

Hello Sharon

We're off early in the morning and just wanted to say an enormous thank you for our stay. We feel as though we have wandered into a magical kingdom and fallen under the spell of Juniper Tree and its garden. It has been enchanting - so peaceful and relaxing, and we are fully recharged for the next and final week of our travels. We've been to the canyon every day - and have seen some wonderful birds, flowers and wildlife. Both North Vista Trail and Deadhorse Trail are super for birds - as is the reservoir early in the morning before the boaters and fishermen get going! Then we've had lunch at the Black Canyon Cafe - excellent (I've put a copy of the menu in your green folder) - and then spent the afternoon reading in the shade of the vine. What more could anyone ask?

If any other visitors are interested in the Morrow Point boat trip - the information given on the Currecanti website (and in your folder) is absolutely accurate. You do need to allow an hour for the steps and the hike, and we recommend the first trip of the day because the hike back out after the second is not so much fun in the heat. It's a fantastic trip - each ranger gives their own interpretation so each talk is slightly different, but if ours is anything to go by they are all really interesting.

I'm attaching a list of the birds we've seen in case you get enquiries from any other birdy people who might be interested.

It's been nice to see so much wildlife as well. This morning we watched a couple of coyotes trying to get at a magpie nest - surprisingly the magpies won. Chris spotted a hare on the hike to Exclamation Point, and I was sitting at the table writing this afternoon, facing the kitchen, when I heard a gentle knocking sound - I couldn't work out what it was until I turned around and found a mule deer nibbling your shrubs, so close to the window that his antlers were knocking on the glass!

Sally and Chris

PS. The peaches were gorgeous!

PPS. I've just looked up from the screen and seen the silver crescent of the new moon rising over the hill - what a lovely farewell!