	[free max 5 nites]	<b>Culbertson</b> (AS)

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**Wind:** little in the am, slight head wind in pm

**Temp** cool morning after raining all nite 8C.... moved up to 20C by afternoon Cooling off rapidly tonite

**Road Conditions :** Good shoulder, little traffic

**Accommodations :** Shelter with table in end of city park. Washrooms, no showers, but cann't complain as free

**FOOD Breakfast:** usual fruit

**Lunch:** Brockton: Pizza

**Supper:** Veggie Pita, Corn chowder soup, fruit cake from home... yum

**Overall** Very easy day especially after raining all nite. Tent packed wet but hung to dry in Poplar as we waited for the museum to open and it never did. Sun came out in earnest and we were peeling off layers. Great day traveling thru the Indian reservation all day. Poplar seems to be a divided town with new reservation houses, some brightly painted, in one area and older area with Caucasians mostly. Mary was telling us that when the reserve was started then the government granted some "homesteads" to Caucasians so that is why there are private homes with clear land title on what looks like reservation. The reservation is huge with ranches with some signs of farming.

## DAY Thirty-one Culburtson MT to Williston ND 74 km +town

Sept 9/07 Sunday D 74 km M42.6 A 17.6 PT4 h11 RT 5.5h total 2350.3 km

Williston ND Day 31 – Sep 9 Davidson City Park CG		68k
0.0	Depart Bicentennial Park CG on Local road(s) (East)	30 m
0.1	Bear LEFT (East) onto 4th Ave E	0.4 km
0.4	Turn RIGHT (East) onto US-2 [6th St N]	22.7 km
23.1	Stay on US-2 (East)	37.2 km
	<b>Bainville (G/R)</b>	
60.3	Turn RIGHT (South) onto US-85	0.2 km (we are getting off HWY onto a frontage road)
60.5	Bear LEFT (East) onto Local road(s)	0.9 km
61.3	Stay on Local road(s) (East)	4.8 km
66.2	Turn RIGHT (East) onto SR-1804 [US-2]	0.5 km
66.6	Turn LEFT (North) onto 14th Ave W	1.0 km
67.6	Turn RIGHT (East) onto 11th St W	0.4 km
68.0	Arrive Davidson City Park CG	<b>Williston (AS)</b> warmshowers friends tonight

**Wind:** none

**Temp** 10C in am warmed up quickly to 25C Sunny all day except coming into Williston threatening clouds

**Road Conditions :** good shoulder but some frost heaves

**Accommodations :** We decided to try another Warm showers friend.. Anna and Doug Hoffman are wonderful... they aren't even cyclist! They just open their home to us.... Angles for sure. They are both in the teaching field and seem to have such feeling for the students of this area.

**FOOD Breakfast:** usual fruit

**Lunch:** Bainville... church potluck

**Supper:** picnic cold supper Fresh tomatoes and beets from Anna's garden

**Overall** Well interesting day. We started off and after 25k looking for coffee, we came into Bainville. The town was having a pot luck in the park and we were flagged down and told to fill up a plate! Really nice people. One fellow told us all about the oil surface rights and such... they didn't have to pay taxes on those rights unless they found oil on the land. There is a increase in the oil business down here just as up in Alberta. There is a housing crunch and people are moving in to the area in large numbers. We headed off and met 5 cyclists from Vancouver at the state line. They are doing the Northern Tier route in segments each year. They have done 2 one week stints and are headed home until next year. They had a driver and sag wagon so going faster and longer distances than us, but moteling it too. I am glad to have cycled Montana, but looking forward to different terraine. It was a little hillier on entering North Dakota, but I understand we have flat lands ahead. We have seen a lot of signs [don't METH with our children] etc and read in the paper of real problems in Montana and North Dakota with METH. They call it "Whilliston White " and it is apparently the best.... If there is such a thing.... Best at blowing your brain .. oh I'm so old! And out of touch!

# This is my Montana

**M**osquitos, Ranches and hot, hot places  
**O**pen wheat fields with long view spaces  
**N**ew families in Native Indian Races  
**T**ail winds, train whistles and rain showers  
**A**ntelope, Deer and wild flowers  
**N**atural wonders and ancient History,  
**A**wesome land full of mystery  
**S**mall towns with big hearts  
**T**umble weed  
**A**ctive clubs  
**T**ent sites in City Parks  
**E**veryone friendly

Big Sky, Hawks sauring, Deer, rabbits, dogs, horses, antelope, ranches, wheat fields, small towns, small population, rivers and streams, Milk river, Trains and more trains, combines, tumble weeds, mini mountains, hay bales, swirly wind, winding rivers, Missouri River, Casinos, city parks, crickets and more and more!