

Montana Mountains

In late September my wife, Gail, and I went to northwestern Montana to be with the families of our two daughters for most of the week. For several years our older daughter and husband have had access to a large house on the western shore of Flathead Lake. This time our entire family was invited but our son and his wife could not join us there.



Monday Dawn at Flathead Lake, Montana

The house is made of logs and has six bedrooms for many guests.



These last photos show the boat, docks, and view north along the shoreline.

Monday we went by the boat to the Wild Horse Island part of the State Park. After a short hike up the hill we returned to the shore for lunch.



The kids had fun throwing stones into the very clear water. Some adults did so also, sometimes throwing the stones to make them skip across

the water with many bounces.



On Tuesday we drove to the north end of the lake to the town of Bigfork. One street was decorated with colorful flowers, as at the town theater. While the others visited the many stores, I walked to the edge of town and found this small hydroelectric power plant. We had an excellent lunch at one of the restaurants.



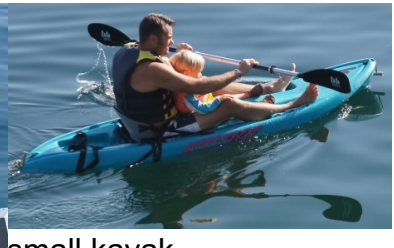
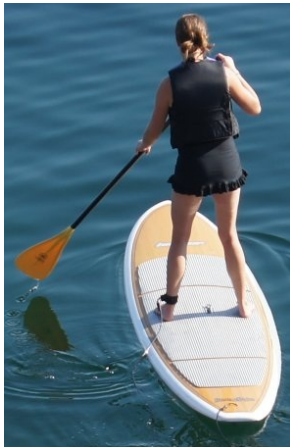


Breakfast for grandkids and their parents. The road and forest near the cabin.



Thick, fluffy moss in the forest.

Turkey (bottom center) in woods with chicks



paddle-board

raft pulled by canoe

small kayak

The family tried some other water craft on Wednesday.

On Thursday we went to Glacier National Park. Trees were tall in the lowlands but short and sparse at higher altitudes where the day's temperature was 20 C.





We hiked 3 km to view a lake beyond.

We crossed the Continental Divide.



This is a view of the snow that used to be a glacier. The moraine of rock rubble pushed by the former glacier is at the left and right.

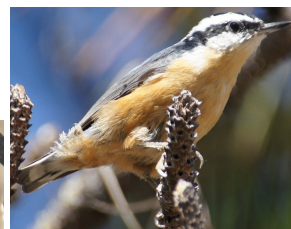
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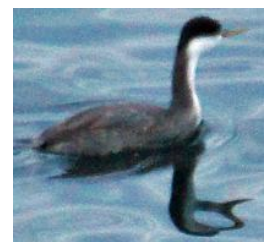
Bald Eagles



Clark's Nutcracker



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Western Grebe