

Walking Day #168...Friday, March 1, 2013...through Chiefland to Otter Creek...525(ish) miles left

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Wonderful day for a little stroll! and stroll I did!!! By 2:00 PM I had all of 11 miles in!!! This is because I stopped to talk along the way, HEY, this IS about seeing the country from ground level and meeting people. The first person that I stopped and chatted with was "Tammy" at a home health service. She indicated that she had the easy job as she was the office person. I applaud the people that go into people's homes to address their daily functions and then the hospice workers who assist people in their transition from this current realm of consciousness. Those people who assist in that journey are best described as "angels". I bless you for your dedication. My next stop was when I saw a truck with a "Marine" sticker parked at C & G Chiefland Home Center. Turns out "Glen" is a Marine who served during Viet Nam and his associate "Jamie" served in the Army as did his father and as is son is now. Thank you, gentlemen, for your service which allows people like me to wander the streets of America in freedom. Next stop was a pickup truck parked right at the "Welcome to Chiefland" sign. The truck was guarded by two elder statesmen, "Bobby the Tater Man" and his sidekick Jimmy Smith. Jimmy served in the Army, Bobby was unable to due to the fact that he had a bout with polio which "negatively" impacted his legs. Try telling him that!!! Both men at 70, even though retired, still sell produce from the truck. They are still making a meaningful contribution. By the time I left I had two huge tomatoes in hand and among the three of us we pretty much had ALL the country's problems solved. Thank you, Jimmy, for your service in the Army and thank you, Bobby, for your attitude and fresh ideas. When you decide to run for congress I shall vote for you!

When the day was over 23.2 miles (37.4194 km's) had been covered under 46,768 steps and picking up a mere \$0.06. Findings of the day: 1 #19 socket, 1 ball pean hammer (head only), 1 nickel and 1 penny. Wildlife sightings: 1 owl (variety unidentified to me), 3 live deer and about a dozen vultures cleaning up an all-to-close encounter between a deer and a motor vehicle. About one mile south of Otter Creek was the point of terminus today. A nice pasta dinner followed by plotting out the final route rounded out the day. See ya'll down the road...cheers!!!

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