

Visitors with Small Footprints



Life on
THE FARM
with Graham Rudge

This week, strange travellers visited the farm.

They phoned us beforehand, but seeing as it was Dad who answered the phone I didn't get too much information, I would soon figure it out once they arrived.

They arrived.

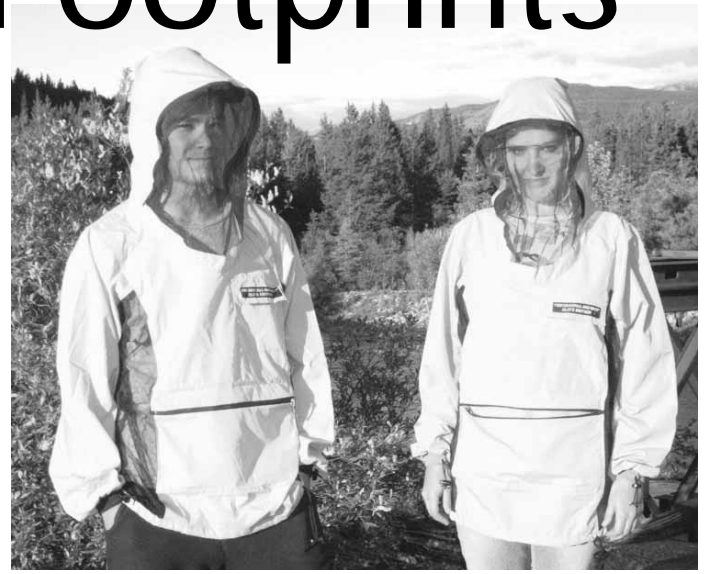
There were four of them, two girls and two boys. Their names were JJ Yoshihara, Jenny Weisenborn, Melanie Hibbert and Camilo Lopez.

They told me they're doing a documentary on sustainable and economical travel. You would not believe the lengths that these folks went through to do this, they even have shoes made out of recycled bottles — no, they did not have plastic bottles strapped to their feet, though that would be a sight worth seeing.

We gave them a tour of the farm, or part of it anyway, seeing as one hour is far too little time

to see every little piece that the countryside has to offer.

*Strange travellers
from strange
lands brought
their strange
ways to the Rudge
family farm.*



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ate ham drizzled with birch syrup (their son participated in making the syrup and the ham came from a pig down the road). We also had sweet rhubarb juice; pickled beets; fresh bread slathered with fireweed jelly and rhubarb marmalade; purple Yukon potatoes; and salad straight from the garden."

I almost laughed when I learned that none of them had tried rhubarb before, but I guess it sort of makes sense if you're from somewhere else, surprisingly enough they seemed to like it when I got them some from the garden.

They stayed the night, camping out near the ridge.

In the morning, after a big pancake breakfast, they headed off to their next destination. Where that is I do not know.

Until the next time...

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So, from the house we took them out back through the woods, passed by my oh-so-cool fort and then up to the ridge where you get the most amazing view of the mountains ... all gold and red they shine out.

Next we went back down, across the field — actually I'm not sure if it can still be called a field seeing as the willow bushes in it are around three metres high and incredibly dense — around the pond that we use to water the garden and then back through the woods again.

By the time we arrived back at the house, dinner was ready. Seeing as they tried to eat only products that were organic and grew locally, we had a relatively easy time cooking. Here is an excerpt from their online blog which you can find at www.juntoventure.org:

"We ate one of the best meals ever at the farm. Everything was organic, local or homemade. We