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On The Road With Roada...



Hello, fellow RVers! This is Roada, writing to you from beautiful Metchosin on the Southern tip of Vancouver Island. My sister and I have been on the move these past few weeks - from the wilderness in the North to the more sedate, but no less stunning scenery in the South. Madge and I fancied a bit of city life and Victoria beckoned. The bright lights dazzled however, after a few days, we were craving the peace and nature that we enjoy at so many of this Island's bountiful RV Parks. We were lucky enough to discover the Pedder Bay RV Resort & Marina, located just 40 minutes from Victoria, and have settled in wonderfully well.

We are certainly spoilt for choice here on the Island. What drew us to Pedder Bay? Well, one look at their website (www.pedderbay.com) had us picking up the phone and calling their toll-free number (1-877-478-1771) to book in immediately. Once Madge read about the charters, boat and fishing gear rentals on offer at the Marina, adjacent to the RV Park, she couldn't book us in fast enough! She just cannot get her fill of fishing these coastal waters and Race Rocks, close to Pedder Bay, offers some of the best fishing on the south coast.

The Brits are a sea-faring race and there's nothing like the sight of a protected bay full of pleasure craft to lift our spirits. Upon arrival we were lucky enough to be offered one of their oceanfront sites. We would have been more than pleased with any of the 78 spots they have on offer. Each of them provides ample space and privacy with well-spaced cedar hedges. How about setting up for the cocktail hour on your very own private deck, adjoining your site? Yes, you can do that here, as some of the sites offer decks. They cater to all shapes and sizes, their lot lengths range from 32 to 70 feet with both 30 and 50 amp service. There are pull-through sites available as well. Rates start at \$35 per night, to a maximum of \$65 per night.

Right, so, hook-ups accomplished, tea in the oven and drink in hand, it was time for us to relax! I fired up the laptop to check on the family via e-mail on WIFI while Madge wandered over to the local store to check out their fishing tackle and equipment. It wasn't long before she returned, flushed with the excitement and anticipation of days and days of enjoyment both on and around the sea. Her options seemed limitless - fishing boat rental, kayak rental or a full-on charter. She could also befriend someone lucky enough to be taking advantage of Pedder Bay Marina's temporary moorage or their launch ramp - a sunny smile and a bit of chat and I'm certain she'd be invited on board!

My plans were a little more land-based. Some sunbathing and a dip in Matheson Lake, just across the street would suit me. A brisk hike or soothing stroll, along one of the hiking trails sound good as well. I could even, these old bones allowing, do a stint on the Galloping Goose Trail on one of Pedder's rental bike fleet. It would be easy enough to get to, seeing as the RV Park borders the Trail itself.

I left Madge, gazing at the view and dreaming Salmon dreams, while I wandered about, meeting our neighbours and chatting with the staff. I found out that there is a café that is nearing completion, which is great news for those of us who, although we love to cook, also like to let someone else do the dishes on occasion. I bumped into one lucky couple who had purchased their RV at Arbutus RV. They told me that they had received a 7-day break here, for free! Yes, my friends. Free. Apparently Pedder Bay and the Oak Bay Marine Group have recognized Arbutus RV, with its 5 Vancouver Island Locations, as the premier RV Dealership on Vancouver Island. As such, they have chosen to make this offer exclusively to all Arbutus RV purchasers, effective June 1st, 2010.

Now we have a difficult decision to make. This beautiful Resort offers daily, weekly and monthly rentals so, our conundrum is, how soon can we bear to tear ourselves away? Will we be here for the next Issue? Will our wanderlust kick in and having us travelling the Island again? Stay tuned and check in next time...

TTFN, Roada