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Fall goes out with a bang.

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October for most of the state of Minnesota was great. Hopefully most of you had the chance to get out and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. My family and I made the drive up to Two Harbors to Gooseberry Falls. The place was packed and traffic on a two lane road in Two Harbors reminded me of a morning drive through Rogers on I 94. We have not been to Two Harbors in almost 7 years. We have also never been up there during the changing colors of the leaves. The sites did not change, but the accessibility too many new viewing areas had been added at Gooseberry Falls. This made the visit more enticing and gave our oldest daughter many more areas to explore. Two Harbors has now been added to our list of areas we would like to vacation. Check out a couple of pictures we took.



Take advantage of the extended fall season.

Memories of Halloween snow storms always creep into our minds at the end of every October. This year October ended with great weather and is

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leading us into mild weather for the first half of November. We have taken advantage of the weather by doing some of our normal spring pruning now. Most of the leaves have fallen which makes disposal of the debris easy. For most woody shrubs, trimming can be done at any time of the year. Perennials can also be pruned to the ground. Make sure that there is ample cover of mulch over all of your perennials. Mulch at this time of the year can also be freshened up by turning over the mulch with a rake and adding new mulch wherever it is needed. If you have not given your trees a final watering, now is the time. Drenching the soil around your trees will give your trees valuable moisture to maintain desiccation which can occur over the brutal winter months. Before putting away your garden tools, apply a coating of oil on all of the exposed metal parts to keep them from rusting.



The extra work done this fall will give you a spring which will allow you to do some of things you really want to instead of thing you have to do. Happy gardening.

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