



2011 Alaska and Western Canada RV Trip

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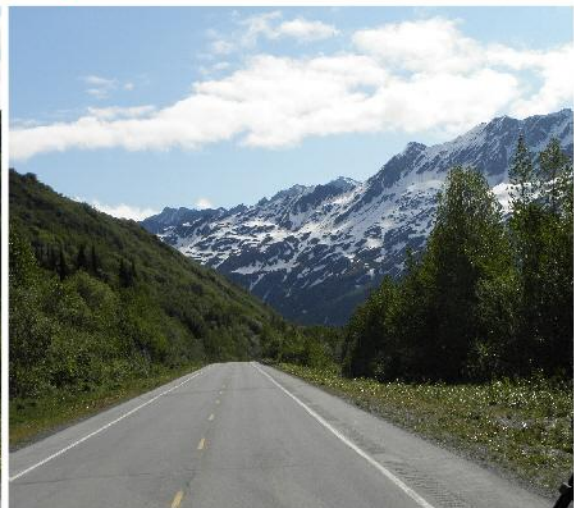
Stop #34 - Tolsona Wilderness Campground,
Glennallen, Alaska



Tolsona Wilderness Campground was definitely in the "wilderness", and reminded me more of a fish camp than an RV park. Anyway, after about a 1/2 mile of gravel/dirt road, we came to this bridge [left].

Now, let me ask you a question here - would you take a 29,000 pound RV and tow car across that bridge? We weren't too sure...but we made across for the night. If you don't get anymore travelogues after this one, you will know we didn't make it back across tomorrow morning...grin.

...more boring "on the road" pictures.....



Some really high peaks along the Richardson Highway returning from Valdez.

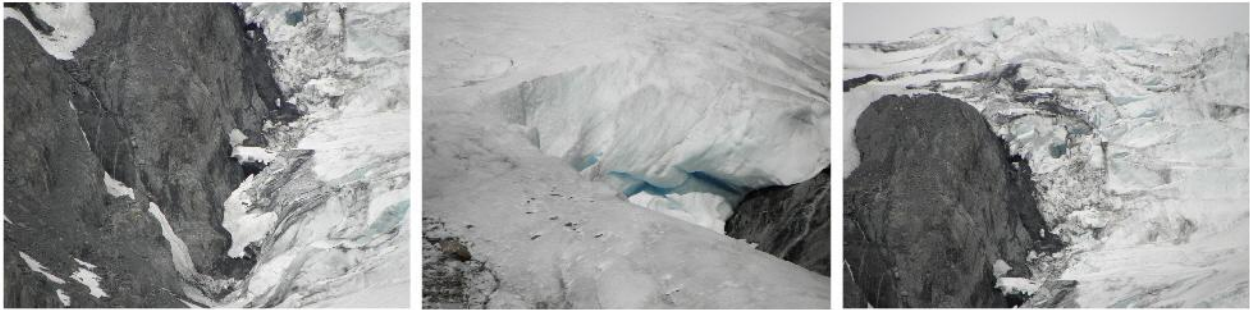
Wrangell - St. Elias National Park and Preserve



I have mentioned Wrangell - St. Elias mountain range in previous travelogues, and today we finally visited the Interpretive Center of the National Park with many exhibits, including a fish wheel [right], used to catch fish, but they are only allowed on portions of the Copper and Yukon Rivers. It is the largest USA National Park in terms of land area, yet it attracts less than 100,000 people a year due to its limited access.

Wrangell - St. Elias is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site composed of four adjacent parks [including one other we visited earlier in Canada - Kluane] recognized for their glacial and icefield landscapes and habitats for grizzly bears, caribou and dall sheep.

Worthington Glacier - Visit #2 - Up Close



On our return from Valdez, we stopped inside the Alaska state park that guards the Worthington Glacier. We were able to get up close to the glacier for pictures [upper row] and then, stand back to capture a panorama across the glacial pond. 20,000 years ago, where I was standing to take the panorama [below], there would have been about 4,000 feet of ice on top of me.



Tom, Sally and Valentine - The TropiCal Trio
Next Stop - Big Bear RV Park, Palmer [near Anchorage], Alaska