

Jerry Johnson Hot Springs, October 2008

photos by Otto Haario



The crew (Alex, Antti, Heikki, me, Ellie and Jen) along the creek on the way to the cars after soaking.

A friend and work collaborator of mine, Heikki Haario, his son Otto, and his PhD student—and current Univ. of Montana math graduate student—Antti Solonen came with us to Jerry Johnson Hot Springs today (Friday, 10/17). We got an early start so that Heikki, Antti, and I could make it in to work in the afternoon.

Jerry Johnson has been one of our favorite destinations in the Missoula area since we arrived here in the fall of 2003. We usually make at least one trip every fall, when the colors are at their height and it is cool enough for good soaking. Mid-October is the perfect time.

There are two main spots for soaking. Both are about 1 mile from the parking area and the walk through the cedars and the pools themselves are beautiful. The first pool is right next to the creek and is a more pristine spot than the upper pools. The upper pool is the largest and the most visited. To be frank, they are overused, but it's still one of the nicest places around.



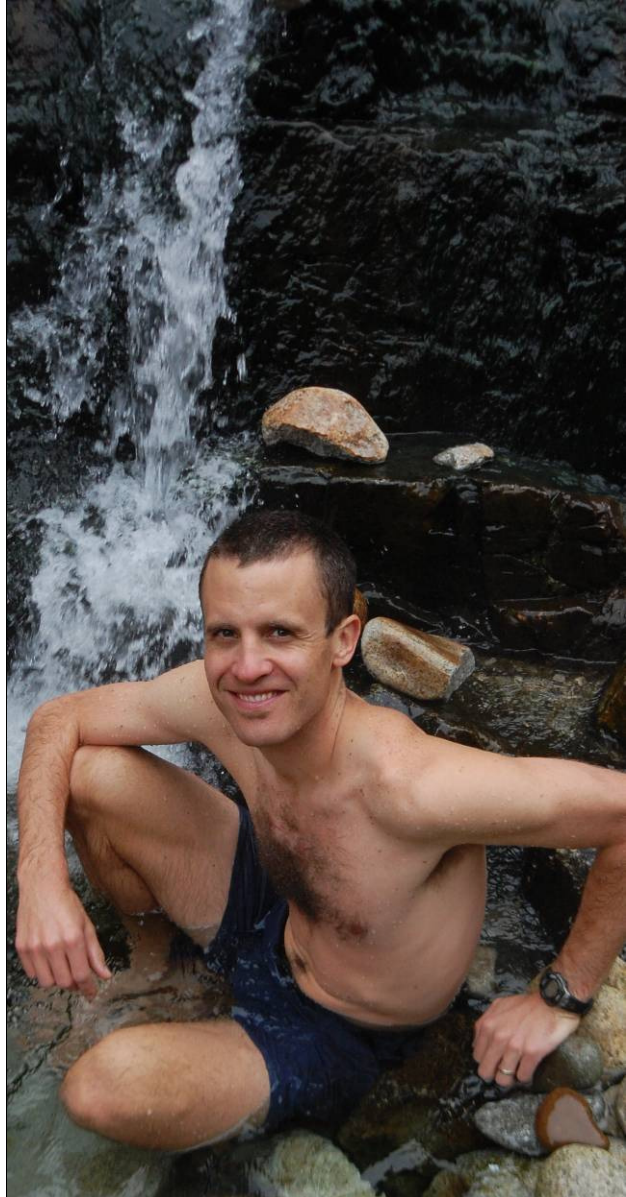
The upper pool.



The upper pool again



Heikki, Jen, Alex and then Jen again on the right.



Antti at the upper pool and me at the lower pool.