

## Exploring the Southern Okanagan Valley

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Yesterday we took our time getting ready; the first opportunity to be lazy in a long time. Though we miss our family in Mission, it was nice to have no schedule or plans other than our own. We went into Osoyoos by bike for coffee but went for a ride first to [Oliver](#), about 20 km. north on Highway 97. I suppose if we were avid wine drinkers we would have known that we were in the heart of BC's wine country but being non-drinkers we were oblivious to our famous surroundings. Everyplace that we could see was either a vineyard or an orchard with wineries and fruit stands galore!

Oliver was a really cute little town and had we not already picked out our coffee stop in Osoyoos, we might have explored it a little more. Instead we headed back to Osoyoos, doing some banking, picking up some things at the biggest, coolest Home Hardware store I have ever seen and eating some lunch while we enjoyed our Sunday beverage.

In the afternoon we rode to [Rock Creek](#), a small town about 50 km. east of Osoyoos on Hwy 3 for the 61st [Rock Creek and Boundary Fall Fair](#) billed as "the biggest little country fair in BC". Apparently, folks come from miles around to attend it and it offered all the mandatory western country fair events, complete with a large midway, agricultural displays, food and craft vendors and a wee kid's play area. It was a great fair and one that we thought Makai and Monet would enjoy sometime in the future.

Though the day started out with clear blue sky, we watched as the clouds made their way into the area and by the time we rode back it was quite overcast, however there was no rain. Our ride back was cool, 14C (57.2F) but by the time we reached Osoyoos, the mercury had risen to 21C (69.8F) and it was much brighter. We're glad we decided to come here as it is certainly a beautiful part of the world; one that should be seen by everyone who has the ability to get here.