

Vermilion-on-the-Lake

August 2024



Vermilion Ohio, August 2024

Wednesday August 28

We went to Half Day Café for breakfast and then immediately started our drive across Ohio. We started on I-71 and stayed on the expressway through Columbus and for another 45 miles to Mansfield. From there the route took us through the rural farmland of Northern Ohio the remainder of the way to Vermilion.

Once in town, we found Granny Joe's café for a very pleasant light lunch before driving the last ½ mile to Linwood. Elizabeth was back from her workout and greeted us when we arrived at the lakeside house. We chatted for a while and then I took a 2.5 mile walk to the lighthouse and back on a very warm afternoon (about 90F).

When I got back, Chip and Celia were back from a business trip so the entire clan were together until dinner time. We all went to Chez Francois, by far the most prestigious restaurant in Vermilion and probably one of the best in Northern Ohio. They have a very strict dress code which is enforced – unusual for anywhere these days. Somewhat surprisingly, the main dining room wasn't very busy but we had an attentive and interested waitress as well as an excellent meal. And we had 3 ½ hours of great conversation.



Thursday August 29

We were up soon after 8am and four of us (no Chip) drove to Martino's for breakfast. I followed that with a walk through the next subdivision to Linwood Park. The houses there are certainly permanent residences and most are huge. Many back onto the channel that leads from the marina to the lake in a very pretty setting.

Molly, Elizabeth and I went for a walk in the park and spent about 30 minutes sitting watching some significant breakers on the lake shore near the house. We then had a very nice light lunch before more relaxation time at home! Actually, I did take another short walk towards the end of the afternoon.



Tonight, we ate at The Pavilion in town. It was quite a contrast to last night's meal in both ambiance and food but nevertheless had a good meal and some more great conversations.

The house on the lake



Friday August 30.

We were up before nine and all five of us went to Grandma Joe's café for a very good breakfast. After that it was time for Molly, Celia and I to finish our packing and leave for home. We made one stop for coffee in Mansfield but otherwise drove straight to West Chester where we dropped off Celia around 4pm. We were home shortly afterwards after a great two days in Northern Ohio.

