

Cape Cod September 9 - 15, 2023

Saturday, September 9

Plane was scheduled to leave at 1:00 pm. However, by morning, they had moved it back to 5:30 pm. Delay going to the airport, but get there about 4:00 pm. By that time, they had moved it back to 6:30 pm. Have a glass of wine at the airport and then dinner at the Covington Crossing in terminal B, which we wouldn't recommend. Finally, we get off about 6:45 pm. Pick up luggage at Logan airport in Boston (bags are just about the first off the line), pick up shuttle to car rental, stand in line forever to get a car (but finally get one), and drive to Brewster getting there a little after midnight. Take in luggage, learn where the light switches are, and go to bed.

Sunday, September 10

Sleep in until about 10:00. Go out to the Café Kitchen for breakfast/lunch. They seat you at a table and then you go to the counter to order your food, which they then bring to your table. Neat idea. After brunch, we go to the store and buy supplies for the week. Then wander next door and pick up a few bottles of wine. When we get back, Jan has bowel problems and we stay in for the afternoon. Randy journals and reads, and Jan lays down. Randy wanders out back and finds a flock of turkeys in the back. We have a glass of wine before going out to dinner at JT's (right next to the Café Kitchen where we had brunch). Talk to a couple of nice couples during dinner as rain pelts down outside (we are on a covered patio). After dinner, go to the front of the restaurant and have an ice cream.

Monday, September 11

Go to the Salt Pond Visitor's Center in the Cape Cod National Seashore. Have our bag lunch in the amphitheater. Walk the Salt Pond Trail and the branch to Coast Guard Beach. Come back for a total distance of 3.6 miles. Very few birds but lots of mushrooms poking up through the debris with pine needles sitting on top of their caps. Come home, shower, and go to the Blue Crab up the street. Sit at the bar for a drink and get a table for dinner. Good food. Get home in time for the NCIS's.

Tuesday, September 12

Sleep in and have breakfast. Go to the Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and have lunch at one of their picnic tables. Then walk the Bay View Trail. Again see very few birds, lots of mushrooms and a praying mantis. See a great blue heron flying up the marsh and what was probably a cormorant that looked for all the world like an anhinga drying its wings. Back at the entrance station, Jan shops the gift shop. We are both tired and we head back to the house for a nap. Go to the Yardarm for dinner and back to the house for television.

Wednesday, September 13

After breakfast, we head up to the end of Cape Cod. We have lunch outside the Province Land Visitor's Center and then drive down to the beach. We walk through the dunes to the visitor's center and back. Jan rests in the car while Randy walks across the last dune and down to the ocean. Water is still wet, cold, and salty. Drive to Provincetown and have real trouble finding a parking place. Finally park in a church parking lot for \$3/hr (a lot better than the \$30/day we found other places). Walk to the main street and get an ice cream. Walk up and down main street. It is filled with Tee-shirt shops, jewelers, candy stores, and art galleries. Go into Julie Tremblay's photo gallery. We really like her work. Walk back to the car and go to Mac's Shack, a restaurant that both Tim and Sally recommended, for dinner. Back to the house after dinner for the news and a glass of wine.



Thursday, September 14

Spent the morning relaxing in the house. Make up a bag lunch, but eat it there. Go to the Cape Cod Museum of Art. Have trouble finding it, but finally do. Interesting little museum with lots of sculpture and some local wall art. Some we like and some we don't. There was one interesting exhibit by a person who imitated New Yorker covers. One was of the White House but with the columns painted in the pride flag colors. Walked the trail to Wing Island. Came back to the house for wine and a shower. Go to Land-Ho, another good restaurant. Come back, pack and go to bed. Since Hurricane Lee was coming up the coast and could hit Cape Cod on Saturday, we have moved up our flight back home to Friday.

Friday, September 15

Head home in front of the hurricane. Actually, the predictions are making the storm sound less severe for Cape Cod all the time, but we head home anyway. Up at 6:30. Out of the house by 9:00. Gas station at the airport is blocked off from our side of the road due to construction. Have to make a U-turn, come back, and completely go around the gas station to get in. Randy is slightly dizzy at the gas station. Return the car. Randy is extremely dizzy at the car rental hall. He sits down against the window. A sandwich seems to help. Get the luggage checked in, go through security, and have lunch in the airport. The wind outside is about 20 mph but that doesn't seem to hold anything up. Our plane from Nashville arrives on time. Board the plane. There is about $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour delay, as something in the cockpit needs to be repaired. Then we are off and arrive in CVG. As we are exiting the plane a funny thing happens to Randy. He had a spell where he could not enunciate his thoughts. By the time he got to the jet way, he was fine and could tell Jan what he was trying to say in the aisle. We get luggage (a lot slower than in Boston), Fast Park and Relax takes us to our car, and we get home.