

KENTUCKY = DOGS



DAY Twenty Rushing Cr Land Between Lakes USDA to Canal CG Grand Rivers KY

April 24/08 Thursday D 58.55km M53.38 A13.9 T3h50 TT5h+ total 1516.1km

Wind from the tail some of the day

Temp 10C in am up to 28C

Road Condition Quiet no shoulder, rolling tree lined so no views of the lakes: more gentle inclines today

Food: Breakfast Apples [cheese]

Lunch went out for a yummy bowl of soup and a bean burger at Lite side Café and Bakery

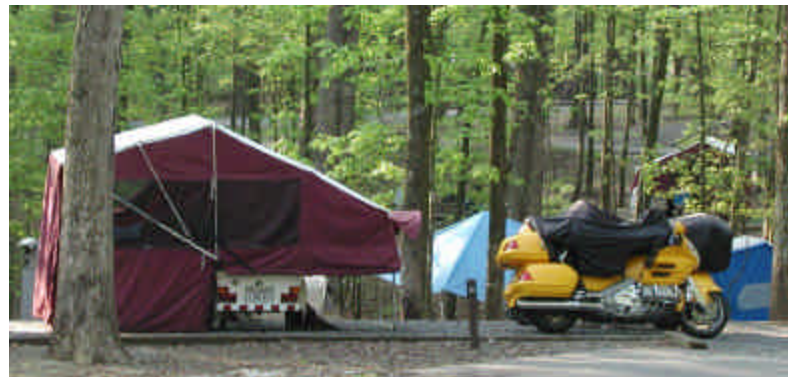
Supper boring.... Tomato soup and wraps

Accommodation Well the generators went until about 11pm last night and the fishermen arrived at 5 am so rest wasn't very good Canal CORP CG is very nice, clean and with 40 motor cyclists camped here for the weekend. They are a club and go to different destinations every weekend. Most have a trailer that folds out a tent... very cute. Expensive bikes.

Overall started off early at 730am and got early to camp by 1300. No food outlets thru the Land between Lakes so we didn't have lunch until set up camp and road the short 1 m into town for some good food for once. Neat little town of 350 people. Lady at the Chamber of Commerce told me that in the 1960 they decided to dam the rivers and Lake Kentucky was formed, then a few years later they made the second lake. They decided to move everyone off the land and make a National Park so everyone was bought out right. They are some 200 small family cemeteries dating back to Civil War times.



Love this license plate!



Cool motorcycle tent trailers could be used by small cars!

There was a great Bike shop in Grand Rivers called "Wood and Wave Bicycles" picked up some bike wax and brake pads. He told Ken he can save people money on last years TREK bikes so he gets orders from all over the continent. He had just about anything you could wish for.



DAY Twenty-One Canal CG Grand Rivers KY to Cave N Rock SP Illinois

April 25/08 Friday D 95.74km M45.1 A15.7 T6h TT8.5h total 1611.80km

Wind Tail wind all day! With the odd time side wind, much better than into the wind anyday!

Temp 15C in am up to 28C

Road Condition 1st part of day busy to Smithland KY137 all along the river very quiet so decided to stay on that instead of going up 763. signs of the road having been flooded, but all cleared off now. Rejoined the route at JOY. Turned out to be the same distance.

Food: Breakfast Apples/bananas [cheese wrap Ken] Stop for pie and coffee for Ken as the restaurant too busy to make us pancakes... have take out orders to do for the school on Fridays!

Lunch PB wraps in JOY

Supper decided to go out for supper.... Mistake. Asked around and were told the best food in town was to be had at CJ's café. Well I should have known by looking at the clients waist lines... fried oca, fried onion rings, fried cheese sand was all on the menu we could eat... oh and fried corn fritters, fried zucchini, fried turnip [which was good] and top that all off with.... Cheese cake for me and blackberry crumble for Ken... stomach ache! should have had my veggie soup!

Accommodation Cave N Rock State Pk is nicely laid out with similar wash houses as other parks.. Tokd us they have ticks in the tent spots so gave us a spot in the caravan site... already sprayed. They have JUNE bugs falling out of the trees like rain. Lots of people in just for the night. Family met up here parents with dtr and son-in-law and aunt/uncle. Sat at their campfire and just talked for an hour. Really nice people from north of here in Illinois

Overall: The ride was good. Just kept on rolling hills early then fairly flat along the river then steeper hills on 133 to JOY. More established farms, only 4 dogs chased us today. I sure wish we had looked for Pepper spray as at one I stopped and didn't know if I would be eaten or not. If anything makes me quit this trip it will be the dogs. Smithland had a restaurant, but it is the first time a restaurant had very few customers, but the cook said 25min min wait as she was doing take out orders... Ken can eat pie at anytime of the day so 10am he had pie and coffee. The ferry was a small flat bed that could hold maybe 10 cars. It was a fast trip across the Ohio River. There is no schedule, they just go back and forth as the traffic dictates. It is a free service but might be discontinued due to the increase in gas prices. \$3.80 locally per US gallon. We figure we are at \$5 for the same [when we left home \$1.25/L] Also they said the Black Snakes we have been seeing are not dangerous... kind of like a gardner snake just twice as big. They do have rattle snakes here.... Keeping the tent zipped up! Lots of frogs... toads around and turtles on the roads. About 3-4" across. The pollen is really bothering my eyes... itchy itchy... reactine time!

We went to the state park as it was 1km out of town and we could walk in for supper! We are now on the trans American route so will be going west starting tomorrow.

We only spent 2 days in Kentucky. There is a place we should have tried to go but didn't know it was there until we got here tonight. Marion Kentucky is Amish country. Just as we turned ot go north on 91 o the ferry going south on 91 was a sign of a horse and buggy on the road. There are apparently lots of shops and farms open to the public with produce etc. Oh well another time.

Thunder and lightening in the distance tonight. It is supposed to rain, but still very warm 25C in tent. Hoping it won't hail!

Day 21 Canal CG (Grand Rivers, KY) to Cave N Rock State PK (Cave In Rock, IL) 95 km

Head west on Canal Campground Rd toward Bayview Dr	1.0 km	1.0 km
Turn left at JH Obryan Ave/KY-952	0.2 km	1.2 km
Turn right at KY-453 watch out for vicious dog!	13.1 km	14.3 km
Turn left to stay on KY-453	11.8 km	26.1 km
Turn right at US-60 Smithland G/R/SS	5.3 km	31.4 km
Slight left at KY-137 Stay on 137 along river if not in flood	8.5 km	39.9 km
Turn right at KY-763 [omit if on 137]	2.3 km	43.2 km
Turn left at KY-1608/Maxfield Rd [omit if on 137]	10.4 km	53.6 km
Turn left at KY-135 [omit if on 137]	4.2 km	57.8 km
Turn right at KY-133/KY-135 [rejoin route from river route here- you are on 133]	0.3 km	58.1 km
Turn left at KY-135 JOY Pool hall with food	5.4 km	63.5 km
Turn left to stay on KY-135 Carrsville NS Tolu G	29.2 km	92.2 km
Turn left at KY-91	2.1 km	94.3 km
Take the Cave in Rock Fry ferry to Cave-In-Rock	0.6 km	94.9 km
Continue straight onto IL-1 Cave In Rock AS right to STATE PARK	1.0 km	95.9 km

Hogrock Ranch & Campground (618) 289-4724 247 Rr 1, Cave In Rock, IL 62919 On IL 1

Cave-in-Rock Motel (618) 289-3296 North 1.4 km on Route 1

Cave-In-Rock State Park Lodge (618) 289-4545 Park Ave, Cave-In-Rock, IL 62919 right 1km in town

Smithland might be best groceries(bigger than Cave In Rock) also has a Dollar General



Surface Coal mining is one big industry here.



Going over the river to Grand Rivers Over the Ohio River looking at the Cave and Rock area



Not much of a ferry



View down the Ohio River