

TENNESSEE

OAK TREES

MOTORCYCLES

NEW SPRING CROPS

SING BIRDS GALORE

FISHERMEN

DOGS

MOSQUITOS

BUTTERFLIES

RIVERS and CREEKS



DAY Sixteen Battlefield CG Shiloh Tennessee to Beech Bend Park Decaturville TN

April 20/08 Sunday D90.49 km M 42.6 A14.7 T6h10 TT8h+ total 1255.30 km

Wind nasty into the wind all morning

Temp 10C overnight then heavy due morning; warmed up to 25C Blue sky day with clear night

Road Condition decided to stay on major roads to maybe avoid dogs as it is Sunday: hwy 22 narrow shoulder to Crump, then full shoulder to Adamsville; poorer to Milledgeville then on 100 average shoulder

Food: Breakfast Fruit Cocktail as no fresh fruit to be found

Lunch stopped for pancakes at "Latta Da" on main street in Adamsville: they don't have them on the menu, but as I asked she made them for us... very good I might add!, went on for a PB sand at the corner of 22 and 100

Supper Getting good at Kelly Kettle meals: hot soup and cornbread stuffing really hit the spot Just a note about Sunday shopping in the Bible Belt... everything in town was closed except for the grocery which was really out of the town... we were told they are county by county as to whether they still follow Sunday closing.

Accommodation Well we don't know if it was a longer route this way as the campground was at least 5km farther than we had it marked... it was not on Lost Cr Boat Dock Rd but on hwy 100 almost to Perryville. Interesting site owned by the county. Wash house needs updating but shower hot. Sites large and nice space between with lots of trees along the Buffalo river. Everyone else is fishing from the dock or by boat. Ken hopes the caretaker who didn't give us a receipt uses the money to purchase "teeth"... why do some people just let their teeth decay until they have none in their 60's?

Overall Well we decided to skip the over hill and dale route as we had so much trouble with dogs yesterday... Today 5 separate really fierce dogs came out to nip at us... never landing a bite I might add. Types? Pit bull looking, "Wiggly types... Chow chow", tiny yappy things, large lab types... even when the owners were there they didn't seem to stay off the road. Decided to count churches... 23 on hwy 22 and then another 8 on hwy 100... all seemed to have some parisheners today but none I would call over flowing. "An empty crypt proves Christianity, and empty Church does not" was one sign on a Baptist church.... Noted United Methodists, Pentocostal, Baptists of many flavors, No Catholic churches today nor , Latter Day or JW some "born again types" Other than the pesky dogs an uneventful day. Seems like Decaturville has a "closed Sunday" rule for all stores except for Johnson's Food which is about 1km out of town was open and the gas station... everything else closed up tight. Lots of motorcycles on the road today... maybe 50 or 60 passed us today.... With the age of the riders about that too! More well established farms with larger homes. Crops starting to bloom... what looks like Canola in a lot of the fields. More openness felling with really lots of hills and winding roads especially hwy 100. Oh forgot to mention Shilo Battlefield [April 7, 1862] was one battle... there is a national park here with lots of cannons and monuments noting the different battles of the Civil War... we think Tennessee was on the side of the north, but it is a little confusing. The dog wood trees are really pretty just mixed in the bush with the ever greens. The blooms are much bigger than on ours... 2 and 3" blossoms. Really nice to have a warm sunny day. Expectation of rain by Tuesday... boohoo! I have gotten my first ever "bee sting" while riding along a bee hit my helmet and then stung me on the neck... swollen about the size of a toonie and bright red! Weird.

PS Just noted since leaving Alabama it is incredible how few "Black" "African Americans" we see now. Really very noticeable in Burnsville, but really ever since coming into Mississippi and for sure in Tennessee. I was not aware each state was so dramatically different... we in the areas we are going thru which is small town America. I'm sure Nashville is very cosmopolitan. Well on and on we go.

DAY 16 Battlefield CG (Shiloh TN) to Beech Bend Park (Decaturville, TN) 78.4

Leave CG 0.3 and Turn left to stay on TN-22	13.6 km	13.9 km
Turn left at US-64 Crump AS [stay on 64 to Adamsville "Latta Da" makes great Pancakes}	0.2 km	14.1 km
ALT: go up 22 to Milledgeville then on to Hwy 100 50.37km]	36 km	51 km
ALT: rt on 100 to Decaturville at 90km G/R/SS	39 km	90 km
Turn left into Beech Bend Park [this milage could be off]	4 km	83 km

Beech Bend Park (731) 847-4252 22 Beech Bend Park Ln, Decaturville, TN 38329

If need a hotel continue about 2km ahead to Perryville-1km west on 412

Pine Tree Inn (731) 847-4102 3946 Highway 412 E, Parsons, TN 38363

Jake's Motor Inn (731) 847-6387 3946 Highway 412 E, Parsons, TN 38363

River Heights Grocery 1/2km right(east) on 64 in Crump
Decaturville has Daisy Market on route(West Main) and
Johnson's Food Warehouse past the bargain store both a short way North on N Pleasant St



Shilo battlefield



Gorgeous ditch flowers



Dogwood trees



Beech Bend Park

DAY Seventeen Beech Bend Park Decaturville TN to Imperial Lodge Waverly TN**April 21/08 Monday D 100.80km M44.7 A 13.5 T7h28 TT9h+ total 1356.1 km****Wind** yes head wind and tail sometimes but not too strong**Temp** started out 10C and by 10am 25 and by end of the day 30C HOT but dry Full sunny day**Road Condition** well decided to stay on route and it was great rolling quiet roads with 2 pusher hills for me. 3 or 4 yappy dogs.... Someone told Ken the cure is a stick with a nail on the end.... I think not... we are trying to not "run" from them but yell only once at our feet... didn't work to well as one bit Kens back pannier! Bear spray was another suggestion.. all the posties and meter readers carry it**Food: Breakfast** apple/yogurt[cheese] Pancakes at a small place along the way in a "Summer Village" on Tom Cr Rd**Lunch** well after the 5 pancakes Ken ate we didn't stop for lunch until at the church steps in Bakersville [NS]**Supper** overate on chicken veggie burgers, potato salad, beers, blue berrie pie Way to much!**Accommodation** well there is no camping around here which is too bad as it's a lovely evening so we are in the only hotel "Imperial Inn" at \$62 it is good value... clean, updated with a huge king size bed, tv, micro, fridge and lots of bike room!**Overall** Well was a good day. A bit more energy needed than some of us had at some points... 2 of the hills were a bit too steep so I walked maybe 20 feet to the top of both. No shame in pushing... it's just about harder than riding, but there becomes a time when I can't balance at 3kph ! We saw our first deer this morning just at the side of the road... have only seen 2 dead deer this whole trip so either the deer are smarter or drivers more attentive. Can't say that for the armidilos and possums, they on the other hand are not too smart....

We would have had a hard time following the route without the GPS as there are very few street signs on the corners so it is a little difficult to know where the turns really are. Very little traffic which was nice on a road 2 pick up trucks have trouble passing on. Rolling hills past summer homes of trailer, mobiles and really cute cottages to fancy homes all along the Duck River. Lots of creeks running into the river... the Crooked Cr was particularly pretty clear blue and running fast... not like our spring creeks. This must be where the Monarch butterflies come to "nest" as they are flying everywhere. Less population along this route, but really no views of the river except at bridges. Sycamore trees along the way or I think they are... kind of a barkless disiduous tree gets very very tall. Met 3 other unloaded van assisted tourers headed south. This was there first day. One from Seattle and one from Ohio a little older than us, but enjoying the day... they were going to end there day in Pineville, but we didn't go there so wondering where they are going? Anyways good to see others out on the route. As we continued on today tomorrow will be a shorter day to Dover. Need to do the wash! Internet connection really poor so uploads might be impossible. Emailed home.

Check at Noritz.com for on demand water heater... they advertise them here. Might work for BW

DAY 18 Beech Bend Park (Decaturville, TN) to Imperial Lodge (Waverly, TN) 94.8 km

Turn left at TN-100	3.4 km	3.4 km
Turn right at US-412 Perryville SS	3.0 km	6.4 km
Turn left at TN-438/TN-50	13.7 km	20.1 km
Turn right to stay on TN-438/TN-50	1.5 km	21.6 km
Turn left to stay on TN-438/TN-50	5.6 km	27.2 km
Turn left at CR-916/Toms Creek Rd	5.9 km	35.5 km
Turn right at Toms Creek/ lower Roan Creek Rd G/R/SS Good Pancakes	3.0 km	36.1 km
Turn left at Roan Cr Rd [if loaded strenuous up hill at 35k]	1.5 km km	37.6 km
Turn right at Britts Rd [look out for chasing dogs]	4.5 km	42.1 km
Turn left at Pineview Rd	0.6 km	42.7 km

Turn right at Crooked Creek Rd	3.3 km	46 km
Turn left at Blue Creek Rd/CR-331	8.6 km	54.6 km
Continue on Tennessee River Blue Creek Rd @ I-40 R/SS [just before overpass]	0.7 km	52.9km
Tennessee River Getaways CG/G/Cabins could stay here Day 19->103.2km over 40		53km
Turn left at Cuba Landing Rd	10.9 km	66.2 km
Turn right at Sycamore Landing Rd	4.0 km	70.2 km
Turn left at Bakerville Rd Bakersville NS	20.9 km	91.1 km
Turn right at W Main St Waverly AS	1.4 km	92.4 km

Imperial Lodge (931) 296-2521 504 W Main St, Waverly, TN 37185

Tennessee River Mountain Getaways (931) 296-7963 7000 Cuba Landing Rd, Waverly, TN 37185
 [Not in Waverly on Hwy 40]

Waverly has Kent's Foods, Bakers Discount Groceries, J Market and CVS Pharmacy Walmart on Hwy 70



Bee sting



Country side

DAY Eighteen Imperial Lodge Waverly TN to Whispering Pines CG outside Dover**April 22/08 Tuesday D65.05 km M47.2 A13 T5h TT6h+ total 1421.2 km****Wind** none**Temp** 15C @ 0930 when left and 30C most of the day**Road Condition** a dream come true- rolling up 7% down 7% over 1 km then repeat: Bridge hill over and over all day. Most recently resurfaced. A perfect cycle route other than no services.**Food: Breakfast** Apples/strawberries [cheese]**Lunch** stopped for PB/jelly sands at a really nice church yard... New Hope... old old log church well kept up**Supper** at camp "chicken" burgers, pie and then to the restaurant for coffee later**Accommodation** Whispering Pines CG is right on route about 4km out of Dover along the Land between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Has nice log cabins for rent, all hook-ups and not a sole here. Very pretty spot I'm sure gets busy so close to the park**Overall** Good day started 0930. Some Logging along the route but few trucks. We think they are White Oak trees they are cutting down. Rolling, some ups steeper than I like, but made everything today without any pushing. Stopped for lunch in a picnic shelter behind the New Hope church that is in a small community that used to be bigger with services, but now just a few neat old log homes and not much else. Going slower due to the hills and heat, but going along fine. No dogs except at Hwy 147 2 yappy "rats" that chased us a little way. At the corner of 147 and White oak Rd we ran into Ian from Seattle who is out on the Underground R.R. for 2 or 3 weeks from south up to Cincinnati Ohio then he must go home back to work... that's what happens when your 40! Nice fellow very friendly. Said he had been trailing us for a few days, people had been telling him we were ahead of him. IanH@SCN.org Works for a non profit as a computer guy. He was going on into the park tonight. Lots of butterflys and song birds: red cardinals are pretty.

Note for Paula: there are very few Golf courses we have seen... maybe along the interstate, but not on our route.

DAY 18 **DO** Imperial Lodge (Waverly, TN) to LBL Whispering Pines CG and Cabins (Dover, TN 66.0

Head east on W Main St toward S Hillview Rd	0.3 km	0.3 km
Turn left at N Clydeton Rd/CR-574	10.3 km	10.6 km
Turn right at Elizabeth Rd/Hillcrest Rd CR574	0.2 km	10.8 km
Turn left to stay on Elizabeth Rd/Hillcrest Rd [up up]	3.2 km	14.0 km
Turn right at Halls Creek Rd [along the top]	1.9 km	15.9 km
Turn left at Greenbriar Rd S/Houston County Rd [oak trees: logging]	5.6 km	21.5 km
Turn right at Houston County Rd/Houston Creek Rd	0.2 km	21.7 km
Continue on CR-574/New Hope Rd [down down very nice] Church with tables on corner 25k	3.1 km	24.8 km
Turn left at Cooley Ford Rd/Whiteoak Rd	3.3 km	28.1 km
Turn right at CR-574/Whiteoak Rd	4.1 km	32.2 km
Turn right to stay on CR-574/Whiteoak Rd Mckinnon R 1km east on 147 [pub ¼ k on lt @39k]	10.4 km	42.6 km
Continue on TN-232	17.0 km	59.6 km
Slight right at Old TN-76 [a little rough needs resurfacing]	2.3 km	61.9 km
Turn right at Donelson Pkwy/US-79 [wide wide shoulder]	4.0 km	65.9 km
Turn left at Pumpkin Ridge Rd R beside CG		

Note: LBL=Land Between Lakes

LBL Whispering Pines CG and Cabins (931) 232-4570 2168 Donelson Pky, Dover, TN 37058

Dover Inn Motel 1545 Donelson Pkwy Dover, TN 37058 (931) 232-5556

Dixieland Country Cabins (931) 232-9225 1613 Donelson Pky, Dover, TN 37058

Dover 4km East on 79 has Piggly Wiggly and Dollar General



Love this church....New Hope



New friend along the way



MAGNOLIA
Established Circa 1800
Once a thriving community, with post office,
Odd Fellows Hall, doctors, stores, church,
Magnolia School, Bethlehem School, Magnolia
Mill, a water powered mill on White Oak Creek,
sawmill, blacksmith shop and grist mill in early
1900's & a picnic ground where President Elect
James K. Polk made campaign speech in 1844.
Plant for by Turner Woodruff



Whispering Pines CG turned out not to be too whispering with the loggers!

DAY Nineteen Whispering Pines CG outside Dover to Rushing Cr Land Between Lakes USDA

April 23/08 Wednesday D 36.33km M50.4 A12.8 T2h50 TT4h+ total 1457.5km

Wind none

Temp 10C in am up to 32C HOT HOT HOT

Road Condition Quiet no shoulder, rolling tree lined so no views of the lakes: Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lk

Food: Breakfast Apples/strawberries [cheese]

Lunch usual sandwiches

Supper KD look alike, avocado, broccoli, carrots, Chinese peas, tomatoes

Accommodation Well this is a National forestry park with showers that are outdoor but hot water just no roof. The lake has been in flood so it's a little smelly of fish. The frogs are croaking and the fish are jumping. They have "ticks" 2 kinds... the regular kind that bite and burrow and another tiny kind that just burrow and make an itchy lump. They just sprayed as we came in so hopefully we will not be bothered by them... Oh joy of joys the 2 campers beside us just started generators!

Overall Well the day started early at 5 am the log staging area beside Whispering Pines CG started up about 10 trucks and they crash banged until we left at 8am. This CG has new owners and I sure hope they knew how loud that would be when they bought. We would never stay there more than one night! Anyways off we went to get groceries at the Piggly Wiggly... finally someone knew how it got it's name... the owner was on a train and saw some pigs trying to get under a fence so he came up with the idea of Piggly Wiggly for a store name! Well what ever! Anyhow started for USDA Forest Services Land Between The Lakes Park... the road was very quiet with a small shoulder. Considerable rolling hills, but just long grinds. Very disappointing that there are no views of the lakes on either side. Lots of access roads down to boat launches and mega cemetarys. This is a huge park that the land was expropriated when the dams were put on the rivers and made into a recreation area with many many activities. They have a "home place" which is a 1850's historic farm site with interpretive staff who were really informative. They run the farm as it would have been back then starting the plants in a "seed bed" ie tomatos, tobacco, and transplant them into the garden that was tiled by horse team. It has 16 restored buildings which are in use as they go about the daily chores. They have all kinds of exhibits ie right now a quilt show. Every weekend there is something new going on.

We really enjoyed talking to the "farmer" who was really knowledgeable about growing tobacco and how it is 14 months from seed to selling. They have to hang it in this shed until dry and then it is wrapped as in the pictures. It is a "chewing grade". I tasted it and it is truly fowl! They also grow corn and flax. They have Elk and Bison in paddocks. We did see the bison, but no elk. Lots of guys out fishing and the fish were biting. It was a relaxing day, early into camp, disappointed the lake is really not swimmable due to the floods. The edge has pine pollen sludge floating on it. They have a planetarium here also, but I don't think we will go there. It is so interesting that as we go along there is a sign for ie Rushing Creek on the road to turn left, but no indication that it is a campsite. They just assume you know it is down here!

Everyone is very friendly, but concerned for our well being. We are planning a short day again tomorrow rather than take a day off so we can enjoy this park.



Bison field



Cool instruments



Tobacco dried for market



Tobacco in the drying shed



Neat door closures reminded me of McLoed Valley farm



Ken trying out the hand lathe.....don't' think he should take it up!



Garden Seed bed.... Peat pots have come a long ways.



Garden with veggies in each zig zag of fence



View from our campsite Land between Lakes Rushing Creek Tennesse



Working on socks