

Sacramento

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Thursday April 25

We left home about 1:30 and drove to the airport, where we had an hour in the lounge before our 4:30 flight to Seattle. This flight was smooth (although there was significant cloud cover, so we didn't see much of the country as we crossed it) and we had a good meal. We landed on time to a rainy Seattle. We had a relatively easy transfer walk and time for a short visit to the lounge before our onward flight to Sacramento. This, too, arrived on time just before 10pm local time and we quickly retrieved our bags and got our rental car.

We arrived at the Spring Hill Suites in Natomas in about 20 minutes and checked in before retiring at 11pm local, 2am at home.

Friday April 26

We slept quite well and were up before 8:30 on a sunny morning, with a temperature in the low fifties. We went to iHop for breakfast and then I went for a 3 ½ mile walk. About 1pm we checked out and drove to Roseville where we stopped for a Starbucks coffee before checking into the Fairfield. I then walked to the Galleria Mall to buy a computer mouse before we relaxed until dinner time.

We met Christopher, Cyndi and Sammy at a Oaxacans Mexican restaurant in Rocklin and had a good meal in somewhat rustic but pleasant surroundings. Christopher and I talked a lot about AI and I think I learned a little but am still very confused by the concept and what it can do. It was after 9pm before we said goodnight.

Saturday April 27

We were up before 8:30 and went to the Window Box Café for breakfast. Afterwards I went for a three-mile walk along a lovely trail near the hotel.



The Secret Ravine Trail

We met the family again for a late lunch at Mario's Early Toast in Rocklin. We then went to Coldstone as Sammy wanted ice cream.

We returned to the hotel and had decided on a later dinner (8:15) so we had a very lazy afternoon in the room. Tonight, we ate at India Oven and had a very nice chat with Cyndi and Christopher reminiscing about their trip to the Orkney and Shetland Islands – which we decided was in 2017. How time flies.

Sunday April 28

We were up soon after 8am and went for coffee at Starbucks before returning to the room until lunchtime. I went for another walk on the nearby trail. We met the family for lunch at MOD Pizza and then we returned to the hotel so that Sammy could get on with her homework. We went to their house at 5pm (I had taken another 3 ½ mile in the afternoon) for a birthday gift exchange (Cyndi, Christopher and Molly had had birthdays since we last met).



Sammy still had homework to complete so the four of us went to dinner at Cas del Largo, a very nice Mexican restaurant in Granite Bay. We had a great two-hour chat (mostly about differences in school and learning for the three generations in the family) and said our farewells for this trip a little after 8:30pm.

Monday April 29

We were up about 8 and packed before checking out and going to breakfast at the Window Box café. We then drove to the airport to return the rental car (it was very busy), get the bus to the terminal (also very busy) and check in for our flight to Salt Lake City (surprisingly quiet at check-in and Security!)

Our flight left on time at 1:15, we had an almost two-hour layover there before our onward flight to Cincinnati.

