



LAKE GRANBY, SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR AND GRAND LAKE: AUGUST, 2022

The group, Dick Dieckman, Sandy Carlsen, Harold Christopher, Marsha Dougherty, Tim Fletcher, Gregg Goodrich, Anna Troth, and Leslie Taylor stayed at Stillwater Campground [A], on Lake Granby.



Shadow Mountain Reservoir and Grand Lake were an easy drive away.

The three lakes are in Arapaho National Recreation Area. Lake Granby is the largest of the three; it is the second largest body of water in Colorado.

Shadow Mountain Reservoir is connected by a canal to Grand Lake to allow kayak passage between them.



Leslie reported, "When I arrived Mother Nature was cooling off the Stillwater campsite with rain, so I created my Frankenstein tent by putting my trusty REI half dome rainfly on top of my not-so-trusty six dollar garage sale tent. The set up worked well. I had lots of room for my new cot and rain stayed out the whole trip.

"The Monday Grand Lake paddle into Shadow Mountain Lake was lovely, but I failed to take any pictures.

"I did take some pictures when we paddled on Shadow Mountain again, capturing an osprey nest, some daisies, and our lunch spot. The spot was outstanding, even if the approach wasn't; we all had to get out and drag our boats.

"The Lake Granby paddle Wednesday was also lovely. We dodged some rain and all ended well after a little over eleven miles of paddling."

Marsha wrote, "The first day we put in at Grand Lake; there is no longer the put-in that was in town, now you have to go past town to the far end of the lake.

"We paddled through the channel and had lunch about where it says "trail" on the map [B].

"The other day that we paddled Shadow Mountain we put in on the opposite end of the lake and then we paddled about to where we had lunch the first day. Then we cut across and paddled along the shore where all the houses and cabins are. Several of us saw a bear run through someone's yard.

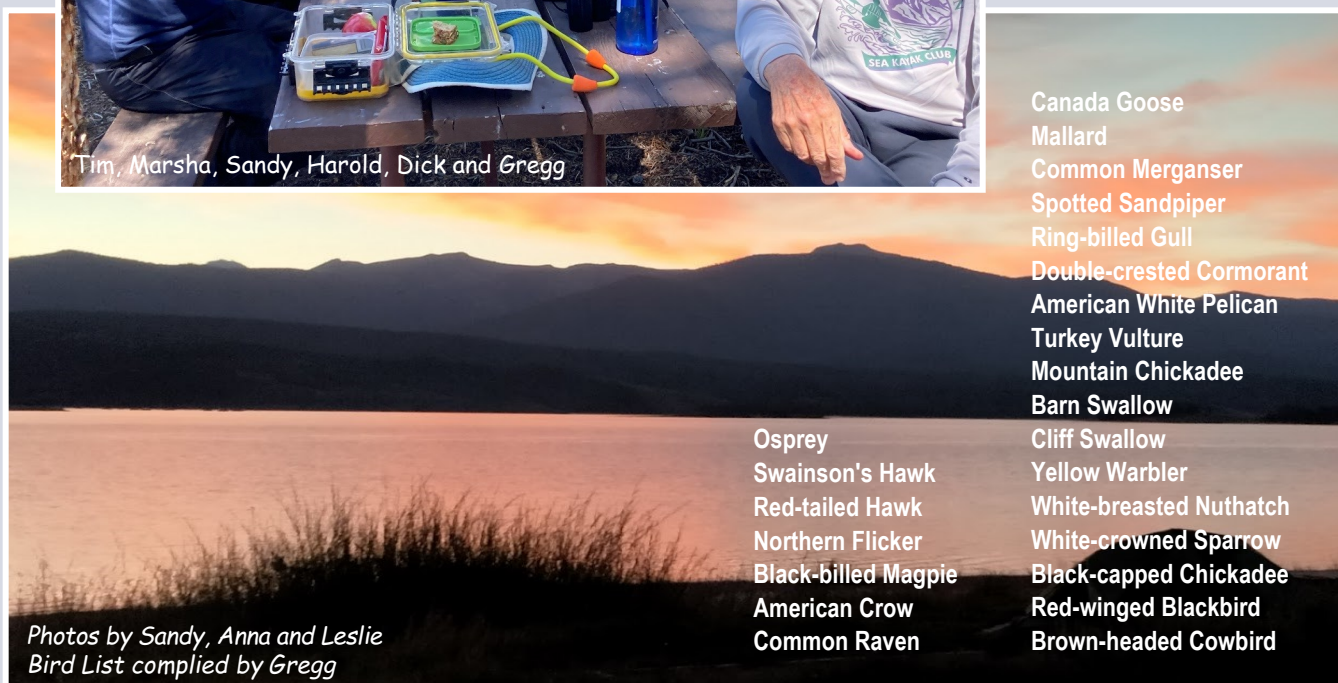
"We had lunch at the little park where the Colorado River comes in. There is a picnic table in dappled shade, it was very pleasant. I think it was Pine Beach area [C], just closer to the inlet. After lunch we paddled back to the take out."



Osprey nest with birds in it and one in the tree below



Tim, Marsha, Sandy, Harold, Dick and Gregg



Canada Goose
Mallard
Common Merganser
Spotted Sandpiper
Ring-billed Gull
Double-crested Cormorant
American White Pelican
Turkey Vulture
Mountain Chickadee
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Yellow Warbler
White-breasted Nuthatch
White-crowned Sparrow
Black-capped Chickadee
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird

Osprey
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Northern Flicker
Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven

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