

Thursday April 7, 2011

When we left Firelake at 9:20 am it was already up to 19c, but it was overcast and stayed that way for most of the day. Spring is in the air with trees budding and flowers blossoming (and our allergies sure know it).

Now that we are passing more urban centres we also see that the garden centres are open and full of pretty bushes and potted plants. Sure hope to see the same things when we get back to Ontario.

On the way we stopped for fuel and were confronted with this gigantic Indian Chief. Sure don't want to mess with him.



Then we had to pay a small toll to use Interstate 44.



Our stop for the evening was at the Big Red Barn RV Ranch near Carthage MO. They had really good internet, so we were able to catch up on the email and download the website.

The camp ground was fairly full with highway workers and their families and seniors just returning after the winter.





Friday April 8,
2011

What is Mike doing behind that tall grass??



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Just emptying the tanks, honestly!

We left the Red Barn at 9 am and it was 20c but felt much hotter due to the humidity. We are definitely not in the dry desert any more!

The flat roads have disappeared as we travel through the Ozark Mountains with lots of twists and turns, hills and valleys. Lots of billboards advertising all the things to see and do in this area.

At a rest stop we took a walk through a mini Route 66 and got our kicks seeing all the little picnic shelters.





The pastoral views are very pretty.



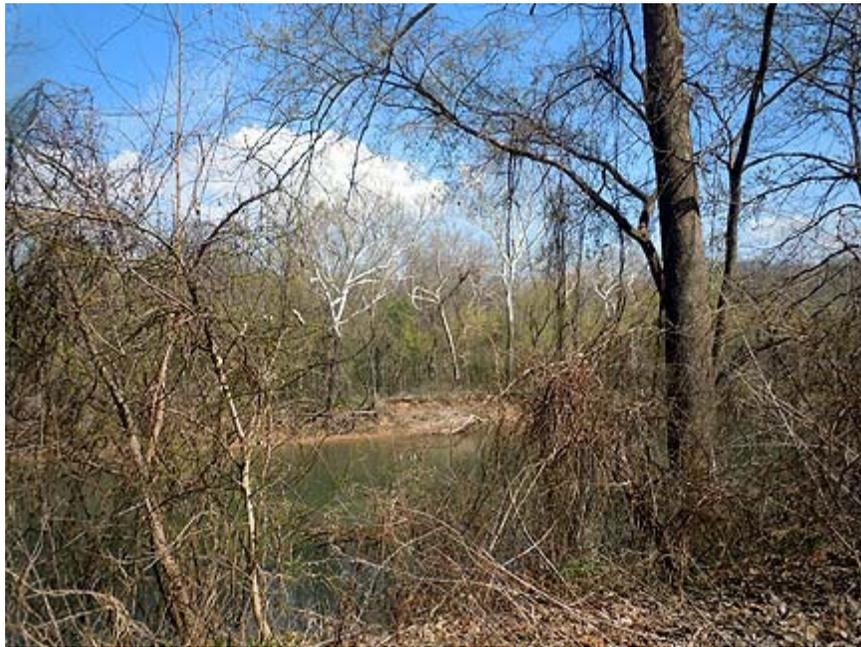
At about 1:30 pm we found our way to the Meramec State Park and picked out a site on the river. We even got a seniors discount!



The camp ground is still full of many of the leaves that we saw last fall when we stopped here. Now the spring flowers are poking through the leaves.



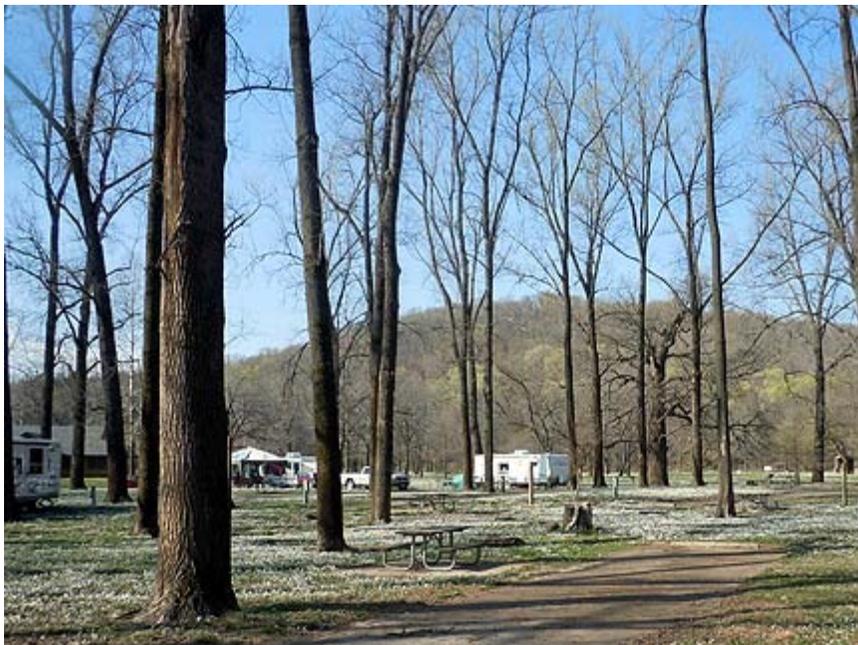
The river looks a bit muddy, but that is not stopping the boaters from roaring up and down.



Saturday April 9, 2011

It rained a bit overnight but when we woke up it looked like snow on the ground.

A closer look revealed that it was just the little white flowers that were blooming like crazy.



Went for a walk to see the caves but unfortunately they are only open for the
bats.

