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Sun Sep 13, 2015

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The first hike of our Rocky Mtn adventure was to Rawson Lake at the south end of Kananaskis Country on the Alberta side of Banff National Park. Our original destination had been Chester Lake and Three Lakes Valley, however on the drive there along the Spray Lakes Road we encountered some significant rain, and the Chester Lake area looked socked in.

On the way we encountered a young bull moose and either its sister or mother. Both were browsing on meadow bushes, happily ignoring the few humans busy photographing them. We were also looking out for larches turning into fall colours, but most were still green verging on pale yellow. Aspens and willows however were brilliant yellow, looking like splotches of fire on the green landscape.

We continued south to the Kananaskis Visitor Center where we took in the displays of local wildlife and other offerings for the public. While there the sun poked out and the rain stopped. I knew nearby Rawson Lake was a fairly short trip with an awesome setting, so we went there instead.

Rawson Lake is a popular destination, and K-Country has a well maintained trail to get there. The round trip was about 5 hours, including a leisurely lunch at the lake. This lake is stocked with trout, as are many lakes in K-Country, and a few people were trying their luck. The pikas on the nearby scree slopes provided entertainment.

All in all not a bad start to the trip...

For those not in the know, this 2 week trip was posted on the website for a few weeks prior to leaving. We will post individual trips as they happen if they get the 3 minimum for a club trip. Jim Wright came down from his farm in Alberta to join us while waiting for his crops to mature.



Yearling Bull moose
[Carol Hunter photo]



The start of our hike at Upper Kananaskis Lake. Cloudy but not raining.

[Carol Hunter photo]



A beautiful waterfall along the shore of Upper Kananaskis Lake

[Carol Hunter photo]



Our first glimpse of Rawson Lake

[Carol Hunter photo]



What can I say?

[Carol Hunter photo]



Lots of Pikas were hastily gathering in preparation for winter

[Carol Hunter photo]



Fishermen along the shore who had excellent success catching and releasing trout

[Carol Hunter photo]



Lunchtime guest

[Carol Hunter photo]



Bob and Jim waiting, once again, while Carol stopped to take pictures
[Carol Hunter photo]



A moment of blue skies and distant sunshine at the end of the hike
[Carol Hunter photo]

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