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We are at Glacier National Park. So today we searched for a glacier. They should be easy to find, glaciers are monstrous, slow-moving, miles-long and sometimes miles-wide, beasts of ice. They groan and roar as they move, a centimeter a day, pulverizing the rock beneath them, calving into the sea or a lake or smashing into a granite mountain. We think they sound a lot like Harleys and think we have heard them every night.

We went north to the Many Glacier park entrance, the perfect place to look.



We found Sherburne Lake.

We continued into the park.



We found a rainbow.

We continued to the end of Many Glacier road.



We found a huge yet charming inn, The Many Glacier Hotel.

Poking around inside, we observed the rooms were about 10x10 with 2 single beds and a shared bath. We were not so charmed anymore. We thought maybe it wasn't really a hotel. Maybe it was juvenile detention. Right. More like tourist detention at \$200 a night.

Back to St. Mary. After lunch (buffalo burgers and soggy coleslaw) we went to the Two Medicine park entrance. We thought it was a long shot but we'd look for a glacier there.

There was a short hike to Running Eagle Falls, and we took it.



We found these falls. They came out of a cave.

Along the trail we found a grizzly bear and Sheila scared the you know what out of it and it ran away.



Just kidding. But we did find scat. At this point in our quest, very symbolic.

We found a thimbleberry.



They taste sweet or tart or have no taste at all depending on the soil. We know. We read the sign.

We continued along Dry Fork Creek toward the parking area.



We found this.

Hey, what's that on that mountain? Is it, could it be? Wrong. That's called "glacier ice" a vestige of the real glaciers that formed the park. It neither groans nor roars; nor does it calve and smash. It just freezes and thaws.

The day was almost over.



But we found this. It's a moose. Two of 'em ran across the road in front of us and into the woods. This is the actual photo of an ear and an eye and a snout. And a neck.

No glacier. Guess we blew that day.

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