

On the road again with Ursula in Eastern Washington

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The last story I wrote I left off at Grand Coulee Dam. I will pick up the last installment of the four-part series on my tour of Eastern Washington.



After leaving Grand Coulee City, we headed for Winthrop. This is a western style town, It has some cute little shops. My Mom's favorite is the bookstore. She can spend hours in there. And they have the best ice cream. It was cute to see horse saddles used for seats at the ice cream parlor.

Here is some History on Winthrop.

For 9,000 years, Native Americans lived along the banks of the Methow, Twisp, and Chewuch rivers, digging camas root, picking berries, fishing and hunting. The first white men to visit the valley were trappers in the 1800's. But it was in 1883 when the lure of

gold brought the first permanent white Settler's-three of which were James Ramsey, Ben Pearrygin, and Guy Waring. Waring stopped at the forks of the Chewuch and Methow rivers in 1891-where he and his family settled. Although Waring is the acclaimed founding father, the town is named after Theodore Winthrop, a Yale graduate, adventurer/traveler and 19th century author.

The town was rebuilt after a devastating fire in 1893. Waring's original Duck Brand Saloon, was built in 1891. It survived the fire and is now Winthrop's Town Hall.

Now enough history.

I sure loved it up there at the Sun Mountain Lodge. They have places to walk, hike, and bike ride. In the winter people can ski. I also liked the beauty. It is nice and quiet.

We stayed in the main lodge which is two stories and has 44 rooms. It is beautiful. I used the hot tub and swimming pool, even though I cannot swim I like going in. That was the highlight for me.

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