

# US West 2015-2, USA

7-8/2015

Gaash Hazan



**Day 1 – Rocky Mountain National Park (1)**  
**Hike: Bear lake -> Fren lake -> Cub lake -> Fren lake trail head**  
**Picture: Bear lake**











**Odessa lake**



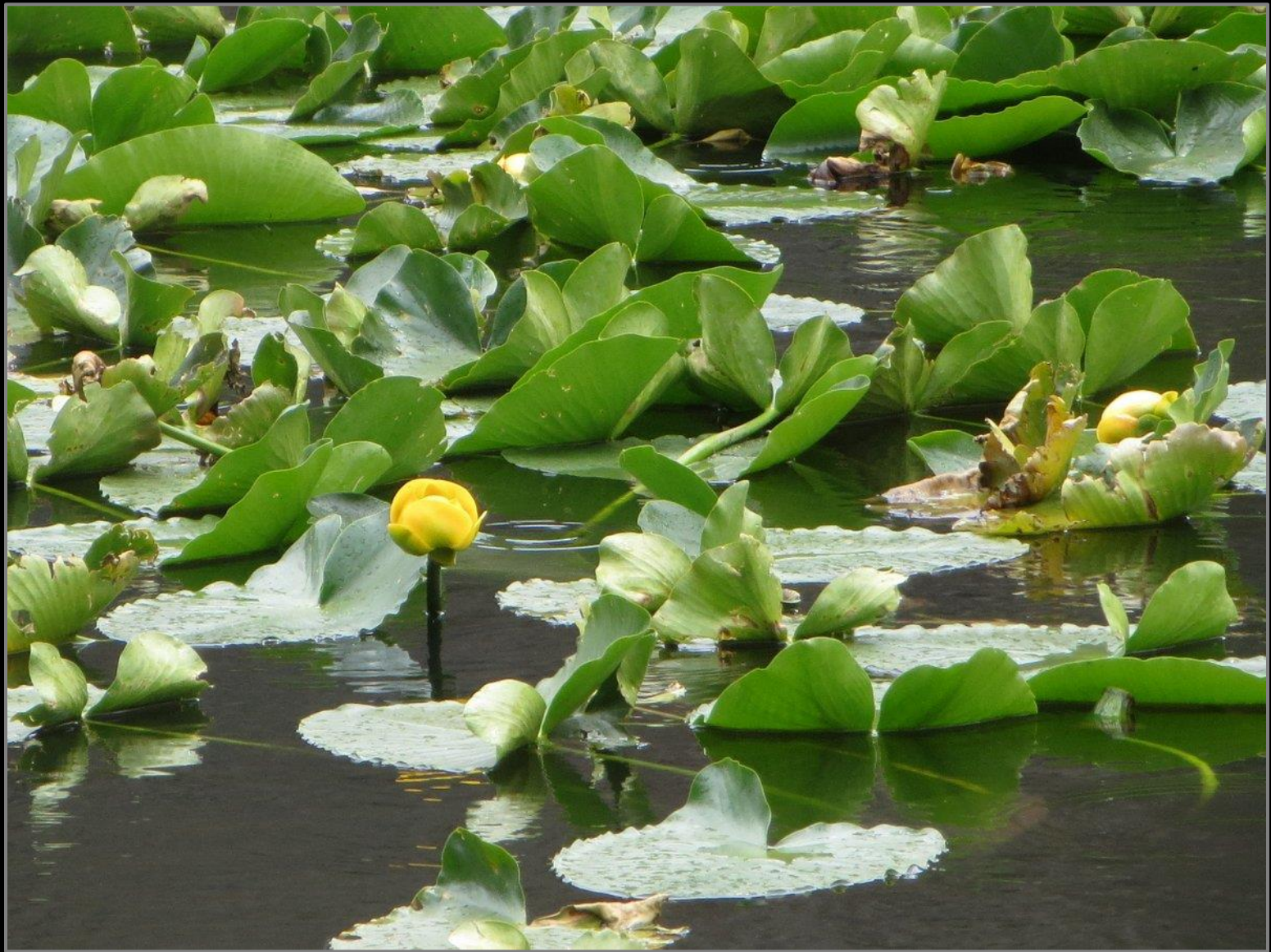






**Cub lake**









**Day 2 - Rocky Mountain National Park (2)**  
**Driving the 'Old Fall River Road', an uphill only dirt road.**  
**Almost at the top. Note the road snow markers**











**Alpine visitor center, 3595m**



**Driving the scenic way to Grand Lake. It was disappointing.**





**A nice surprise, Elks just along the road**









**Grand lake at bad weather, light rain**









Outside temperature: 44°F = 6°C









**A view point without a view**















**It stopped there for a few minutes, blocking the road**





(Day 3 – work meeting with partners)

Day 4 – Denver to Seattle flight & Mt. St. Helens.

**Almost missed the flight due to very long security line at Denver airport**





**On the way to Mt. St. Helens**





**Mt. St. Helens – An active volcano  
Last eruption at 1980 causing major damage and a few fatalities**







**A beautiful view from the theater**



**A seismograph monitors kids jumps. The kids love it**





**A ranger talk on the mountain eruptions**





**Eruption knocked down trees a few Km-s away**





**Day 5 – Mount Rainier National Park (1)**



**On the way to Paradise visitor center. Very low clouds. A ranger there advised me to driver 2.5 hours to Sunrise point where weather should be better. It was. Very smart move.**







Rangers house at Sunrise point





**Hike: Burroughs peaks 1,2 & 3 & Shadow lake**

















**Note the people**













**The (social) route to Burroughs peak 3, the snowed cap on the right**







**Me at peak 3**



**Mt. Rainier glacier**





**Low clouds got in. Visibility dropped.  
Luckily it was enough to find the route.**



**Shadow lake**





**On the way back to the motel**





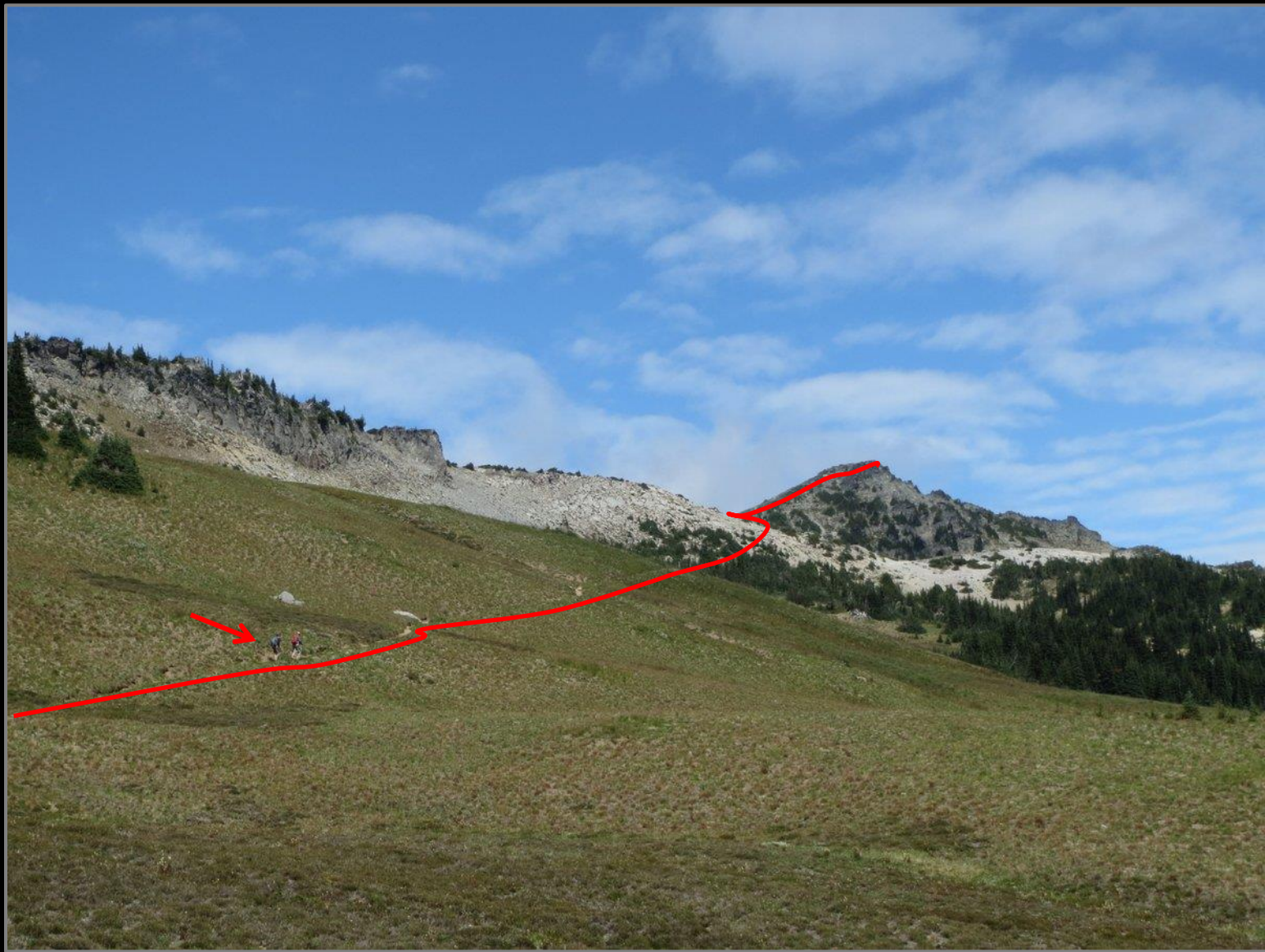
**Day 6 – Mt. Rainer National Park (2)**  
**The rangers house**





**Hike to Skyscraper peak**





**The route. Also note the people**





**Views from the peak  
Mt. Rainier (4392m)**























**Day 7 – Snoqualmie falls & Seattle  
Snoqualmie falls (82m)**





**A short forest hike to the falls base**





Pike Market at Seattle













I had lunch at this place





**At Seattle Aquarium (I've seen much better)**











**The people are inside a dome, the fishes are outside**





**Seattle underground tour  
We are below the pavement**









Back to Pike market





**Apple cider in various flavors.  
Buy a cup, taste as much as you want and then fill the cup**





Parking rates trap. \$3/hour but \$30 for 5 hours. Big ouch.



**A pleasant surprise, my motel has a small kitchen.  
I can cook home food 😊**





**And 2<sup>nd</sup> surprise, Walmart was just across the road. Perfect!**





**Day 8 – Mt. Baker (3286m)  
On the way to Mt. Baker**





**Weather was awful, low clouds and some light rain**









**The only thing I could do it to take beautiful pictures**











**Artist point outlook**





Day 9 – Boeing tour, Chittenden locks  
At Boing visitor center





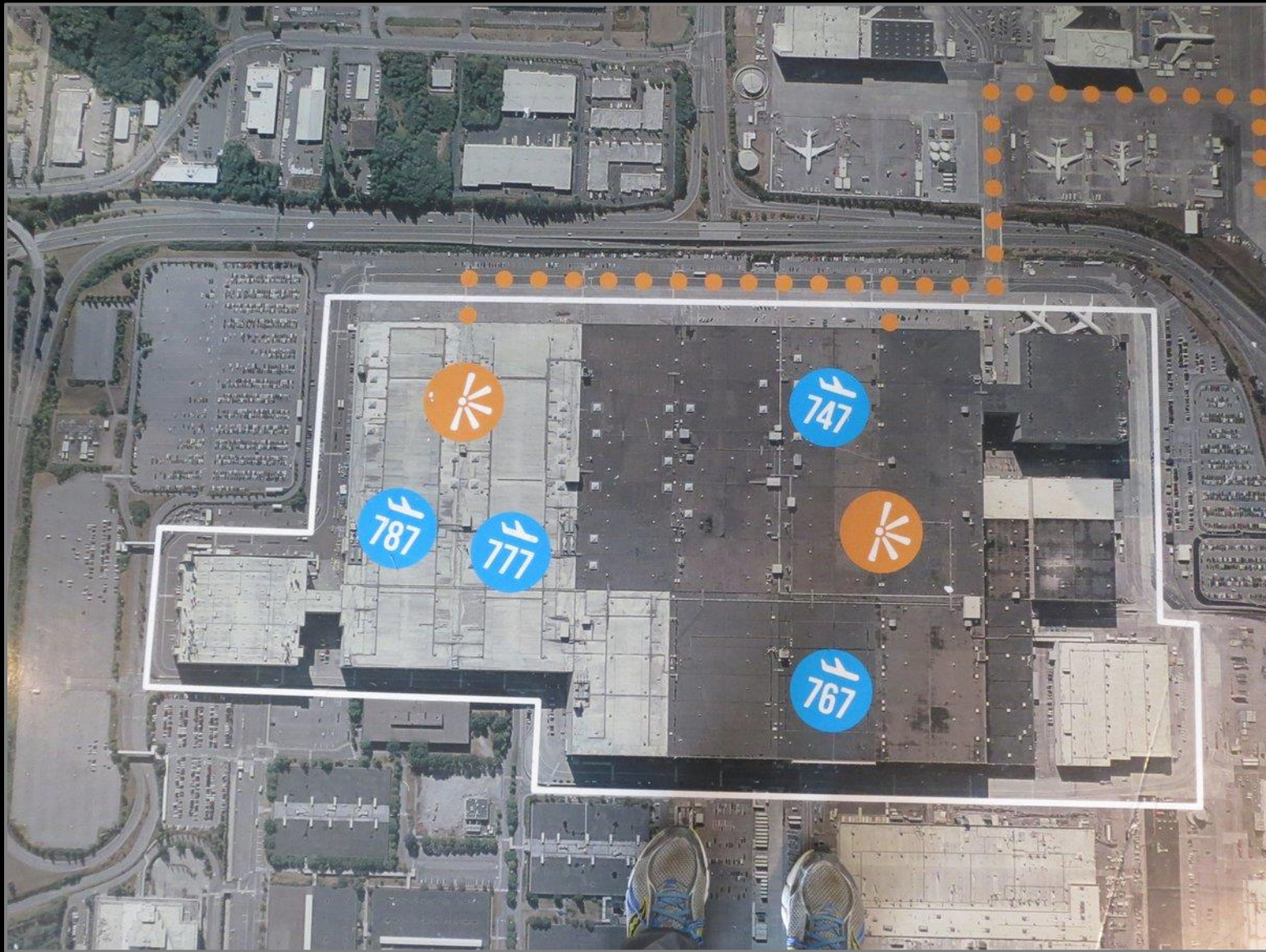


**Weight, strength and stiffness experience  
 Copper fibers win big time**



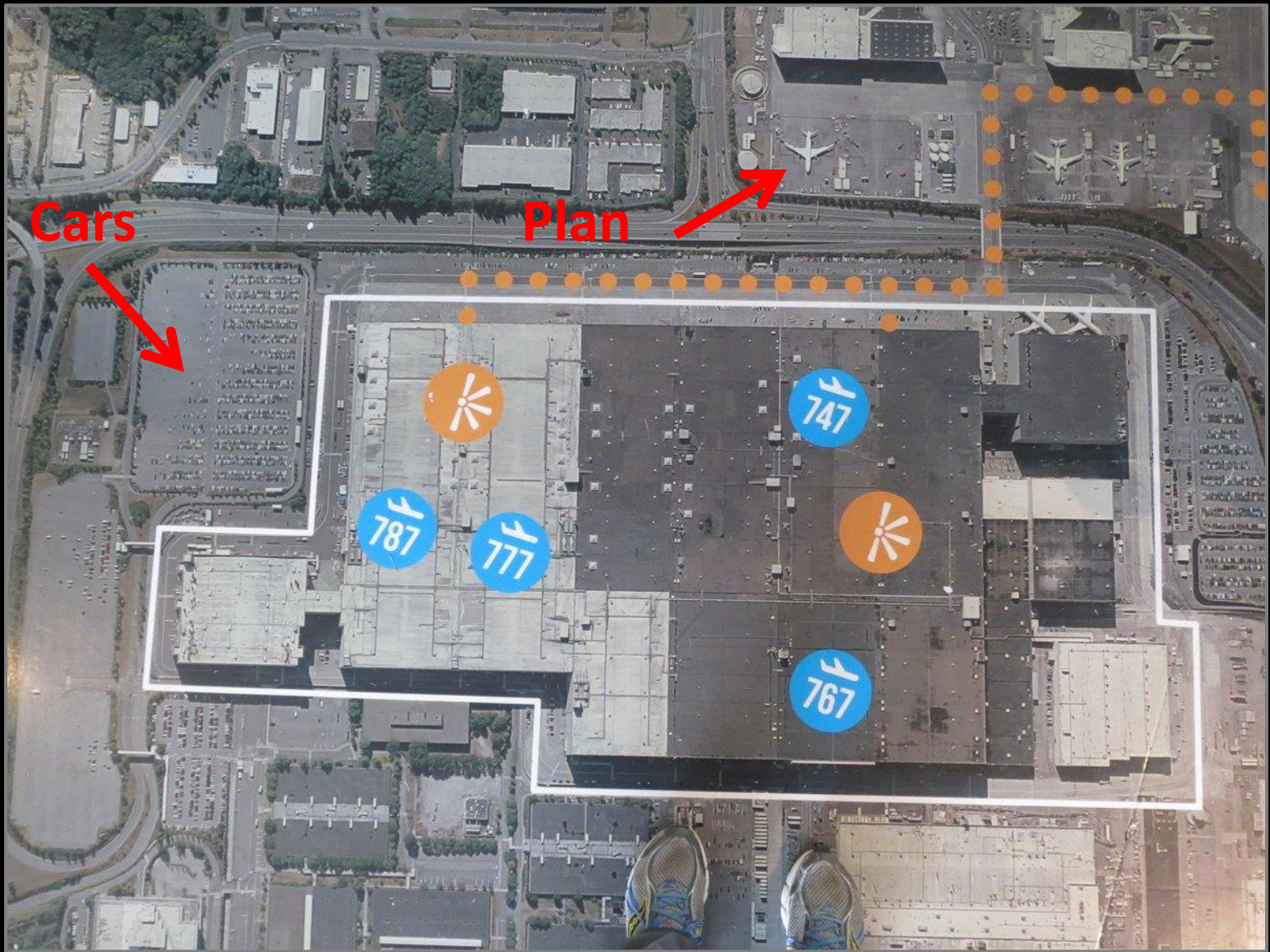
**I never thought 747 tail is so big. It was a shock for me.**





**Boeing assembly building, the largest building the world (by volume).  
Sorry, no pictures during the tour.**





Cars

Plan

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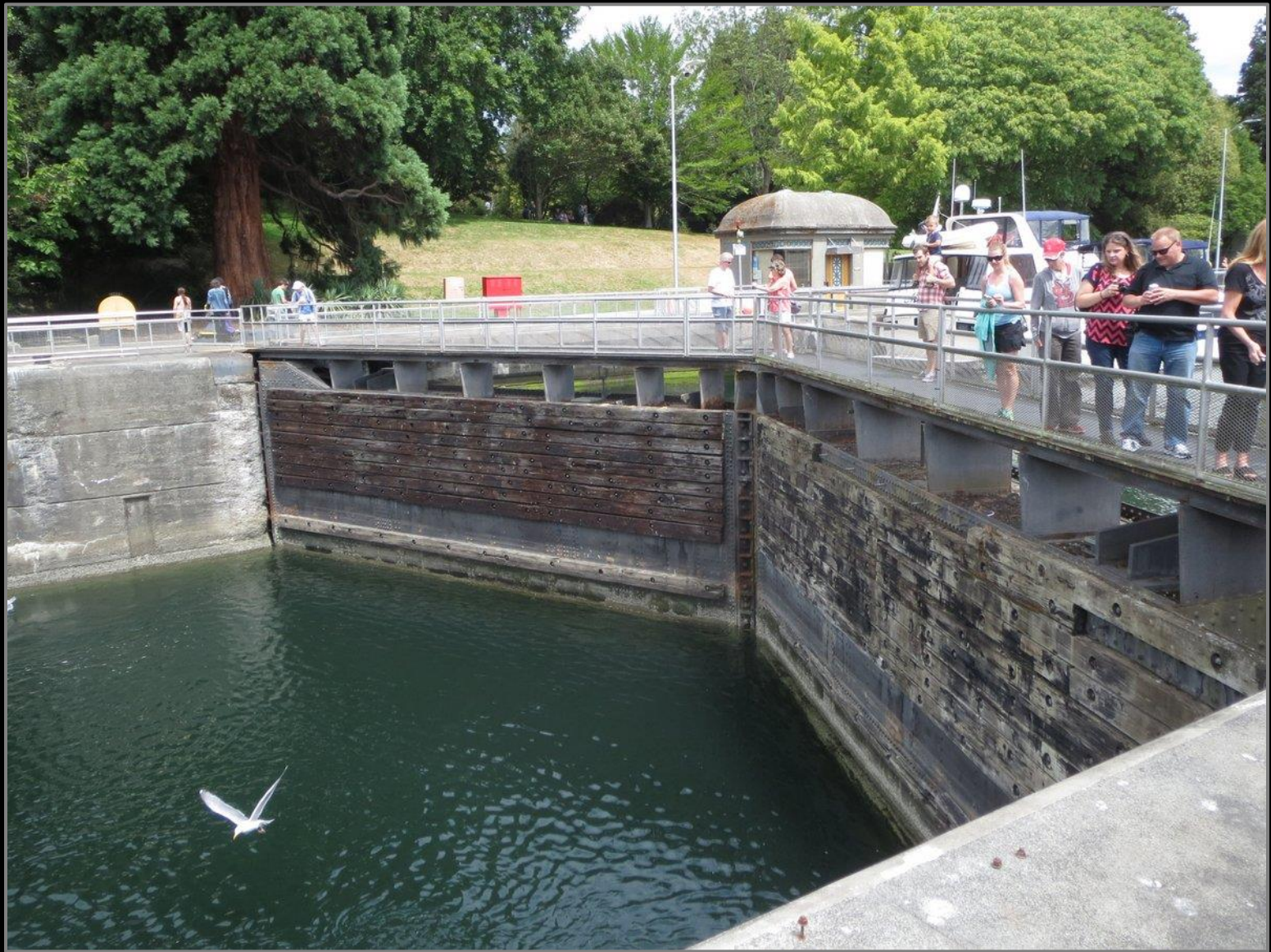
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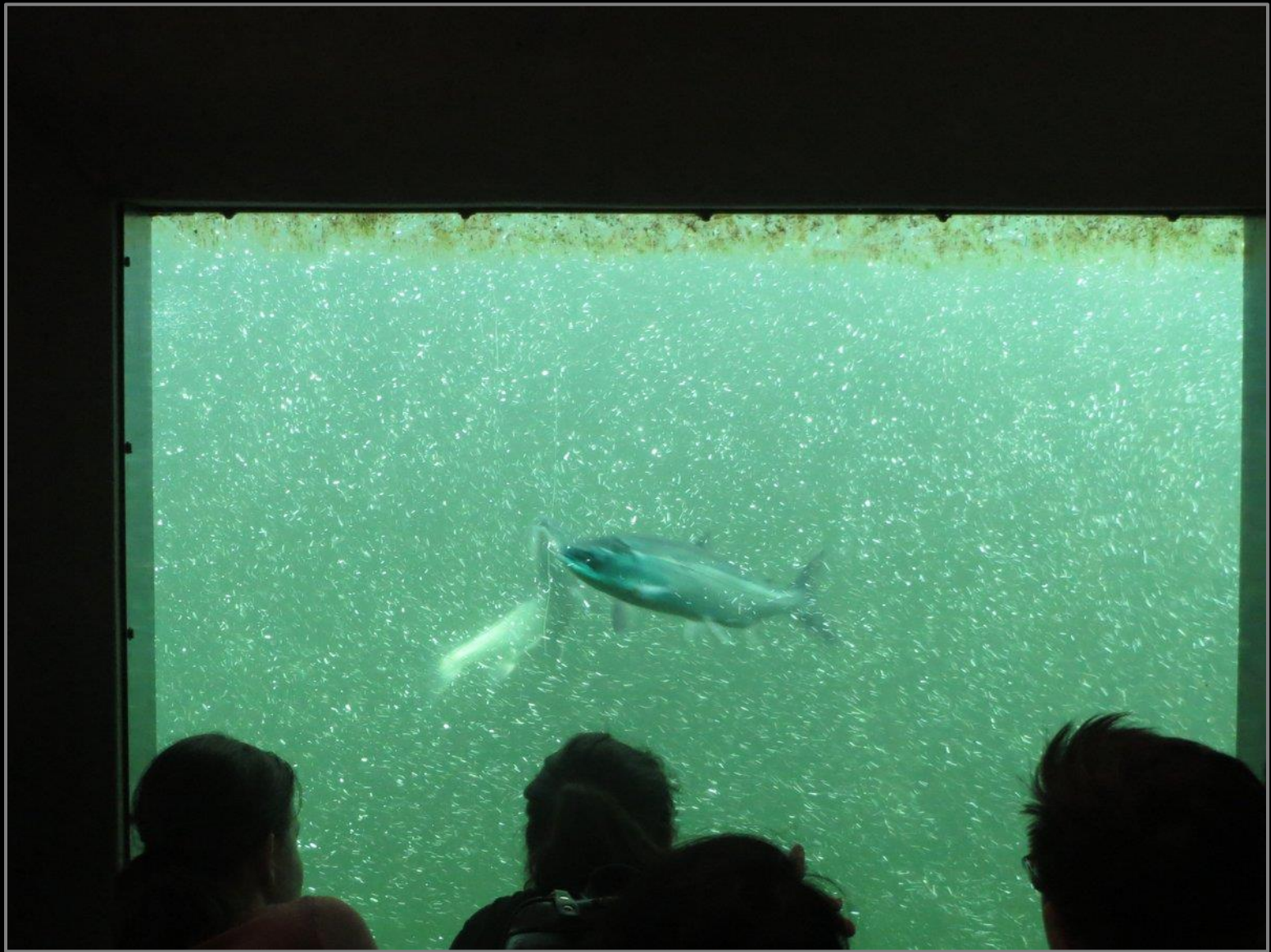
It is simply huge





Chittenden locks





**Salmon ladder viewing**











**Day 10 – Seattle Center  
The Space Needle (184m)**

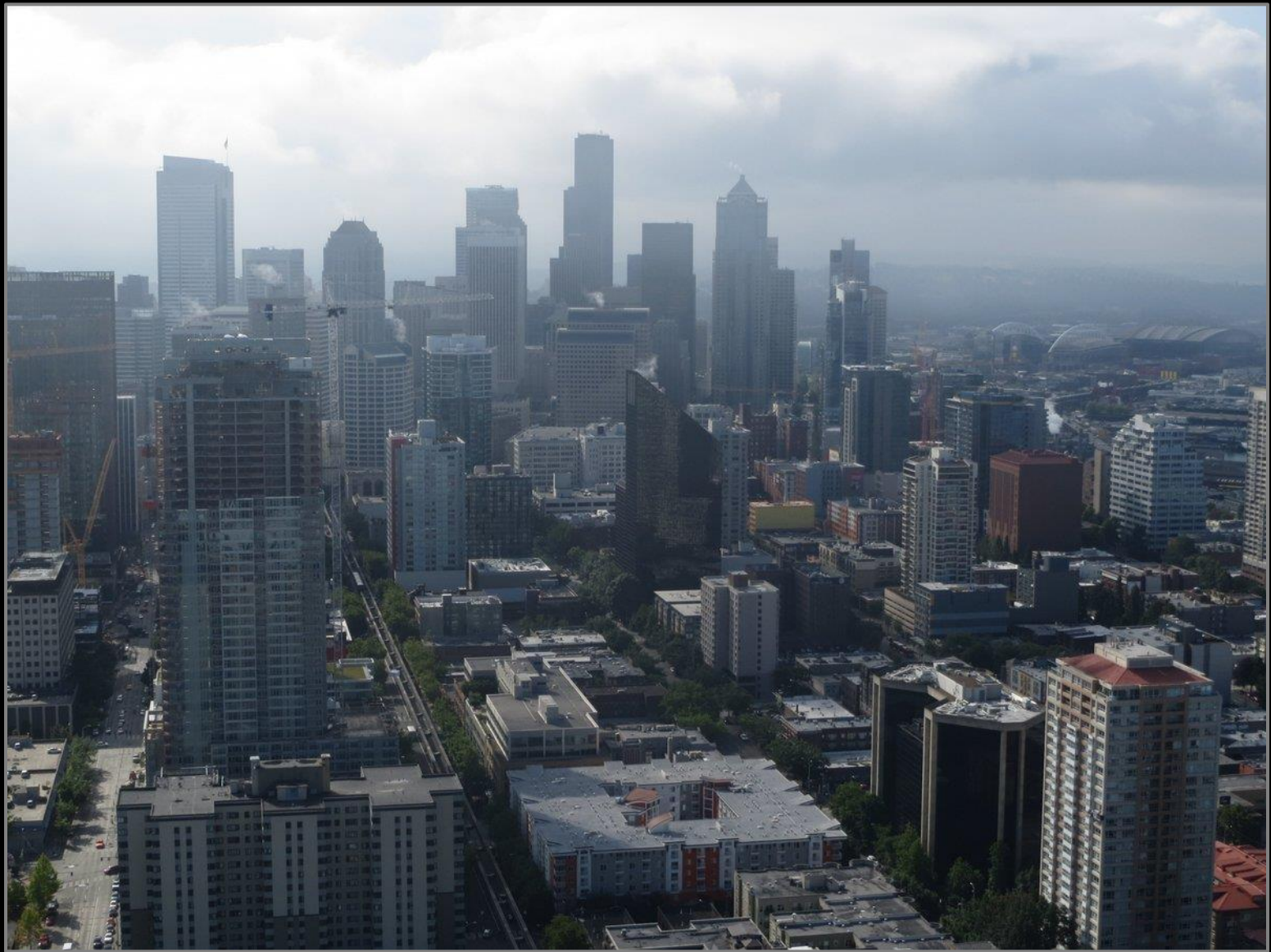


**The view from the Space Needle at 9:56AM  
So, I waited with a Mocha and Lemon cake**



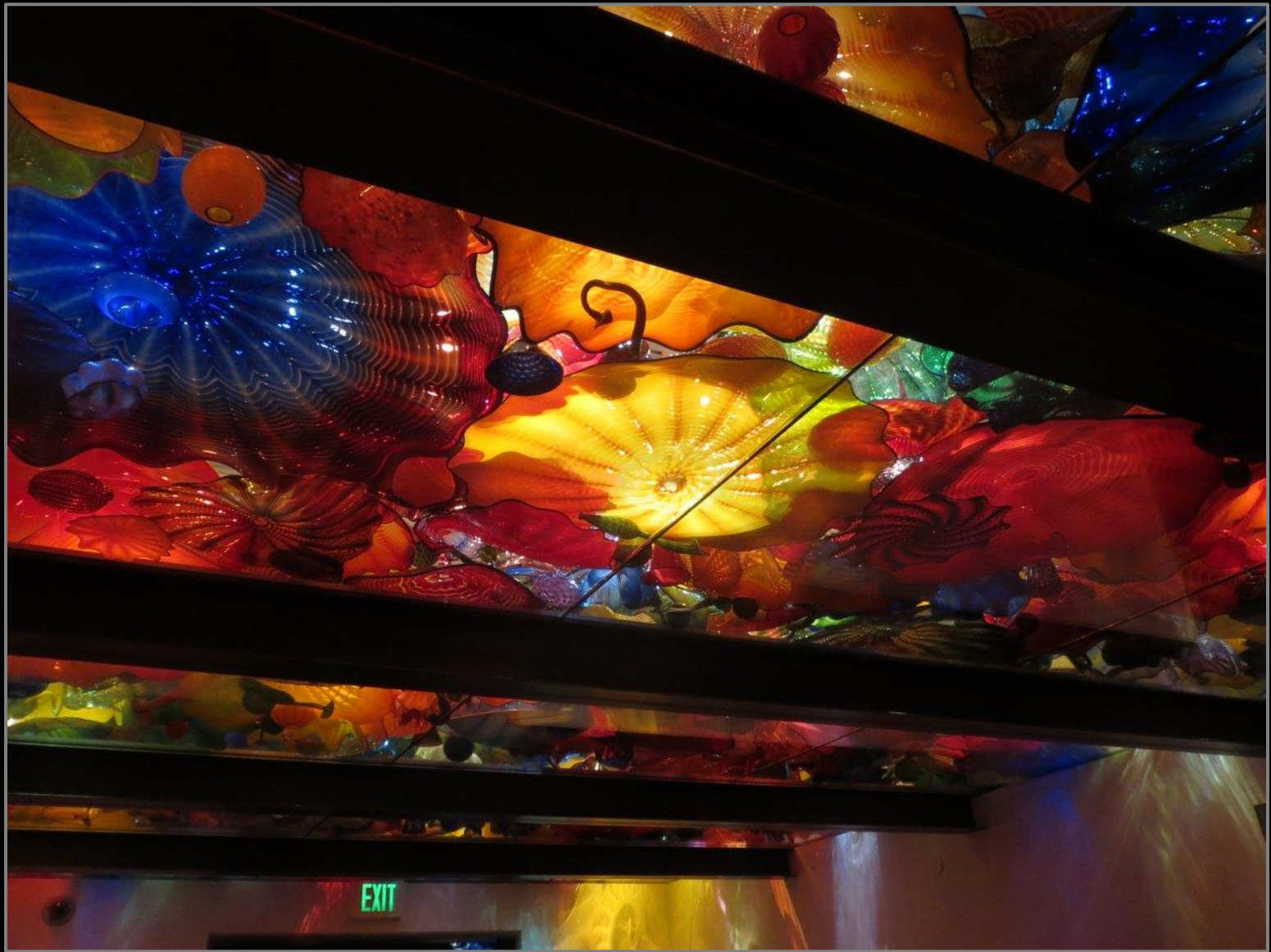


**The Space Needle deck at 9:30  
Visibility improved a lot in 35 minutes**









**Chihuly Garden and Glass**

















Experience Music Project (EMP) Museum





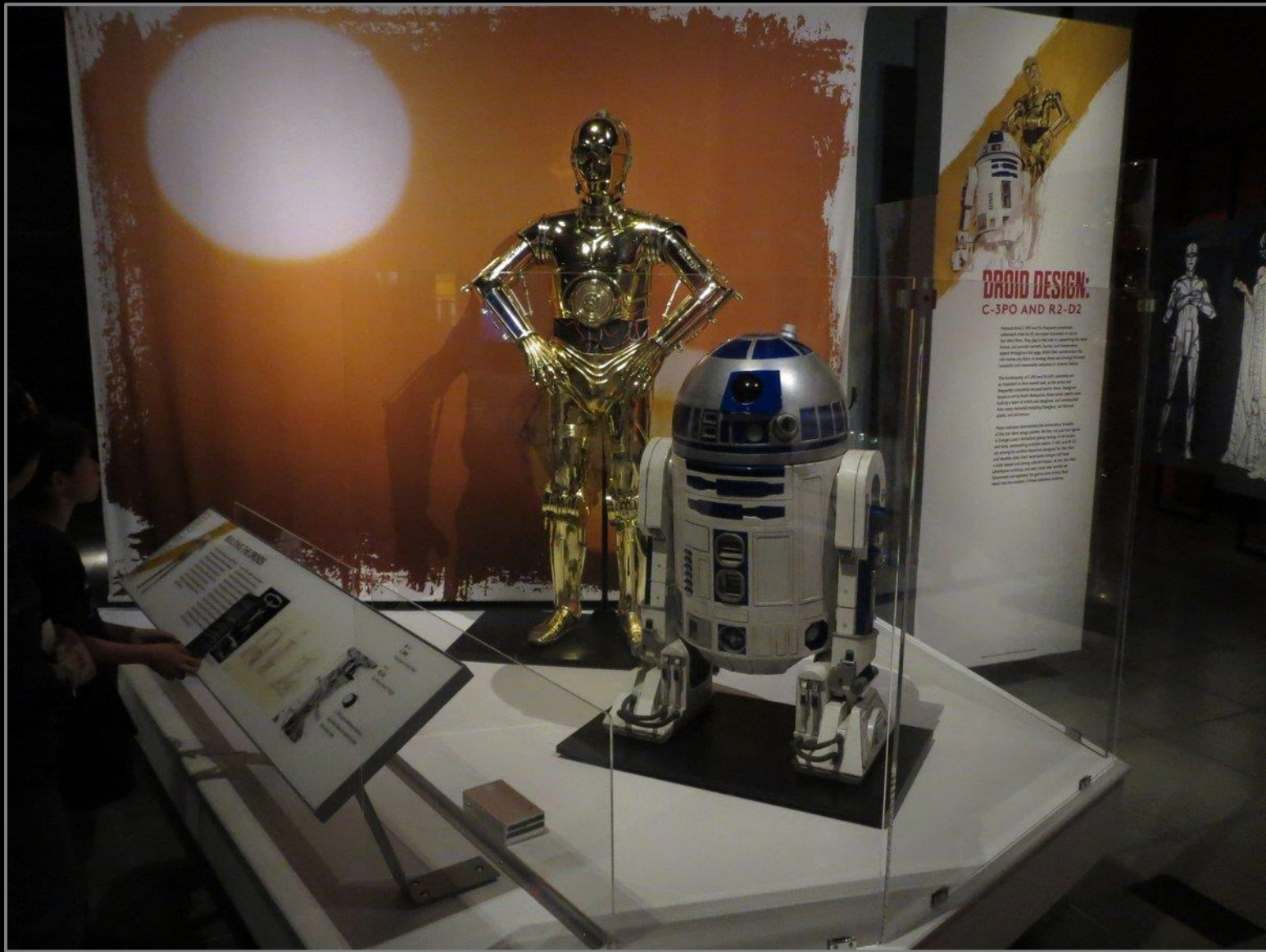




**Star war and the power of costume**







### DROID DESIGN: C-3PO AND R2-D2

Between 1977 and 1983, the "Special Effects" department at Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) was responsible for all of the droids in the Star Wars films. The team used a combination of practical effects and computer-generated imagery to create the droids we see today. The droids were designed to be both functional and aesthetically pleasing, and to be able to interact with the human characters in a believable way.

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**At Pacific Science Center (PST) - Disappointing**









Seattle's Monorail



At Seattle airport.  
Post security check, bottle water fill up





**Waiting for late night flight to San Francisco (for work)**



(Days 11-14 – work)  
Day 15 – San Francisco – Exploratorium

The toilet was never used. Would you drink from its water tap?!





Square wheel. Tested it. It roles smoothly.



**On the way to the ferry terminal at San Francisco bay**





**Dinner at a small place near the laundry**



**Day 16 – From San Francisco to Big Sur along the beaches  
17 mile drive**

























**(Day 17 – work and fly to Denver)  
Day 18 – work, DL glass shop, Mt. Evans.  
On the way to Mt. Evans**





**Summit lake**



**The road gets very narrow close to the top**





Mt. Evans (4310m)





**Views from the peak, summit Lake**









**Day 19 – work and fly to Seattle  
Landed at Seattle just at ~23:30, and had 2 hours drive to the motel**





**Hertz gold members get email with the car's parking spot, their name on the sign and keys inside. Just start the car and drive!**





**Day 20 – North Cascades National Park (1) – Maple pass hike**







**Hike to Maple pass (2133m)**





Lake Ann





**Views from the pass (2133m)**









**The way down from the pass**





**Note the people**





**Rainy lake**





**Near Hamilton**





**Day 21 – Mt. Baker remote side and Artist point  
Park Butte lookout and Railroad grade hike. First, 45m drive on a dirt road**





**Park Butte lookout, the first destination**





**Park Butte lookout, the first destination**













**Views from Park Butte lookout**













**From the lookout toward Railroad grade trail**









**On Railroad grade trail**





**Getting very close to Mt. Baker slopes**

















**The end of the first half of the day was at ~15:00  
When I almost got to the car, the clouds left Mt. Baker  
and I got pictures with trees, grrr!**





**2.5 hours drive to revisit Mt. Baker Artist point.  
Got there at ~17:30. and did the artist point short hike.  
Then, at very late hour, 18:24, I begun the Table Mountain hike.**





**Finally some luck, Mt. Baker (3286m) without clouds**





**Mt. Shuksam (2783m) without clouds**









**Sunset at Mt. Shuksam at 20:33.**

**It was a very long day, back to the motel at 22:15.**





Day 22 – North Cascades National Park (2)  
Extended cascades pass hike

In the pictures, Haggen my favorite supermarket near the motel





























**Lake Doubtful**









**Goodbye picture: Me, Limor, Itay  
Limor & Itay continued up to the glacier. I returned.**



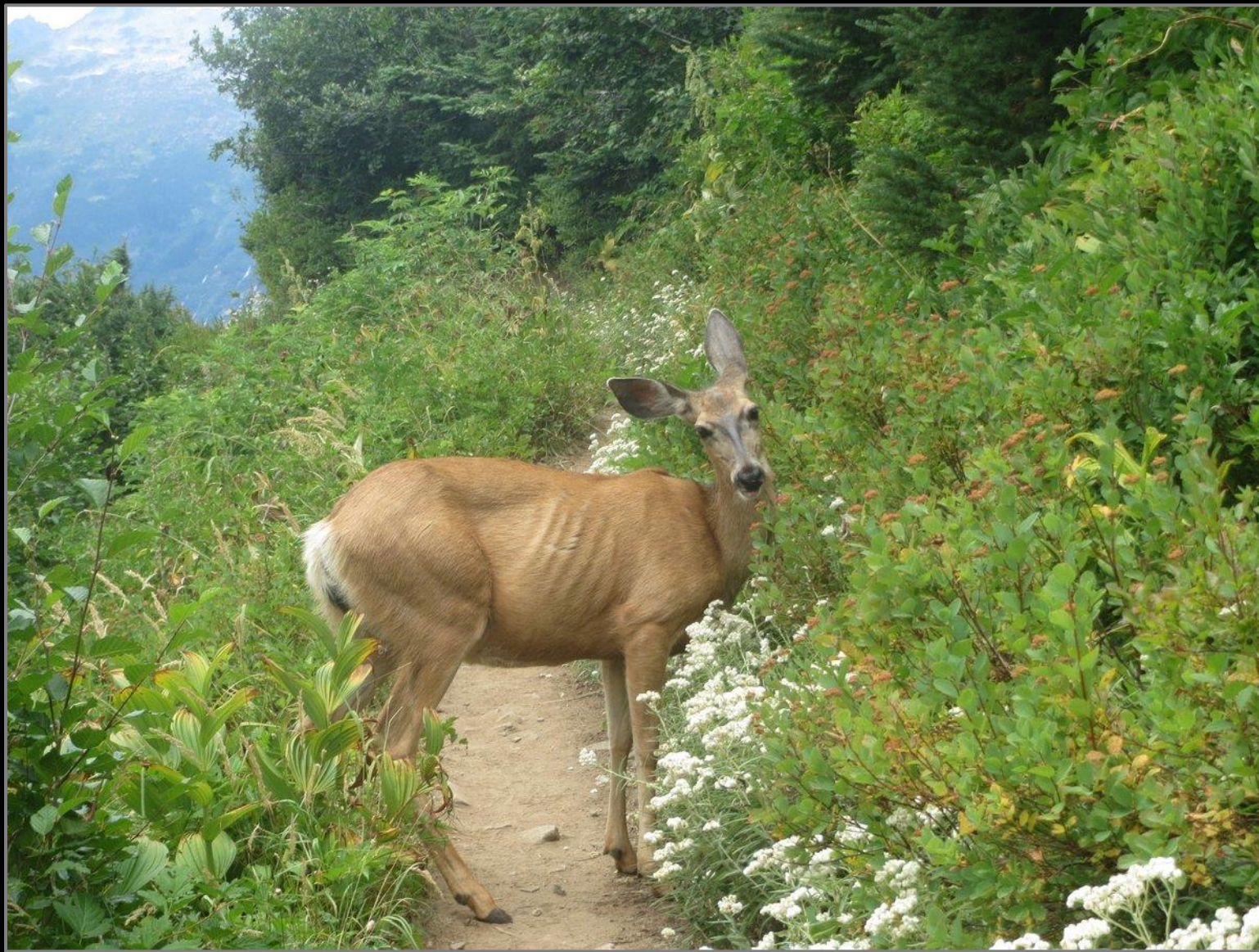


**My favorite plant**











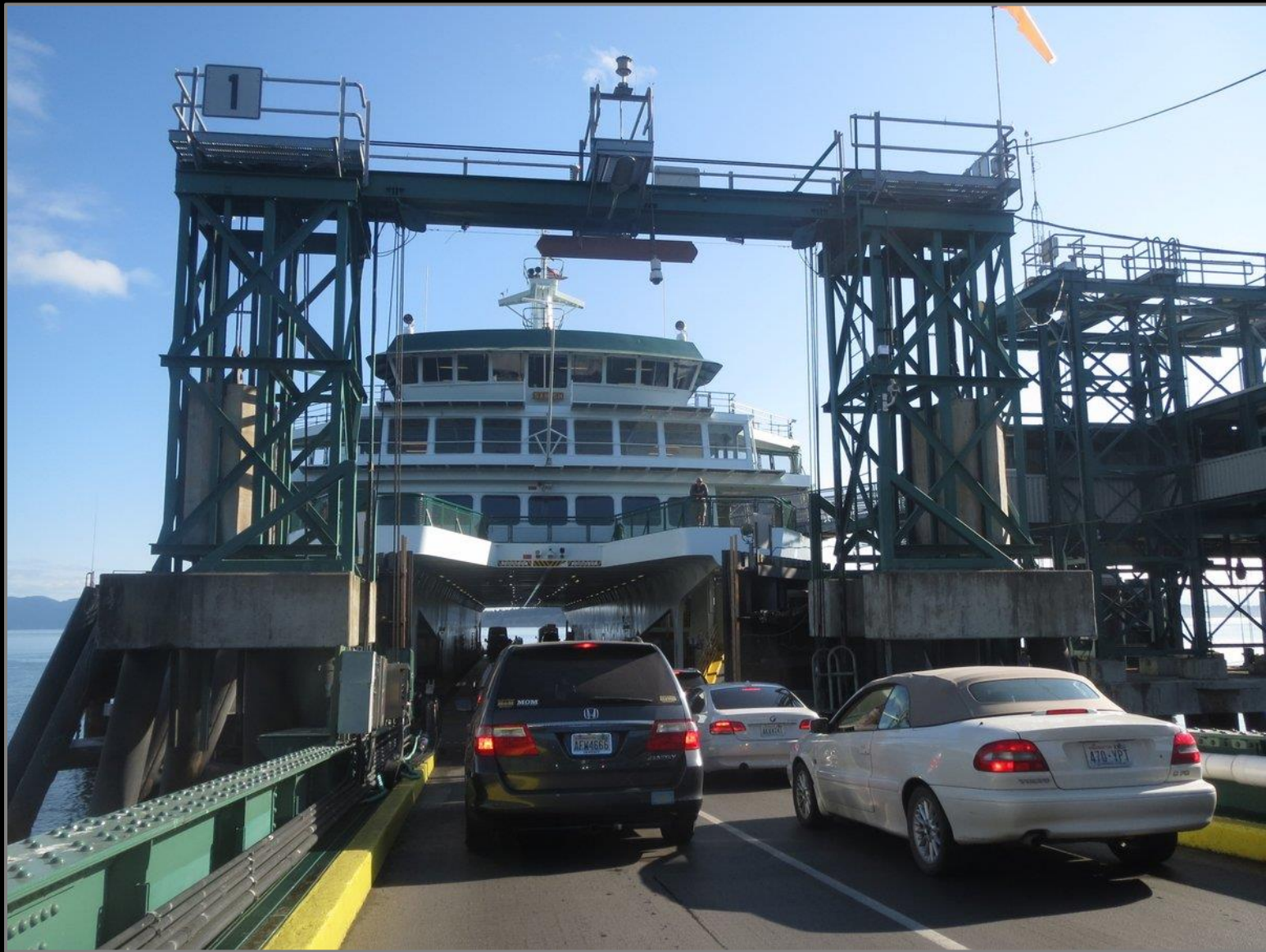






**Day 23 – San Juan Island  
Near Anacortes ferry terminal**





**Boarding the ferry to Sun Juan island**





**The sun deck**





A twin ferry









**Curtsey puzzle. The passengers solve it together. Cute!**





**Friday Harbor at San Juan island**





**Cattle Point (the Island's south-est point)**





**Jakles Lagoon hike**













**Jakles Lagoon**





**The way to South beach**





**Grandmas Cove**





**The American camp**





**At Lime Kiln State Park**







**Bell point at Bell Point hike at English camp historical park**









**At Roche Harbor, 100-200 boats worth \$1M-\$2M each**



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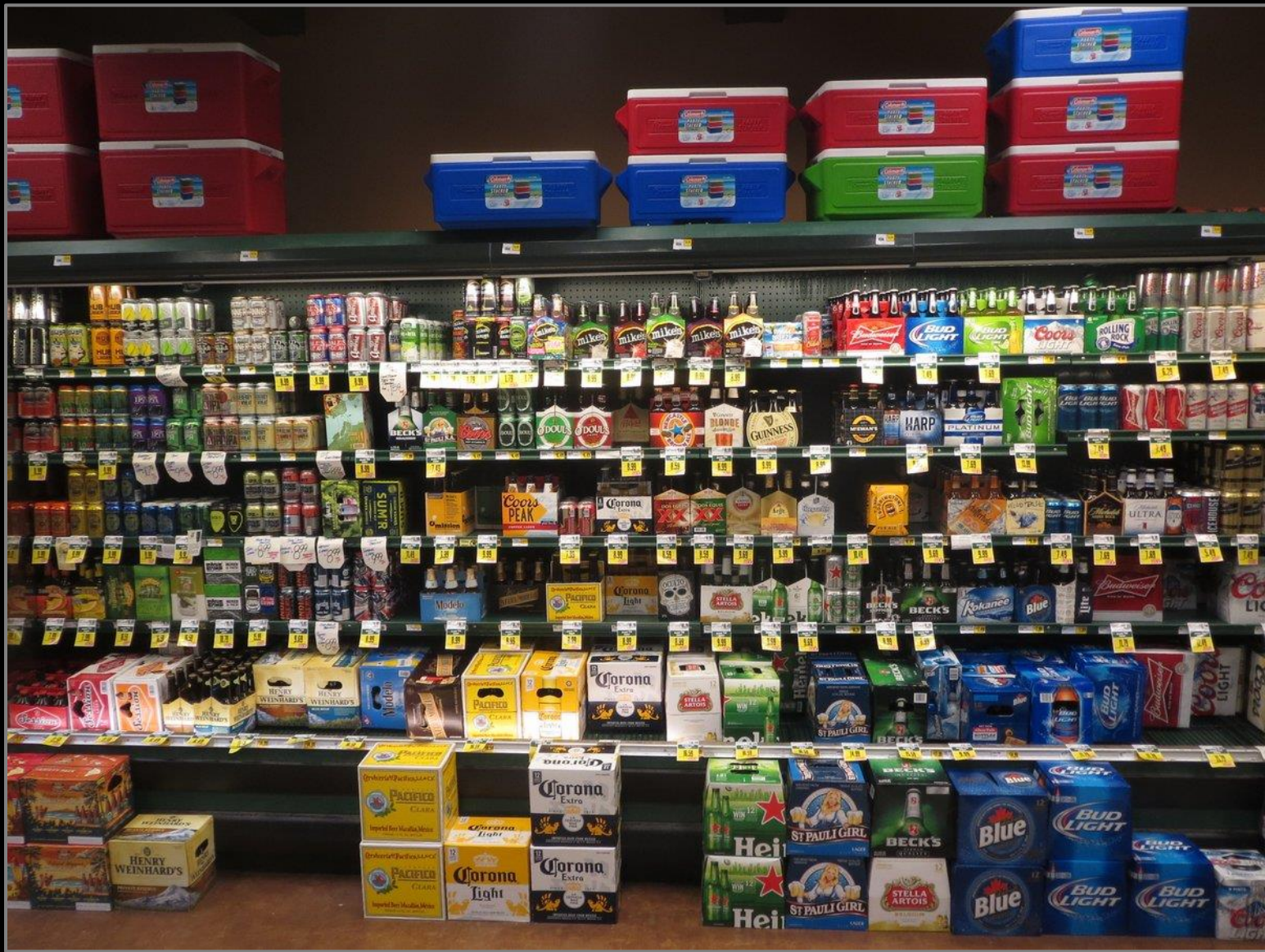


At Friday harbor



Friday Harbor





Beer at the (only) supermarket





**Day 24 – San Juan island whale watching & driver to Olympic  
Our suits**





Me



















**Loading to the San Juan – Anacortes ferry**





**Surprise! We saw whales from the ferry.**











**At Coupeville/Fort Casey while waiting to the Ferry**



**Sunset at Coupeville/Fort to Port Townsend ferry sail**





**Sunset at 20:43 on the way to Port Angeles at Olympic**



**Day 25 – North Olympic – Hurricane ridge & Dungeness spit  
Kalahane Ridge hike**















**Dungeness spit**











**Lake Crescent**







**A short hike from Storm king range station to Marymere falls**















**Lake Crescent**



**A short hike to Soleduck falls**





**Soleduck falls**





**On the way back**





**Ruby beach at low tide (important)**

































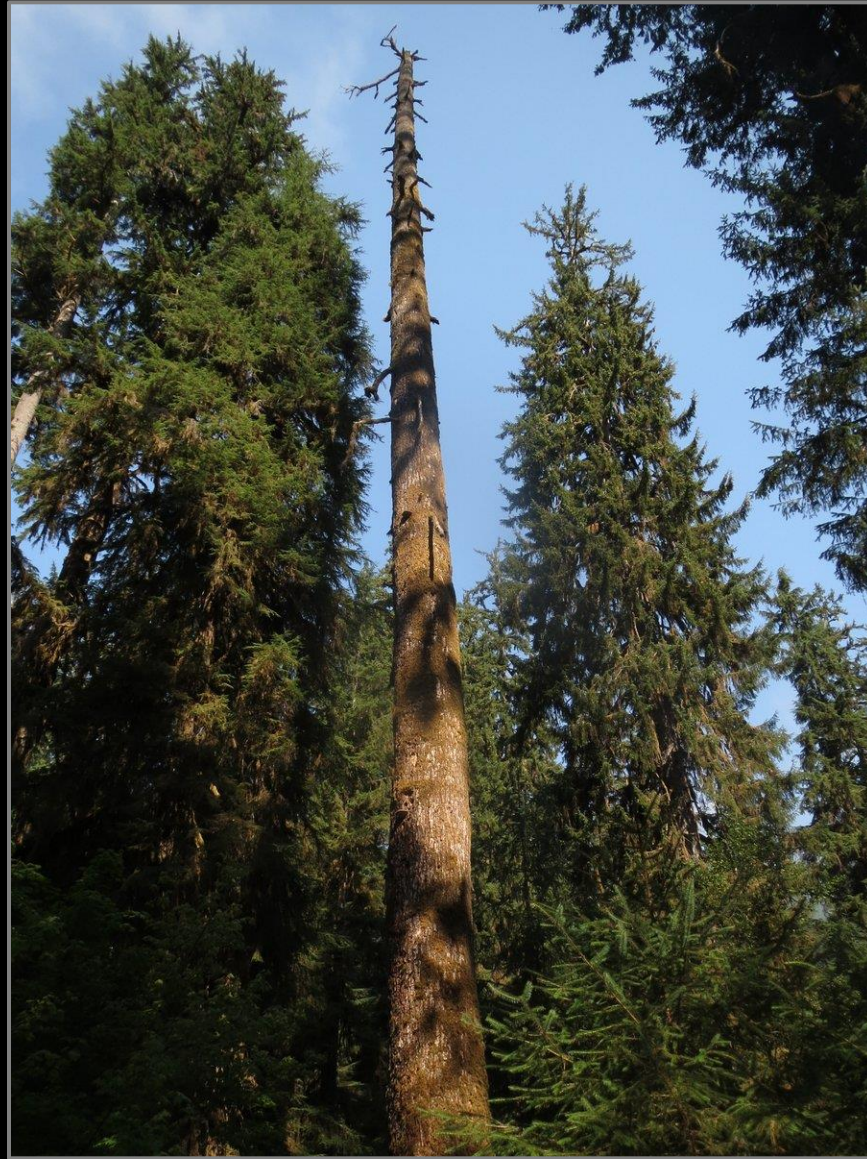






**Day 27 – Hoh rain forest and Quinault lake and forest  
On the way to Hoh visitor center**





**Two short hike around the visitor center**

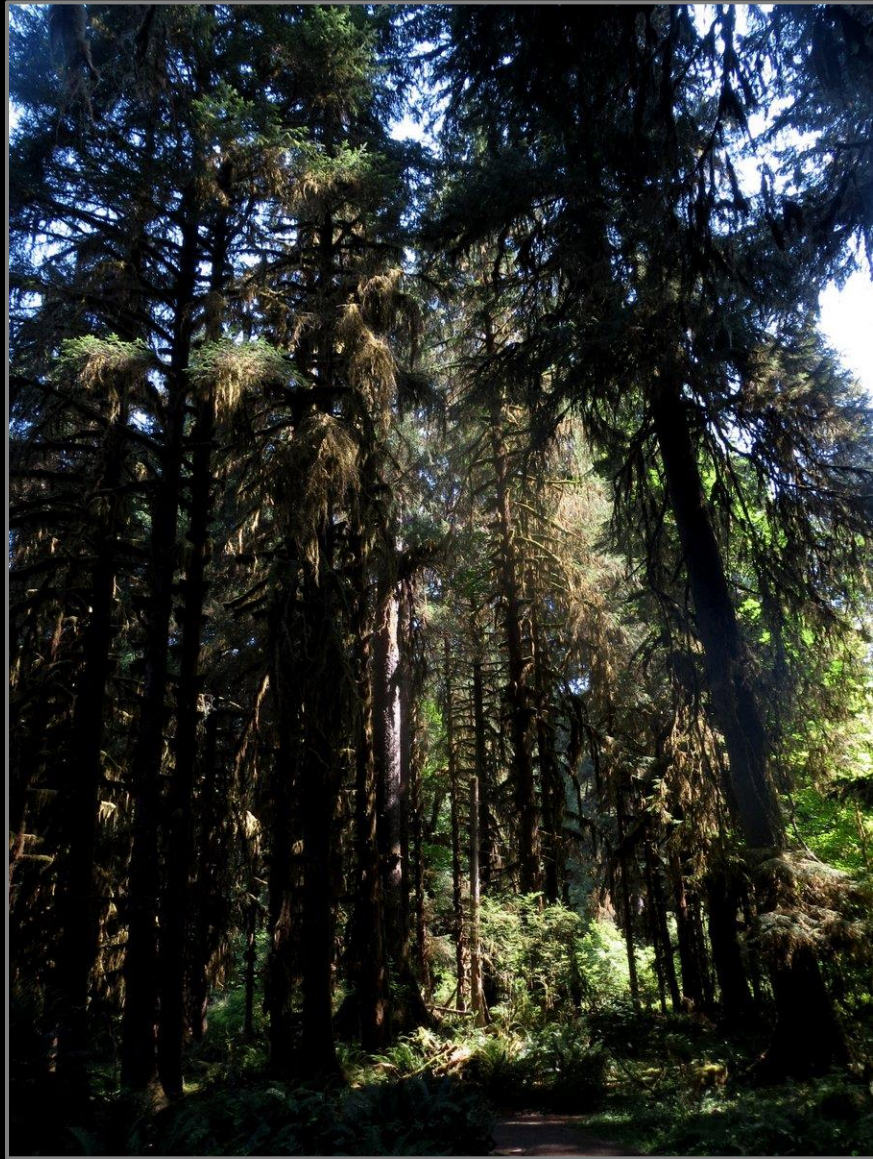
















**Hall Of Mosses**





**Beach 4 (on Rt. 101)**

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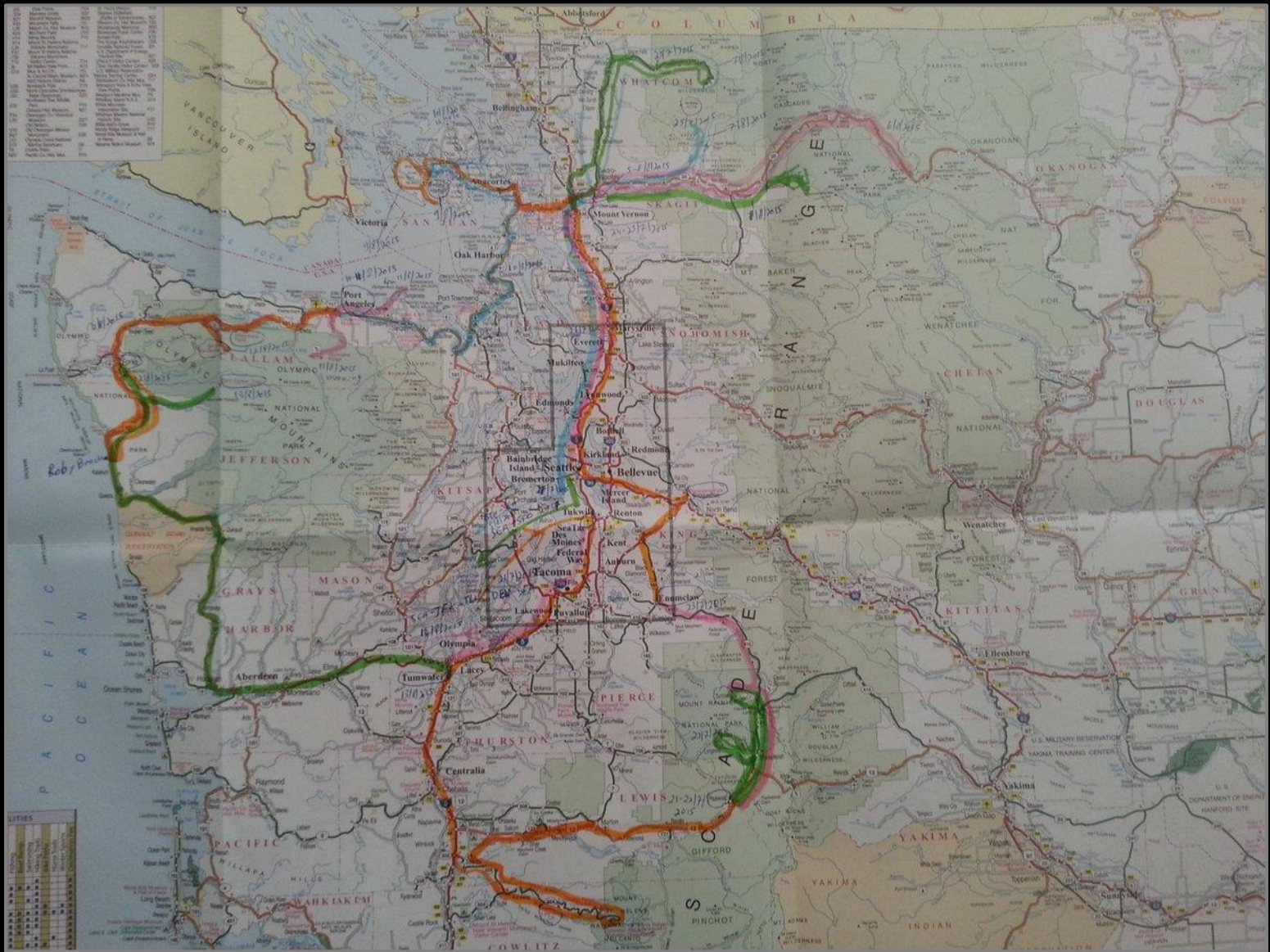
A great dinner with steak and unlimited shrimp





**Day 28 – Drive to Seattle and fly to JFK. A rainy day at the airport  
(Day 29 – Fly for JFK to Tel Aviv)**





My route at Washington



# Some stats

Duration	Total: 29 days, Trip: 20.5 days
States	Seattle, California, Colorado
National Parks	5
Flights	9
Car rentals	5
Driving distance	5051 Km, 246 Km/trip day
Pictures	3575 pics, 174 pics/trip day