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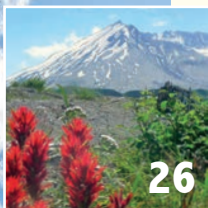
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Mountain from  
SR-20 on the  
North Cascades  
Scenic Highway.

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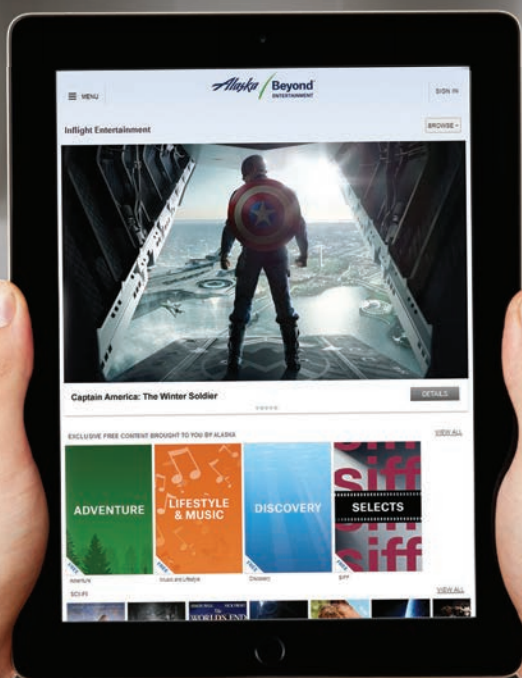
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# About Washington State's Scenic Byways



The National Scenic Byways Program maintains a system of nationally designated routes selected from state programs. Washington State contains **2 All American Roads** and **5 National Scenic Byways**, which are known collectively as America's Byways.

In addition, the Washington State Legislature has set aside **22 State Scenic Byways** to preserve and enhance the unique scenic, historic or recreational qualities found along these routes.

## Notes on using this guide

Whenever we thought it necessary or just fun to mention a detour or alternate route, it has been clearly indicated as a **Worthwhile Detour** or **Cool Cut** to help readers make the distinction.

Worthwhile Detours are side trips we recommend while you're in the neighborhood; Cool Cuts will always connect from one Scenic Byway to another. **Trip Tips** indicate byways for which we've created a sample itinerary on our website, **www.ScenicWA.com**

The articles in this pocket guide are written to inspire you to pack up and hit the road. Please join our community and share your travel experiences and favorite places with us at: **Facebook.com/ScenicWashingtonState**



The byways in this guide are numbered from **1-29** to correspond with the routes highlighted in the **fold-out map inside the back cover**. The small state icon map on each byway intro page shows you the area in the state where the byway is located, but the fold-out map gives you a better idea of the actual route and contact information.

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# Road trips as a survey course

by Marcus Yearout

Road trips have a long and storied history in my family. At nearly every gathering, we'll start laughing while recalling one of our past trips when a cousin or one of my sisters or kids inevitably asks, "Where should we go next?" This question spawns all kinds of ideas, debate and unbridled delight and enthusiasm.

*"Not all those who wander are lost."*

J.R.R. Tolkien

Sometimes just jumping in the car with sense of curiosity, pointing it in a direction and getting a taste of the little towns and scenic vistas along the way can be as rewarding as hanging out at a particular place for a few days. I know, I know... it's not a

new idea. As evidenced by the famous line attributed to Homer (no, not Simpson) from *The Odyssey*, "The journey is the thing," it's clear that this notion predates me by at least two and a half millennia. But I can and will definitely take full credit for believing it.

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As my dad likes to say on road trips like this, “This is just the survey course. If you see something you like, you can always come back and stay longer on your own time.”

I totally buy into his thinking.

Heading to a specific destination and diving deep for a few days into the local

surroundings and culture is a totally different experience. But moving ever forward down the road to see where it leads is the best way possible to get an introductory overview of the land that sculpted both the communities and the very nature of those hearty souls who chose to call these places home.

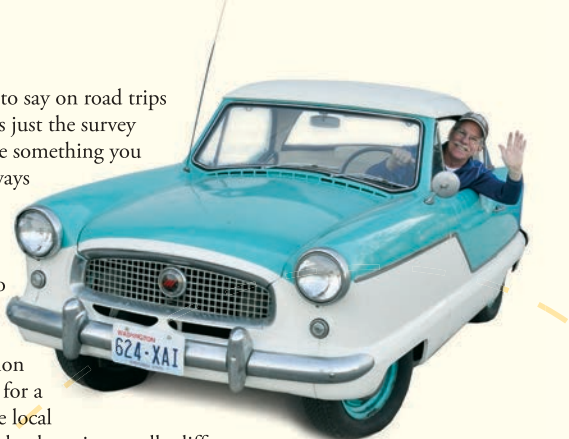
Driving along Washington’s back roads brings with it a sense of romance and adventure. Stopping to eat, play or rest at a small one-horse town deep in the forest or high on a desert plateau and listening to the colorful stories being told by the fellow sitting on the next barstool never gets old.

Taking turns down roads to discover old dilapidated homesteads, tribal battlefields and ghost towns gives you a sense of history and wonder. As in, “I wonder what happened to the people who settled and tried to build a future here.” Washington’s scenic byways are filled with such wonderment.

Then there’s that “scenic” part of the equation. From our Pacific coastline and rain forests you’ll climb up and over the towering Cascade Mountain range and its half dozen or more volcanic peaks to the high desert plains, wine country and scablands of central Washington. From here you’ll ascend slowly into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to where the sun rises on our state’s eastern border.

The beauty you’ll encounter at nearly every turn will make your toes curl with delight and shorten your breath. Snow-covered mountain peaks, ocean beaches, lakes, waterfalls, the mighty Columbia River and stark, jagged remnants of ice-age glacial floods are all on full display here.

So as you drive along each of our state’s scenic byways—which I highly recommend in a bucket-list kind of way—consider starting with a “survey course” to get a sense of everything the byway has to offer. If you drive through a place where you think you’d like to spend more time, just remember, you can always come back later “on your own time.”



## Sample Road Trips

Looking for some travel idea starters? Go to [www.ScenicWA.com](http://www.ScenicWA.com) and select **Scenic Byways Road Trips** from the top navigation menu to view some itineraries that Marcus suggests.

Also check out his **Suggested Road Trips** under the Cities tab.





## Washington's National Parks

by Craig Romano

Nothing defines Washington more than its **natural beauty**. The state's bountiful forests, sprawling coastline, and majestic mountains are the pride of her residents and a joy to all who visit. Nowhere is this better showcased than in the state's **three national parks**. Renowned documentary-film producer **Ken Burns** coined our national parks, "*America's best idea*." If that's true, Washington has three of the best ideas on the planet in which to connect and recreate with nature. At **Mount Rainier National Park** embrace Washington's iconic mountain up close and personal. Trails of varying degrees traverse resplendent wildflower meadows, meander through ancient cathedral forests, skirt spray zones of thundering waterfalls, and roam to the edges of glistening glaciers. Take to the famous **Wonderland Trail** that wraps 93 miles around the 14,411-foot glacier-covered volcano for an unsurpassed back-country experience.

Mountains, rainforest, and coast—the nearly 1 million-acre **Olympic National Park** is three parks in one. At mile-high **Hurricane Ridge**, stroll through parkland meadows teeming with deer and marmots and stand mesmerized gazing at **Mount Olympus**, one of the snowiest mountains in the country. In the **Hoh River Valley**, walk among moss-draped maples and towering conifers shrouded in mist

capturing the **mystique of the temperate rain forest**. It's home to one of the highest concentration of biomass on the planet; fathom the life before you from slugs to legendary elk herds.

Along Olympic's stunning coastline, leave footprints in the sand at some of the wildest ocean beaches in the Lower 48. Admire dramatic headlands and **sea stacks** teeming with marine mammals and seabird colonies.

Washington's third "best idea," **North Cascades National Park** protects one of the largest roadless areas remaining in the continental United States and the **highest concentration of glaciers** in America outside of Alaska. Here a serrated sea of mountains forms formidable walls around remote valleys and hidden basins home to mountain goats, grizzly bears, wolverines and wolves. Most of this **wilderness park** is strictly for adventurous backpackers. But day hikers can follow trails once favored by lonely trappers, hardscrabble miners, and beatnik poets heading to lofty fire lookouts. And a drive along the **North Cascades Highway**, one of the most awe-inspiring roadways in America provides wonderful wind-shield viewing of the surrounding icy spires.

Doesn't a visit to our national parks sounds like a great idea?

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# Chinook Pass Scenic Byway



The Chinook Scenic Byway runs 87 miles from Enumclaw west of the Cascades to the Naches Valley east of the range. The two-lane pass wraps around the northeastern flank of iconic Mount Rainier, revealing everything from wildflowers to waterfalls along the way. Stretches of this byway over Chinook Pass close during winter; visit [www.dot.wa.gov](http://www.dot.wa.gov) for closure updates.



## By-Lights

**Crystal Mountain**

**Mount Rainier  
National Park**

**Tipsoo Lake**

**Pacific Crest Trail**

**Oak Creek Wildlife  
Feeding Area**

**Naches Fruit Stands**

## Start your journey in Enumclaw

As well as being the western entry point for the Chinook Pass Scenic Byway, **Enumclaw** is the gateway to **Crystal Mountain** and the two north entrances to **Mount Rainier National Park** via Highway 410 and through beautiful Stevens Canyon to **Paradise** during the summer.

Year-round events at the **Enumclaw Expo Center**, including the Wine & Chocolate Festival, Oktoberfest and Scottish Highland Games, combined with downtown charm make Enumclaw a popular stop along this all-American road. So grab a slice of goodness at the Pie Goddess, and fuel up for the road ahead.

## Climbing into the old-growth forest

About 18 miles east of Enumclaw is stunning **Federation Forest State Park** with more than 600 acres of old-growth evergreens and 12 miles of hiking trails, including three short and very kid-friendly loops.

Further up the road, **Greenwater** caters to road





*Left: View of Mount Rainier from near Myrtle Falls. ©Inge Johnsson. Top right: Crystal Mountain Gondola is available all year round. ©Crystal Mountain Resort. Bottom left: The kid-friendly Naches Tavern in Greenwater has long been a popular stop for visitors to Chinook Pass.*

warriors and ski bums with equipment rentals, the decorated-by-loggers (and family friendly) **Naches Tavern** and a general store. Grab an espresso and a custom knit cap at **Wapiti Woolies**, a local institution since the 1970s.

This is also the last gas stop before **Whistlin' Jack Lodge** in Cliffdell, 43 miles up and over the 5,432 foot summit of **Chinook Pass**.

### Rainier views, waterfalls and winter play

Twenty-three miles east of Enumclaw, a pullout supplies your first dazzling glimpse of Mount Rainier. Also nearby, look for **Skookum Falls**, an elegant 250-foot cascade.

Washington's largest ski resort, **Crystal Mountain**, boasts 2,600 acres of world-class terrain along with many slope-side lodging and dining options. The recent addition of the **Mount Rainier Gondola** transformed Crystal into a year-round destination. The gondola delivers riders to the **Summit House**, Washington's highest restaurant.

### Worth a Detour:

Can't get enough Mount Rainier?

Consider detouring to Sunrise. Fifteen miles off the byway via the White River entrance, it's the highest elevation (6,400 feet) accessible by car in the park. A day lodge, visitor center and hiking trails add context to this "wow" moment.





*Top: Gorgeous Tipsoo Lake at the summit of Chinook Pass. ©Inge Johnsson. Left: The Pacific Crest Trail overpass is a good access point for hikers. ©J. Foster Fanning.*

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## Tipsoo at the top

About eight miles past the **Sunrise** turnoff, the byway winds upward along a series of switchbacks to popular photo op **Tipsoo Lake**. Mount Rainier reflected in these still waters is one of the most photographed nature scenes in the United States.

## Down the eastern slopes

After crossing **Cayuse Pass** (4,675 feet) and **Chinook Pass** (5,432 feet), look for a breathtaking view east over the **American River Valley**. The recently rebuilt Chinook Entrance Arch spanning the road is actually a section of the **Pacific Crest Trail**.

## Along the American River

In **Cliffdell**, on the banks of American River, you'll find gas and the historic Whistlin' Jack Lodge, a winter destination for snowmobilers and a pleasant stop year-round.

## Pull into Naches

The Chinook Scenic Byway ends in bucolic **Naches** (pronounced nat-CHEEZE). Visit a farm stand for the ultimate journey's end reward, a leg stretch under the eastern Washington sun and a handful of the freshest fruit around.

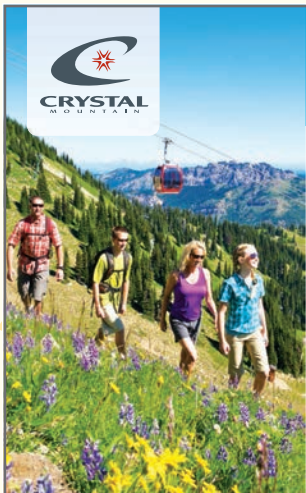
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# International Selkirk Loop



*Bikers enjoy a break overlooking Lake Pend Oreille from Sandpoint, ID.*

This 280-mile loop provides a taste of international travel as it meanders from Washington into British Columbia, Canada, and then back down into the United States via Idaho, encircling the Selkirk Mountains.



## By-Lights

**4,000 year old Tribal  
Camas Ovens  
Boundary Dam  
Kootenai National  
Wildlife Refuge  
SS Moyie  
Sternwheeler  
Kootenay Lake  
Ferry Ride**

## Cool Cut

From SR-20 at Tiger, head west through Colville to connect with the Sherman Pass Scenic Byway at Kettle Falls.

The byway runs parallel to the Pend Oreille River's northbound waters and passes through **Colville National Forest**. Established by Theodore Roosevelt, the 1.1-million-acre forest is a favorite for birders and wildlife watchers.

This scenic loop's lakes, rivers and trails are a vast uncrowded playground with countless opportunities for year-round recreation, scenic beauty and unique cultures. Its small communities are great places to reconnect with slower, simpler times.

There is solitude and magnificent scenery in the **Selkirk Mountains**. Here you'll find an array of recreation for anyone who loves camping, hiking, boating, or just cruising along winding roads into friendly small communities.

## Newport: The Washington gateway

Located 50 miles north of **Spokane**, the southern gateway to Washington's slice of the International Selkirk Loop is **Newport**. Straddling the Idaho-Washington border, Newport boasts a charming downtown that's worth a stroll. The local museum and Kalispel Tribe's **4,000-year-old camas ovens** at Pioneer Heritage Park should not be missed.

Continuing north along SR-20 and onto SR-31, you'll enter a stretch of road that is unique enough to warrant its own designation as the **North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway**. Go to that section of this guide for more information.



## Passport required

From here, just north of **Metaline Falls**, the International Selkirk Loop crosses into Canada. Winding through small historic mining and logging communities, each stop along the way offers delightful opportunities to experience local shopping, museums, cuisine and one-of-a-kind attractions with nary a mall in sight.

One recommended stop is **Nelson**, which many travelers refer to as a **European village**. It is renowned for its eclectic arts scene, diverse restaurants, boutique shopping and a wide variety of outdoor recreation. In nearby **Kaslo**, voted one of **Canada's prettiest towns**, you'll find the **SS Moyie**, North America's **oldest restored sternwheeler**.

You can then board the **SS Osprey** which will ferry you across **Kootenay Lake**, and is the longest free ferry ride in the world. Not far from the ferry landing is the community of **Crawford Bay**, which is known for its talented artisans and you are invited to stop and watch them produce their stunning crafts. The road then continues along the east shore of the lake providing you with ample photo opportunities.



## International Border Crossings

Along the North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway, travelers follow SR-30 to the Metaline Falls/Nelway border crossing. You will enter the U.S. into Idaho at the Rykerts-Porthill border crossing. Get information about the documentation that is required at the U.S.-Canada borders at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).

## Entering Idaho

Crossing back into the U.S., travelers will connect with Idaho's **Wild Horse Trail Scenic Byway**, taking you through scenic farmlands and past the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.

Open year-round, this recommended stop affords excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing. Heading south along the eastern side of the Selkirk Mountains, the roadway then follows the **Kootenai Tribe's historic path** to fishing grounds at **Lake Pend Oreille** in Sandpoint.

From Sandpoint you can head east and reenter Washington to complete the loop at Newport following the **Panhandle Historic Rivers Passage Scenic Byway**. On this route, you'll enjoy driving along miles of soothing river scenery that reflects the pastoral beauty of surrounding forests and farms.



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## By-Lights

**Columbia National  
Wildlife Refuge**  
**Potholes Reservoir**  
**Dry Falls Visitor  
Center**  
**Steamboat Rock  
State Park**  
**Grand Coulee Dam**  
**Colville Tribal  
Museum**

## Towns unique as their surroundings

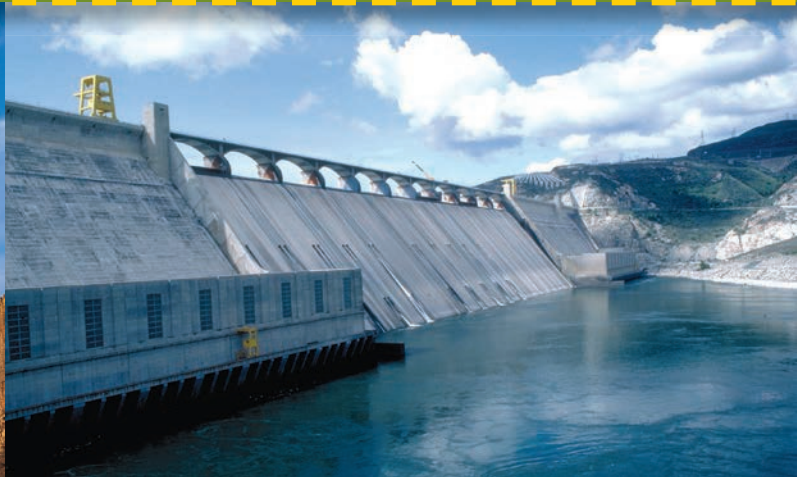
**Othello**, a farm town in the heart of the Columbia Basin, is this byway's southern anchor. In August, travelers will find fields of sunflowers in full bloom. The northward route skirts **Potholes Reservoir**, a series of marshes that offer prime birding and fishing.

**Moses Lake**, this region's biggest city, is a good stock-up spot. Further along in **Soap Lake**, don't be startled by the folks covered in black mud on the shores of the intown beach; visitors have been drawn to these mineral-rich "healing waters" for generations.

## Basalt cliffs and caves

Here, this byway begins to peg the "spectacular" meter, squeezing into tight basalt corridors, climbing high and then dipping down to lakeshore. If the scenery inspires you to get out of the car, look for the **Lake Lenore Caves** trail. It's short, steep and pays off in basalt caverns.





## Witness the remnants of a glacial flood

These steep-walled drainages, or coulees, are remnants of ancient glacial **Lake Missoula floods** that scoured a swath across the state of Washington, caused the Columbia River to change course, and left boulders and rich river sediment in its wake all the way to the Pacific. Become an official Flood Scene Investigator at the **Dry Falls Visitor Center** and learn more of this compelling story—it's easy to imagine the world's largest prehistoric waterfall flowing over the surrounding cliffs.

Lakefront resorts, state parks (**Sun Lakes and Steamboat Rock**) and even roadside pullouts are packed during summer months with people fishing, waterskiing and soaking up sun.

## Behold the Grand Coulee

Look for the **Whirligig Windmill Folk Art Garden** in Electric City, a well-worn roadside attraction that harnesses wind power to charm. Then stop at another attraction that uses waterpower to stagger the imagination—the **Grand Coulee Dam**. A visitor center offers history and artifacts and a chance to stand upon the mighty dam itself! Take the free tour offered every hour.

**Plan Your Perfect Road Trip**

*Photo Left: Jagged and stunning remnants of the Missoula floods.*

*©John Marshall. Top: Grand Coulee Dam.*

*Bottom left: The Gorge Amphitheatre during the Watershed Festival.*

*©Leah Pheifer.*

*Bottom right: Fishing at Potholes State Park.*

*©John Marshall.*

## Worth a Stop

Grand Coulee Dam. A visitor center offers history and displays artifacts from the massive construction project. To stand upon the mighty dam itself, take the free tour that's offered every hour.



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## Cool Cut

From Coulee City, go west on US-2 along the ruggedly scenic Moses Coulee, through historic Waterville to connect with the Cascade Loop and Stevens Pass Greenway at Wenatchee or Lake Chelan.

## Colville Reservation

After crossing the Columbia River, this byway traverses rolling fields dotted with boulders left by retreating glaciers. Once past Nespelem, headquarters of the **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation** and the resting place of legendary **Nez Perce Chief Joseph**, the route climbs into pine forests and crosses 3,252-foot **Disautel Pass** before dropping into **Omak**.

Look for sculptures along this stretch depicting the lifestyle and legends of the tribes of the Colville Reservation.

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# Mountains to Sound Greenway



*Mount Rainier seems to float above the downtown Seattle skyline.*



## By-Lights

Woodland Park Zoo  
Seattle Center  
Snoqualmie Falls  
Iron Horse State Park  
Roslyn and Cle Elum  
Historic downtown  
Ellensburg  
Wind Farm Tours at  
Wild Horse

### Trip Tip:

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The Mountains to Sound Greenway is a 100-mile cruise from the heart of downtown Seattle through wilderness, farms, forests and several small communities of the Cascade foothills on both sides of the mountains. Crossing over Snoqualmie Pass, the byway ends in downtown Ellensburg.

### Seattle: The byway's urban roots

Beginning in Seattle, and before getting on the road, ride the monorail to the **Space Needle** and gasp at the gorgeous **Chihuly Garden and Glass**. Check out **Pike Place Market**, the world's first Starbucks and the infamous **Gum Wall** nearby.

Family fun includes a day visit to **Woodland Park Zoo** (*see back cover*) and the kid-friendly Pacific Science Center, the Experience Music Project (EMP) and a ride on the newest waterfront attraction, the **Seattle Great Wheel**.

### Communities in the Cascade foothills

After crossing the floating bridge on I-90, pull into downtown Issaquah. Besides a cute shopping and dining district, this is an outdoor recreation hub. If you're traveling in fall, be sure to stop at the downtown **state fish hatchery** to see salmon returning to Issaquah Creek.

Thundering **Snoqualmie Falls** and the small towns of Snoqualmie and North Bend are well worth visiting. Find out more about these welcoming communities in the **Cascade Valleys Heritage Corridor** section.

### Climbing to the Summit

The **Summit at Snoqualmie**, a ski area just 50 minutes from Seattle, is where many urban kids





cut their first ski turns. Four distinct ski hills offer everything from steep and deep to park riding; cross-country skiers, snowshoers, sledgers and snowmobilers flock to this place as well, drawn by easy access and scenic beauty.

### The drier climes of the east side

The descent from 3,022-foot Snoqualmie Pass has a bonus—blue skies replace clouds. Firs become pines, hillsides become less tree- and more sage-covered, and views become bigger as the byway penetrates into eastern Washington.

Glimpses of the **Yakima River**, old farmhouses and open land make this stretch of the road feel like a true escape. This is especially true if you continue your journey using the **Swiftwater Corridor** route through Roslyn, Cle Elum, Thorp and Ellensburg on the “old” highway, SR-10, to get a sense of place that those whizzing by on I-90 will surely miss.

The eastern terminus of the Mountains to Sound Greenway is **Ellensburg**, but since it overlaps the **Swiftwater Corridor Scenic Byway** here, please go to that section for more information about this stretch of road.

### Worth a Detour

There are two great attractions connected to the **LeMay Family Automobile Collection** that you should consider visiting while in the Puget Sound area. The original and by far the largest exhibit of vintage cars is at the historic **Marymount Event Center**, east of Tacoma and the second is **America's Car Museum** which is located next to the Tacoma Dome. Visit [lemaymarymount.org](http://lemaymarymount.org) for more information.

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# Stevens Pass Greenway

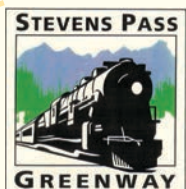


*Bob Johnson performs a twice daily alpenhorn concert from a hotel balcony in downtown Leavenworth.*  
©Marcus Yearout

Follow the route of an old Great Northern Railway line while clinging to the banks of the Skykomish and Wenatchee rivers. On this leisurely slice of the Cascade Loop, travelers will wind through tiny hamlets and discover what travel used to be like before all the best places were bypassed.

## Start the journey in Everett

This route through the Cascade Range begins where US-2 joins I-5 at Everett. But don't make the mistake of thinking your journey starts by jumping on US-2 eastbound. **Everett** has a lot to offer in the way of a historic downtown and excellent waterfront lodging and dining at the **West Coast's largest public marina**.



## By-Lights

**Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Center**

**Antiquing in Snohomish**

**Stevens Pass Recreation Area**

**Bavarian Leavenworth**

**Pinnacle Peaks**

**Wenatchee's Pybus Public Market**

## Stroll downtown Snohomish

Once dubbed the **Antique Capital of the Northwest**, Snohomish has expanded to become a hub of art, music, shopping, dining and relaxation therapy. Walking tour maps of the historic downtown district are a good way to get a better sense of place.

## Sno-cones, swifts and snakes!

Even though Monroe may be best known for the **Evergreen State Fair** that's held here at summer's end—smell the onion burgers and corn dogs—it is also home to deadly snakes at the **Reptile Zoo** and the hands-on regional history displays at the **Western Heritage Center**.

## Along the Skykomish

From Monroe, US-2 ascends through evergreen forests to tiny **Skykomish** across the river to the south. Duck across the bridge into this former railroad town to see its historic buildings.



Hike the rails along the **Iron Goat Trail**, nine miles of former Great Northern Railroad track complete with bridges and tunnels.

**Deception, Sunset and Wallace** are among the picturesque waterfalls you can view within a short drive from the highway along this stretch.

### Stevens Pass Recreation Area

Now the road climbs in earnest, revealing wide views across mountain valleys. It peaks at **Stevens Pass** (4,061 feet) a world-class ski area with four terrain parks. Stevens Pass recently added a network of mountain bike trails, as well as scenic chairlift rides, for year-round fun.

### Bavarian and so much more

**Leavenworth** long ago transcended its trademark Bavarian kitsch. Travelers will discover fine dining; locally made wines, brews and spirits; and recreational opportunities from cross-country skiing to stand-up paddleboarding are all here. Fear not—lovers of the lederhosen can still hoist a stein at the biggest **Oktoberfest** in the U.S.

Located at an entrance to the **Alpine Lakes Wilderness**, there is more outdoor recreation than you can shake a walking stick at. Raft, ride horses or walk the river; this area inspires yodels.

### Craftsmans at Cashmere

A quick detour into Cashmere along Cottage Avenue features beautiful **1900s-era Craftsman bungalows**. This is also home to the **Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village** and the truly Washington confection, **Aplets and Cotlets**.

### Wenatchee: A popular “pick”

Located on the Columbia River and at the base of the **Alpine Lakes Wilderness** area, you may expect plenty of outdoor activity in and around Wenatchee—and you’d be right. Hiking, biking, wildlife and wildflowers abound.

This is also apple country, so fresh fruit stands and farmers markets, including the **Pybus Public Market** are equally plentiful. As its slogan says, “What will you pick today?”



### Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Stevens Pass (US-2) businesses have embraced the idea of EV tourism and have installed charging stations at resorts, wineries, hotels, and convention centers in the area creating a dedicated electric vehicle corridor between Seattle and Wenatchee.

### Cool Cuts

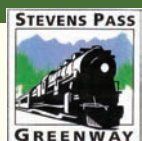
From US-2 between Leavenworth and Cashmere, take US-97 across Blewett Pass toward to connect with the Swiftwater Corridor Scenic Byway near Cle Elum.



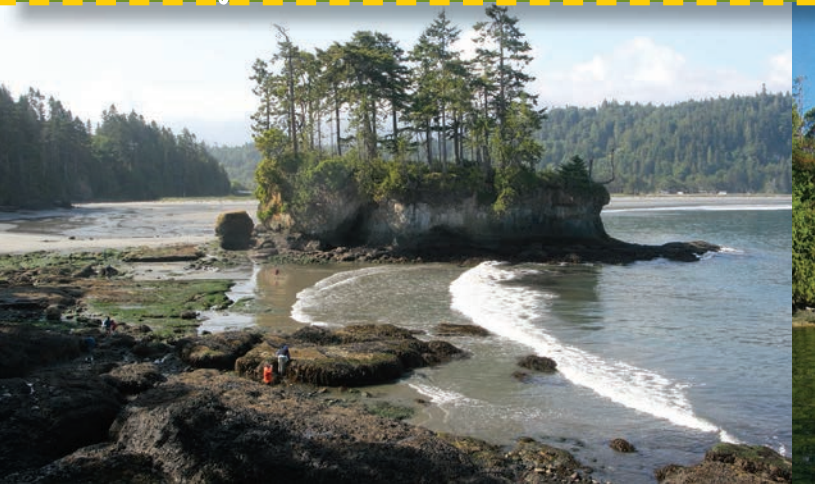
### SKY VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

The Stevens Pass Greenway is magical with many little side trips that create a one-of-a-kind journey. Stop at the visitor’s center for info, local tips and trip planning.

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# Strait of Juan de Fuca



Like curves? This 61-mile byway has 249 of them. Motorcyclists and auto clubs love this road, as do fishermen, surfers, beachcombers and anyone who loves places where wild forests meet the salt water.

This route also has stretches designated to honor both Vietnam and Korean War veterans—be sure to look for markers and pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country.



## By-Lights

**Elwha River  
Restoration**

**Joyce Depot Museum**

**Olympic Discovery  
Trail**

**Salmon fishing at  
Clallam Bay and  
Sekiu**

## Elwha River Restoration Interpretive Center

This is a self-guided center housing an overview of the **largest dam removal project** in the United States that occurred on the adjacent Elwha River. A nature trail leading to views of the Elwha River gorge and the former **Elwha Dam** site can be accessed on foot by using the Lower Dam Road.

## Olympic Discovery Trail

Look for the **Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route** between mileposts 59 and 60 just west of the bridge that crosses the Elwha River.

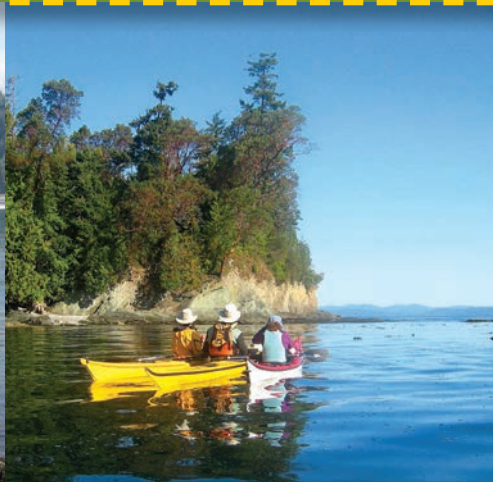
Horseback riders, mountain bikers and hikers, and trail runners love this moderately strenuous 25-mile stretch of single track. Here's a locals' tip: On a clear day, hike to the one-mile mark for a perfect view of **Mount Olympus**.

The ODT Adventure Route is part of a planned route that, when completed, will span 130 miles from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean at La Push, home to the Quileute Nation.

## Joyce General Store and Depot Museum

The **Joyce General Store** has been this community's meeting place for more than 100 years. Pick up some penny candy and fuel up (next gas is about 35 miles away), and if it's





August, ask whoever's behind the counter if one of the town's two restaurants still has wild blackberry pie.

Across from the general store, the **Joyce Depot Museum** displays include railroad memorabilia and history, photos and artifacts from all the surrounding communities. The depot was built in 1915 (celebrating 100 years in 2015) and is the last remaining log depot from the Milwaukee line.

### Pillar Point County Park

Surf this byway's hairpin turns through forests and around coves. Real surfers can find waves here when the swell gets bigger than eight feet and comes out of the northwest. **Pillar Point County Park** at milepost 30 is a fantastic bird-watching/beachcombing spot. The stout-trunked evergreens crowding the road west of here are Sitka spruce; the old cabins of the **Pysht logging camp** still stand here.

### Go fishing at Clallam Bay and Sekiu

**Clallam Bay** and **Sekiu** boom during summer salmon runs. Modest rooms, parking-lot camping spots and everything required to catch a salmon—except for luck—is available.

Even if you don't fish, stop and walk around to take in the sights and smells of the working docks. The hubbub of boat launching, catch cleaning and fish-tale swapping is an authentic slice of Pacific Northwest life.

The coastal curves continue, and the **Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway** ends at milepost 0, its western terminus, just outside **Neah Bay**.

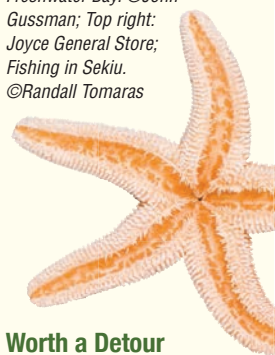
*Photo Left: Tidepooling at Salt Creek. ©Dave Logan; Above: Morning kayak journey at Freshwater Bay. ©John Gussman; Top right: Joyce General Store; Fishing in Sekiu. ©Randall Tomaras*

### Worth a Detour

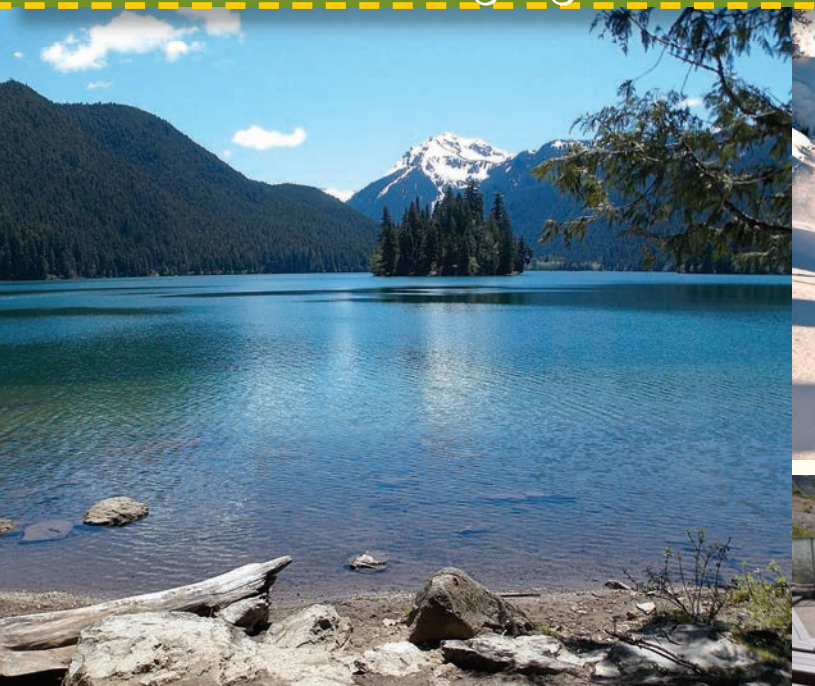
**Salt Creek Recreation Area** Follow the signs east of Joyce for tide pools, campsites and a sandy beach.

**Spruce Railroad Trail** Turn south on Piedmont Road in Joyce leads to Lake Crescent and this classic lakeshore hike.

**Lake Ozette** Turn south on Hoko-Ozette Road just west of Sekiu to Lake Ozette and the 9-mile cedar boardwalk to the Pacific Ocean.



# White Pass Scenic Byway



This 119-mile route that crosses Washington's southern-most Cascade Mountain pass has a lot to set it apart from its peers—views of Mount Rainier, Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens; water around every corner; and enough wildflowers, waterfalls and wildlife to quickly drain the battery of your digital camera.



## By-Lights

Riffe Lake

Mount Rainier  
National Park

Grove of the  
Patriarchs

White Pass Ski Area

Rimrock Lake

Oak Creek Feeding  
Station

## Start at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery

The byway's western terminus is where US-12 meets I-5 south of **Chehalis**. Begin your adventure by hiking a trail at historic **Lewis and Clark State Park**, our state's fourth state park, just south of Mary's Corner ([www.parks.wa.gov/538/Lewis-Clark](http://www.parks.wa.gov/538/Lewis-Clark))

Since this byway runs along abundant lakes and rivers, the recently opened **Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Visitor Center** is a fitting stop. Kids can hoist life-size fiberglass fish inside, and then see the real deal outside on the self-guided tour. The Cowlitz attracts anglers from all over the West Coast; the **Barrier Dam** area is a favorite fishing hole.

## Camping, swimming holes and tulips?

The byway crosses **Mayfield Lake** and then winds along the north shore of **Riffe Lake** (pronounced Rife) and provides plenty of outdoor recreation. **Ike Kinswa State Park** rents shoreline cabins that are a steal at \$50 per night. Get a good view of **Mossyrock Dam**—the state's



*Left Page: Located 13 miles east of downtown Packwood, Packwood Lake is a popular day hiking, camping and fishing destination. ©Karen Sykes; Above: White Pass Ski Area; Bottom left: Attending an interpretive presentation at the Mount St. Helens Windy Ridge Observatory. Right: Elk gathering at the Oak Creek feeding station. ©Danielle Surkatty*

tallest—at the North Shore fishing access pullout. April visitors will be treated to blooming tulip fields near the town of Mossyrock; the DeGoede family has grown flowers here for decades.

### Exploring the Morton Area

In Morton, you can catch a movie or play at the Roxy, the town's **renovated 1930s theater**, or detour north to Mount Rainier. Beyond Morton the byway rejoins the east end of Riffe Lake, where **Taidnapam Park** offers camping and a kid-friendly fishing bridge.

Consider the wonderful drive up SR-7 from Morton to Elbe and its **scenic train ride**. The view of Rainier from **Mineral Lake** is a photographer's dream. This route is also a nice connector to SR-706 and the **Nisqually entrance to Mount Rainier National Park**.

### Randle and the road to Windy Ridge

Randle is a good home base for outdoor recreation opportunities that exist in the **Gifford**

### Worth a Detour

Just east of Packwood, take SR-123 North to Ohanapecosh then west to visit the Grove of the Patriarchs, take some awesome photos of Mt. Rainier from Reflection Lake then up to Paradise at the very base of the grand lady. SR-123 is also a "Cool Cut" to connect with Chinook Pass Scenic Byway.

This route is closed winters so check [www.dot.wa.gov](http://www.dot.wa.gov) for road conditions.





*Indian Paintbrush and  
Mount St. Helens.  
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## Good to Know

If you plan to detour into Mount Rainier National Park, it requires a \$15 day pass. If someone in the car is 62 or older have them buy a lifetime pass; it costs just \$10 and gets the whole carload into our National Parks.



**Pinchot National Forest.** From Randle take a turn south towards **Windy Ridge** viewpoint for a look into the crater of **Mount St. Helens** and remnants of the infamous volcanic blast zone including the log debris in **Spirit Lake** and a standing dead forest.

## Up and over the byway's namesake

From Packwood, it's about 20 miles to the White Pass Summit. **White Pass Ski Area** recently added two new lifts and a whole new mountain to their skiable terrain, along with a new mid-

mountain lodge where skiers can fuel up at a waffle bar.

Eleven miles of **cross-country skiing trails** along with base lodging and dining make White Pass a winter getaway for folks from both sides of the state.

## The warm and dry east side

There's plenty of camping as the pass descends the eastern slopes of the Cascades along the shores of **Rimrock Lake** and on the banks of the Tieton River.

Winter travelers won't want to miss the **Oak Creek elk feeding station** about two miles before the byway ends. Elk and bighorn sheep gather at feeding stations by the hundreds; it's one of the best elk-watching spots in the entire United States.

## Farm fresh Naches

Naches marks the end of the line for this byway. **Fresh fruit and vegetable stands** line the highway but don't pass up the chance to cruise through the historic downtown core for some antique shopping and home-style family restaurants.

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# Cape Flattery Tribal Scenic Byway



The Cape Flattery Tribal Scenic Byway is the first tribal road in the nation to be awarded scenic status. And this is the only road leading to the extreme northwest corner of the lower 48 United States. At 12 miles, this is the shortest scenic byway in Washington, but it's long on scenery and culture and not to be missed if you're traveling the north Olympic Peninsula.



## By-Lights

**Makah Cultural and Research Center**

**Cape Flattery**

**Hobuck Beach**

**Tatoosh Island and Cape Flattery Lighthouse**

## Ancestral home of the Makah

The entire byway is within the traditional home of the **Makah Tribal Nation**. It begins as SR-112 and enters the Makah Reservation along the wild western edge of the **Strait of Juan de Fuca**. Lush forests crowd isolated beaches, and the rhythm of the surf marks time. The Makah Nation has sustained itself with the bounty of these waters for generations, and Neah Bay remains a salmon fishing hot spot for commercial and recreational anglers.

Stop at **Washburn's General Store** for anything you might need from firewood to deli sandwiches. Also be sure to pick up an annual recreation pass (\$10) for hiking. For dining, try fish and chips with a marina view at the Warm House or pizza at Linda's Wood Fired Kitchen.

## Makah Cultural and Research Center

The **Makah Cultural and Research Center** is the nation's first tribal museum. It displays thousands of artifacts from the **Ozette dig**, a nearby 3,000-year-old Makah fishing village that was preserved, pre-European contact, by a mudslide around 1750. Visitors come away with a deeper understanding of this place, its people and the traditions they continue to honor today.



Far Left: Cape Flattery; Left: Boardwalk trail.  
Sea Otter. ©Bigstock. Seastack at Shi Shi  
Beach. ©Andy Porter

Travelers who want a more complete cultural experience should consider arriving during **Makah Days** in late August.

### To the edge of the continent

Continue through Neah Bay, to the **Cape Flattery Trail**, an easy three-quarter mile hike along rough-hewn boardwalks leading to the westernmost point in the contiguous United States. The name “Flattery” is not hyperbole—this spot is a stunner. The four viewing platforms at trail’s end reveal steep cliffs, **Tatoosh Island** with its historic lighthouse, and the seemingly endless Pacific. Linger and look closely—gray whales may appear offshore, and sometimes sea otters float in the kelp beds directly below.

For sandy strolls and toes in the surf, head south to **Hobuck Beach**. Cabins, campsites and RV spaces make this a good home base for further exploration. If you have time, **Shi Shi** (pronounced Shy Shy) further south, is a postcard-perfect beach that’s worth the sometimes-muddy 8-mile-round-trip hike.

### Worth a Detour

Lake Ozette – Backtracking from Cape Flattery, take the 22-mile drive along the Hoko-Ozette Road (look for the cutoff heading southwest near Sekiu), where you’ll find the largest natural lake in the state, and a showpiece coastal hike, some of which is on a boardwalk to protect the wetlands. This is also the near the site (not open to the public) of the Ozette dig, which yielded many of the artifacts on display in the Makah Cultural Museum in Neah Bay.

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# Cascade Loop



At 440 miles, the Cascade Loop Scenic Byway is so grand that it encompasses three others: the Whidbey Scenic Isle Way, North Cascades Scenic Highway and Stevens Pass Greenway. If you plan to drive this amazing loop it can be done in a *really* long day, but it is best enjoyed over three or four.



## By-Lights

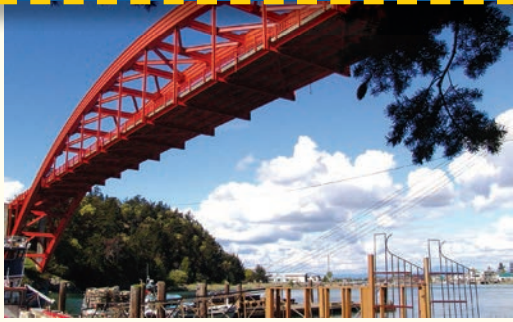
Everett Waterfront  
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 Cascade Valley  
 Wineries  
 Lake Chelan  
 Methow Valley  
 Deception Pass  
 Bridge

## Waterfront communities

The thing about a loop is that there is no beginning and no end so picking a starting point is tough. Assuming you're starting from Seattle, you can head north on I-5 and depart aboard a **Washington State Ferry** from the tiny waterfront community of Mukilteo to explore the **Whidbey Scenic Isle Way** leg of the Cascade Loop. Get there a bit early to check out the historic **Mukilteo Lighthouse** and grab a bite at one of the waterfront restaurants or the local brew pub.

While not officially on the loop, another nice waterfront ferry landing worth a visit is **Edmonds**. Come here for a trip across the sound to Kingston on the **Kitsap Peninsula**. Don't rush to the ferry dock. Edmonds, a distinctive arts community, is filled with boutique shops and eateries and in summer is adorned with hanging flower baskets so plan some time to lollygag. Shopping on your mind? Head to **Lynnwood** and the expansive shopping center of Alderwood. If you're looking for a good home base, both Lynnwood and Everett have several accommodation options with rates much lower than in their urban neighbor to the south.





*Left Page: Balsamroot and jagged mountain peaks of Mt. Cashmere on Stevens Pass. ©Cashmere Chamber. Top Right: Rainbow Bridge in downtown La Conner. Bottom Right: Lady of the Lake cruises to Stehekin from downtown Chelan. ©Andy Simonds*

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## Worth a Detour

Be sure to plan for a couple hours visiting the aviation attractions that surround Paine Field in Everett. The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour, the Flying Heritage Collection, Historic Flight Restoration Center and the Museum of Flight Restoration Center make an excellent half-day outing for aviation and history buffs.

### Trip Tip:

A sample itinerary for this byway is available under Scenic Byways Road Trips at [ScenicWA.com](http://ScenicWA.com)

The bustling port city of Everett is home of the **largest public marina on the West Coast** and the place where **Boeing jets are assembled** (tour the plant; it's the largest building in the world). The downtown is very walkable; the restaurants here and on the marina are always a good choice.

## Up and over Stevens Pass

From downtown Everett, take US-2 eastbound to connect with the **Stevens Pass Greenway**. Go to that section for more information about this leg of the route.

## Follow the Columbia to Lake Chelan

The Stevens Pass Greenway section will guide you as far as **Wenatchee**, where US-2 intersects with US-97. From here, the **Columbia River** leads the way to **Chelan**, a gorgeous family vacation town that accommodates every whim whether the goal is wine tasting, wakeboarding or just laying on the sun-drenched beach for a large dose of vitamin D.

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**Winthrop and the Methow Valley**

From Chelan, drive north to Pateros on SR-153 and then west toward Twisp and Winthrop. A description of this portion of the Cascade Loop can be found in the **North Cascades Scenic Highway** section of this guide.

**Cool Cut**

From Wenatchee, head east on US-2 and travel through historic Waterville and the ruggedly scenic Moses Coulee to connect with the Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway.

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## Cool Cuts

Since the Cascade Loop encompasses four of our state's officially designated scenic byways, cool cuts occur in nearly every direction.

Take a Washington State Ferry from Mukilteo to explore the Whidbey Scenic Isle Way. From Burlington, take SR-20 up and over the North Cascades Scenic Highway to Winthrop.

US-2 over the Stevens Pass Greenway runs from Everett to Wenatchee.

## Entering the Skagit Valley

Leaving the North Cascades, you'll descend gently through the foothills into small communities, lush farmland and the tulip fields of the **Skagit Valley**.

Both **Mount Vernon** and **Burlington** offer an array of shopping and dining options including some fun handcrafted alehouses. Mount Vernon is also home to a couple of very nice performing arts venues—the historic **Lincoln Theatre** downtown and the wonderful **McIntyre Hall Performing Arts & Conference Center** on College Way.

## Skagit Valleys famous tulip fields

This stretch features the fertile Skagit Valley. Skagit Valley is on center stage when the tulips bloom, which commences the **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival**. You can take in the daffodils, tulips and irises by foot, bicycle, tour bus or even by helicopter.

This is an extremely popular festival with people often stopping in the road to get yet another amazing shot of a tulip field. So plan accordingly as weekends are really busy.

In the winter and early spring, **snow geese and swans** blanket the fields.

## Great places to stretch your legs

Nearby **Anacortes** (which connects to the **San Juan Islands**) and Edison (which connects to the **Chuckanut Drive Scenic Byway**) are fun, walkable communities, and don't miss the chance to take a stroll and grab a bite in

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downtown **La Conner**. Situated on the banks of the Swinomish Channel, this cozy waterfront community is crammed full of boutique shops and family diners. Park on one end and walk the length of the street down one side and back on the other for a delightful afternoon.

### Fidalgo and Whidbey islands

The byway winds north to Anacortes or heads south across **Deception Pass** to Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. A few miles from I-5, Anacortes on Fidalgo Island is a good spot to find **whale-watching** excursions.

### Nearing your journey's end

If you're heading to Oak Harbor, this route crosses the soaring Deception Pass Bridge onto the second-longest island in the United States, Whidbey Island. See the **Whidbey Island Scenic Isle Way** section for more details.

Return to the mainland via the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry.

### Cool Cut

Anacortes is where you can catch a Washington State Ferry to the San Juan Islands Scenic Byway or, if your travel plans are taking your north toward Bellingham, take the Farm-to-Market Road into Edison to connect with the Chuckanut Drive Scenic Byway.



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# Cascade Valleys Heritage Corridor



*Above: A delighted visitor stands at the base of cascading Snoqualmie Falls. ©Aaron Morris*

*Right: Wine tasting is a team sport in Woodinville Wine Country. ©Richard Duval*



## By-Lights

**Woodinville Wine Country**

**Marymoor Park**

**Snoqualmie Falls**

**Hiking to Rattlesnake Ledge or Mount Si**

**Iron Horse State Park**

This 28-mile jaunt is the drive for wine tasters, spa lovers and fine-dining fans. Of course there are waterfalls and mountains, but everything along the Cascade Valleys Heritage Corridor is conveniently close to the state's biggest population center, making this ramble through the Sammamish Valley the perfect getaway for anyone who needs a break from the big city.

### **“W” is for Wine in Woodinville**

Woodinville marks the northern entry of this byway—a town known for its **wineries and tasting rooms**, more than 90 at last count. From the grand estate housing Washington's first winery, Chateau Ste. Michelle, to the bocce court and pizza ovens at the Novelty Hill Januik winery, there's something for everyone who's legal age, including beer lovers, who can swing by the Redhook Brewery for a taste and tour.

For an added thrill, try swinging from the ropes at Adventura, the aerial adventure park next door to the brewery.

### **Redmond's Marymoor Park**

Follow this stretch of SR-202 south along a corridor of small farms and nurseries to Redmond. The home of Microsoft is also the home of **Marymoor Park**, this region's recreational hub.

The park has the only **banked bike-racing**



**velodrome** in the state and a 40-acre off-leash dog park. It also hosts everything from rock concerts to Cirque du Soleil on its grounds.

## Cascading Snoqualmie Falls

Continue south toward Fall City, a tiny town on a bend in the Snoqualmie River. The Fall City Roadhouse & Inn is a good place to dawdle and grab a bite. From here, continue to magnificent **Snoqualmie Falls**. In 2013, new boardwalks and a lower observation platform were added—be sure to check out the new perspective on this iconic attraction.

Since salmon could not traverse the falls, for countless centuries this was a gathering place to fish and trade for tribes throughout the region, including the local **Snoqualmie Tribe**, whose casino is just up the hill from the falls.

At waterfall's edge, the Salish Lodge & Spa continues to accrue accolades—Condé Nast Traveler recently ranked it No. 9 out of the Northwest's 20 top hotels.

## Visit the historic Snoqualmie Depot

As you enter the town, you can't miss the antique trains that line the tracks at Snoqualmie. The **Northwest Railway Museum** hosts tours of the town's Victorian train depot as well as its collection of more than 70 locomotives, coaches and cars.

Train buffs can also take a five-mile tour of the valley aboard a locomotive. These tours are very popular with the Thomas the Tank Engine set, so be sure to book in advance ([www.trainmuseum.org](http://www.trainmuseum.org)).

## North Bend attractions

North Bend is the final stop on this corridor—a picturesque town with **Mount Si** filling nearly every view. A steep eight-mile round-trip trail gets you to the top of the most-hiked mountain in the state.

If this town looks familiar it's because you've seen it on TV—the surreal series *Twin Peaks* was shot here. The Mar-T Cafe is now Twedes, but the neon sign, the famous Twin Peaks Cherry Pie and that “damn fine coffee” all remain the same.

Nearby **Rattlesnake Lake** is a popular hiking, camping and fishing site located near the western access to **Iron Horse State Park**, an abandoned railroad line-turned-trail that runs for 110 miles to the Columbia River.

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## Cool Cut

From the Cascade Valleys Heritage Corridor, when you reach Fall City, you can head north through the rolling farmland of Carnation and Duval on SR-203 to connect with the Stevens Pass Greenway portion of the Cascade Loop Scenic Byway at Monroe.

From Snoqualmie, you can connect with the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway at I-90.



*NW Railway Museum in downtown Snoqualmie.*

## Trip Tip:

*A sample itinerary for this byway is available under Scenic Byways Road Trips at [www.ScenicWA.com](http://www.ScenicWA.com)*

# Chuckanut Drive



*Above: One of Chuckanut's numerous viewpoints of the San Juan Islands. ©Andy Porter; Opposite page: Kayaking along sandstone cliffs at Larrabee. ©No Wrong Turns.*

This 21-mile road trip from Burlington hugs the sheer sandstone cliffs of the Chuckanut Mountains with views of the San Juans and ends in Bellingham's historic Fairhaven District. This is a wonderful, slower-paced alternative to driving I-5.

## Start in the bountiful Skagit Valley

Pastoral **Skagit Valley farmland**, with its picturesque barns and homesteads, quickly gives way to the saltwater shores of Samish Bay and views of Anacortes on the tip of Fidalgo Island and **Mount Constitution** rising high above Orcas. Those tiny dots of land you see poking above the waterline have names like Guemes, Cypress and Sinclair—all are residents of the **San Juan Islands archipelago**.

While Skagit Valley is world famous for its tulip fields, you'll also encounter flocks of migrating swans, organic farm stands and freshly harvested shellfish. In Bow, if it works out schedule-wise, dine at the amazing Rhododendron Café, where locally sourced foods and wines are perfectly prepared and served. Next door visit Bonnar's Trading Post, perhaps the best junk store in Skagit County, and Samish Bay Cheese for a tour and a taste.

## The artist haven of Edison

Be sure to plan some time to take the brief detour to Edison. Artists who live and display their works in small boutique galleries occupy many of the buildings in this one-horse town. Foodies always love Tweets, Slough Foods and the Breadfarm.

## Gorgeous island views

As you climb out of the valley, the road narrows and you're suddenly cruising between the tall

## By-Lights

**Skagit Valley tulips**

**Migrating swans and snow geese**

**Artist community of Edison**

**San Juan Islands viewpoints**

**Taylor Shellfish Farm**

**Larrabee State Park**

**Historic Fairhaven District**





sandstone cliffs of **Blanchard Mountain**—with its popular nature trails and a hang gliding launchpad—and the bay with its gorgeous sunsets and island views. There are several pullouts and trailheads along the curvy route, so if you miss one viewpoint, don't get reckless; another photo op is right around the next turn. In a few miles, you'll pass a small, understated building, and in the evening, cars will be parked precariously on the shoulder for a mile or more. This is the Oyster Bar, legendary for fine dining and even better service. Fresh, you ask? Just over the cliff at water's edge, is **Taylor Shellfish Farms**; pop down for a tour and to grab a bag of freshly harvested oysters.

### Larrabee State Park

Continuing north, **Larrabee State Park**, with trailheads to the beach and several alpine lakes on Chuckanut Mountain, can easily provide a few days worth of unbeatable outdoor recreation and camping. Need a break from the tent, camp stove and fire pit? Head to the historic 1890s **Fairhaven District** just a few miles up the road.

### Cool cuts:

From Edison, head south on Farm to Market Road to connect the **Cascade Loop/Whidbey Scenic Isle Way** on SR-20.

The **San Juan Islands Scenic Byway** is accessible via state ferry from Anacortes just a few miles to the west on SR-20.



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## Worth a Detour

Drive or walk along the Bellingham Bay waterfront to downtown Bellingham.

You'll pass the spot where Lummi Tribal families, camping and fishing on the beaches here, first spotted Captain George Vancouver's ship "Discovery" sailing into Bellingham Bay in 1792.

## Strolling the Fairhaven Historic District

Chuckanut Bay Gallery is a great first stop; then go into Fairhaven's core, where several restaurants, shops, bookstores and pubs too numerous to list await. Browse the stacks at Village Books or grab a cup of joe at the original Tony's Coffees & Teas. Top it off with a bite to eat at the legendary Colophon Cafe or Skylarks Hidden Cafe, where you can enjoy patio dining in the summer.

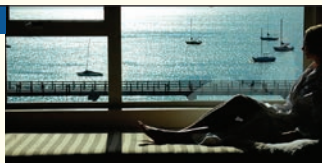
If you decide to stay for a couple days, the **Fairhaven Village Inn** or nearby **Chrysalis Inn & Spa** are fabulous boutique hotels in the heart of town, and both are perfect hubs for exploration of the entire area.

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# Columbia River Gorge



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The Columbia River cut this dramatic sea-level passage through the Cascade Mountains on its way to the Pacific Ocean eons ago. Lewis and Clark explored this path centuries ago. Today, modern travelers are awestruck at the natural beauty of the 80-mile Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway.

## Entering the Columbia River Gorge

In the summer, **Camas** is adorned with huge flower baskets, making a stroll to visit the shops and restaurants a delightful experience. A nice old hotel in the heart of town is a great place to start your exploration of the gorge.

In neighboring Washougal, be sure to visit the **Pendleton Woolen Mills** store and factory. Here you can see the process firsthand from the state-of-the-art dyehouse, through spinning and weaving, to the finishing of its distinctive American Indian blankets.



## North Bonneville and Beacon Rock

The city of North Bonneville is a good headquarters for fishing, hiking and outdoor exploration. Greenleaf, Bass, Kidney and Tule lakes are all within city limits, and the town features 12 miles of paved ADA-accessible trails plus a gorgeous disc golf course. Nearby Bonneville Dam and Bonneville Hot Springs are well worth checking out.

Three miles west of town, **Beacon Rock State Park** has a switchback path with handrails to the top of the impressive 848-foot Beacon Rock.

## Downtown Stevenson

Stevenson boasts several tasty locally owned eateries along with a riverfront trail and park

## By-Lights

**Pendleton Woolen Mills Tour**

**Columbia River Gorge Interpretive Center**

**Wind Surfing & Kite Boarding on the Columbia River**

**Petroglyphs at Columbia Hills State Park**

**Maryhill Museum and Stonehenge**



*Petroglyphs at Columbia Hills State Park.  
©Marcus Yearout*

that's a popular launch for kiteboarding. Pair all that great food with award-winning craft beer and both a new distillery and new cidery on the waterfront.

Located near downtown, the **Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum** tells both the

geological and human history of this region.

In the museum's Creation Theatre, you can experience the cataclysmic formation of the gorge. Its logo "*She Who Watches*" is based on a petroglyph you can see at **Columbia Hills State Park** a bit further up the road.

## Worth a Detour

From Carson, go north along Wind River to the Mount St. Helens Windy Ridge Viewpoint. You'll climb steadily past waterfalls and through a standing dead forest to arguably one of the best views of the crater and the log-strewn Spirit Lake.

Continuing north from Windy Ridge will connect you with the White Pass Scenic Byway (US-12) at Randle.

Note that this route is closed in the winter so check before heading out.

## The heart of windsurfing country

Continuing along river's edge, Bingen (pronounced BIN-jin) is always abuzz with the recreation junkies and nature lovers that populate this place year-round. **The Hatchery**, a launch near Bingen, is a great place to see windsurfers and kitesurfers.

Several restaurants and brewpubs offer local fare liberally spiced with local flair (think windsurfer/kiteboarder culture).

## White Salmon River

Flowing from Mount Adams all the way into the Columbia River, the White Salmon River is a year-round favorite spot for kayakers and white-water rafters. Drive up the hill through White Salmon toward BZ Corner to find several rafting companies that offer experienced guides and **white-water thrills**. Don't want to get wet? Guided **horseback trail rides** are also plentiful in these parts.

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The White Salmon area also marks the western edge of the **Columbia Gorge wine-growing region**—wine lovers will encounter more than 20 regional winemakers as they continue on their journey eastward.

Syncline, COR Cellars and Maryhill Winery are just a small sampling of the notable wineries and tasting rooms along this route. Check out the summer concerts at **Maryhill Winery**, where the natural acoustics of the gorge and stunning backdrop create a world-class concert venue.

## Columbia Hills State Park

Campers, rock climbers and archaeology buffs shouldn't miss **Columbia Hills State Park**. Climbing opportunities abound in the basalt buttes of this 3,000-acre park.

More than **100 Native American pictographs** are tucked into these rocks, including the famed "She Who Watches," the logo of the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center.

## Maryhill Museum and Stonehenge

The **Maryhill Museum of Art** houses a collection of European paintings, including 80 works by Auguste Rodin as well as American Indian artifacts. With its café and outdoor sculpture garden, a nearby replica of **Stonehenge**, and the **Maryhill Winery** and concert stage right next door, this place proves culture doesn't need a big city to thrive.



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# Cranberry Coast Scenic Byway



*Above: Tending a cranberry bog in Grayland; Right: Commercial and charter fishing vessels docked at the Westport marina.*

This 49-mile byway's name honors the tart berry farmed in bogs in this coastal region—cranberries once grew wild here, but the wild beauty of the Pacific is what this byway is really all about.

## Around the harbor to Westport

As you head toward Westport on SR-105, the first winery and vineyard in Grays Harbor, the Westport Winery, beckons with a 40-foot lighthouse. This is no mere tasting room—there's also a sculpture garden, nine holes of pasture golf, a bakery, a dog park and plans for an arboretum.

In Westport, climb the 135 steps to the top of **Grays Harbor Lighthouse** (Washington's tallest), to appreciate how relentlessly the ocean changes landscapes. This beacon was once 400 feet from the water, and now it's 3,000 feet from the shore.

Westport itself is on a peninsula, with a marina on one side and Washington's most consistent surfing break on the other. Several surf shops rent and sell gear and will provide lessons and tips on the best spots to hit the waves. The **Westport Maritime Museum**, directly across from the marina is also worth a browse. Craving seafood? A fresh fish stand on Float 8 will pack the day's catch on ice for you.

## The heart of cranberry country

Backtrack out of Westport and drive south to Grayland—the heart of **cranberry country**. For a closer look at the local crop, visit in October

## By-Lights

**Westport Winery sculpture garden**

**Westport Maritime Museum**

**Cranberry bogs in Grayland**

**Northwest Carriage Museum**



## Cool Cuts

The Cranberry Coast is a bypass of a stretch of the larger Pacific Coast Scenic Byway on US-101 which you can rejoin at Raymond. Continue south to Long Beach Peninsula and an intersection with another of our byways, the Lewis & Clark Trail.

and tour a bog during the Cranberry Harvest Festival. **Grayland Beach State Park** offers campsites that are close to the ocean, along with good kiteflying and clam digging.

Continue south toward Cape Shoalwater and Washaway Beach, the site of the most rapid erosion on the Pacific Coast. Approximately 100 feet of land a year vanish into the sea here, and the sight of homes being slowly consumed by the relentless Pacific is surreal and humbling.

## Visit some stars of the silver screen

The byway winds eastward now along Willapa Bay toward **Raymond**. In this rural community discover more than 200 steel sculptures dotting the landscape, and take time to explore the one-of-a-kind **Northwest Carriage Museum**. This collection of horse-drawn carriages will give you a new appreciation for the internal combustion engine that carried you so conveniently along this byway. Among buggies featured in many famous films is the carriage used by Belle Watling in **Gone with the Wind**.



## Worth a Detour

Turn off SR-105 onto Tokeland Road and explore the remote and weathered Tokeland Peninsula near Cape Shoalwater.

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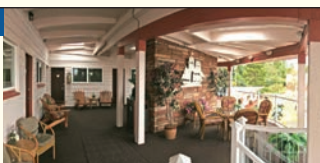
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# Hidden Coast Scenic Byway



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## By-Lights

**Polson Museum**

**Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge**

**Razor Clamming**

**Driving on the beach at Ocean Shores**

**Picturesque Community of Seabrook**

**Quinault Tribe's Cultural Center**

## Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge

Hoquiam, Aberdeen's sister city, is the gateway to adventures on Washington's north coast. The **Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge** on the western edge of Hoquiam is a stop on the **Pacific Flyway**—in the spring, the skies and tidal flats here are alive with thousands of shorebirds. Photographers flock to this spectacle as well.

## Ocean Shores: A family favorite

Head north and detour into **Ocean Shores**. Beachfront hotels, campsites at Ocean City State Park, and attractions ranging from horseback rides on the beach to go-karts make this a family-friendly ocean getaway.

Walk into the jaws at Sharky's souvenir shop—it's as kitschy as it sounds, and you'll love every minute of it. In short, Ocean Shores is a great place to headquarter for your exploration up the hidden coast.

## Entering the hidden coast

Many small, family-owned resorts dot SR-109 up at the coast. The Green Lantern Pub in Copalis Beach (more a postal designation than





an actual town) is a burger-and-brew place that's always packed during razor clam digs.

Another highlight of this stretch is a ghost forest—trees that were killed by a tsunami in the 1700s that remain standing, gray and skeletal, today. The living forests in this area provide the best wild mushroom hunting in the state.

## Sunset at Seabrook

Like your near-the-beach accommodations to look like they were lifted from the pages of **Sunset Magazine**? Consider a stay at Seabrook, a recently built development that actually has been featured on the cover of that magazine.

Continue north to **Pacific Beach** and **Moclips**, communities that have been around considerably longer and have the "quirk-factor" to prove it—for example, check out the Kelper's Festival parade that winds down the highway between the two towns every September.



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## Tribal and local history

Learn more about local history with a visit to the **Museum of the North Beach** in Moclips, and then continue your journey to the end of the road at Taholah, home of the **Quinault Indian Nation**.

A **Quinault cultural center** here has artifacts and photographs from the people who lived here long before tourists "discovered" it. This spot, where the Quinault River empties into the Pacific, is the dividing line between the wide beaches of the south coast and the rugged and wild north coast.

## Cool Cut

Near the northern tip of SR-109 at Moclips, a drive eastward on the Moclips Highway links up with Highway 101; head north for Lake Quinault and its historic lodge on the **Pacific Coast Scenic Byway**.

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## By-Lights

### Hells Canyon

**Sacajawea State Park Interpretive Center**

**Beacon Rock State Park**

**Maryhill Museum and Stonehenge replica**

**Wine tasting in Tri-Cities and Walla Walla**

**Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center**

**Long Beach Peninsula**

## Clarkston and Hells Canyon

The corps twice found shelter with the **Nez Perce Tribe** near Clarkston; **Alpovai Interpretive Center** features exhibits that tell the story of their stay here.

If time allows, take a half-day jetboat trip into **Hells Canyon**, America's deepest river gorge; much of the landscape is the same today as it was 200 years ago. Native petroglyphs can be found on the canyon walls near Asotin.

## Campsite on Patit Creek in Dayton

Go west on US-12 to the spot where the explorers set up camp on the banks of **Patit Creek** in Dayton on May 2, 1806. **A full-scale replica of the campsite** and an interpretive kiosk provide a glimpse of what it may have looked like here when the corps passed through on their return route.

## The corps reaches the Tri-Cities

From Waitsburg, following SR-124 will keep you close to the original westbound route of the corps to the Tri-Cities. At **Sacajawea State Park**, you can visit the interpretive center that highlights the important role that Sacajawea played in the success of the corps' mission. You'll also be able to enjoy the scenery where the

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Tri-Cities is home to eight national wildlife refuges and reserves, notably the **Hanford Reach National Monument**. Located on the longest free-flowing and non-tidal stretch of the Columbia River, it's one of the region's most prominent wildlife viewing areas.

## Worth a Stop

Clover Island Marina in Kennewick offers easy access to miles of river on the Columbia and is just minutes away from the Snake and Yakima rivers, all of which offer spectacular fishing, family water-sport fun or relaxed sailing. Stroll the Riverwalk where you'll find a variety of dining options on the banks of the Columbia.

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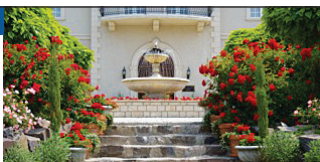
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## Lewis & Clark Slept Here

Located on what is often referred to as, “The Forgotten Trail” of the Lewis & Clark expedition, Dayton should not be forgotten during your visit to this part of the state. With three historic districts, four heritage museums, and over 115 buildings and homes on the State and National Historic Register, Dayton has a lot of history to share.

## Return to Walla Walla

On the corps’ return journey in 1806, they selected an alternate route that parallels today’s US-12 through **Walla Walla**. Like its Tri-Cities neighbor, this scenic region at the foot of the **Blue Mountains** is also popular for outdoor recreation, but these days it is perhaps best known for great wines.

No less than **100 wineries** are clustered around the community—each with its own unique character and quality. Popular events like Spring and Fall Release Weekend and Holiday Barrel Tasting are great for sampling Walla Walla wines and meeting the winemakers and growers.

A stroll through **historic downtown** Walla Walla is an unforgettable blend of urban chic and rural hospitality. Be sure to swing by the fully renovated **Marcus Whitman Hotel**, dating back to 1927; the hotel hosts regular wine-pairing dinners and events.

## Joining the Columbia River

At Maryhill, with its well-known museum and Stonehenge replica, the Lewis and Clark Byway joins the **Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway** for almost 100 miles until it reaches the town of Washougal. Lewis and Clark explored this route two centuries ago and today modern travelers will be awestruck by the natural beauty of this stretch of the Columbia River Gorge that still remains relatively untouched by time.



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The Lewis and Clark expedition camped at the village near the current **Columbia Hills State**

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## Worth a Stop

Fort Columbia State Park is located at Chinook Point National Historic Landmark. It is adjacent to the Corps of Discovery's Station Camp site.

The fort was built in 1896 to support the defense of the Columbia River. Visitors can walk around three artillery batteries and two coastal artillery guns on the park grounds.



**Park** and described its wooden houses in one of their journals. Important tribal pictographs that predate the Lewis and Clark expedition were rescued from inundation by the backwaters of the **Dalles Dam** and can be viewed here.

## Beacon Rock State Park

Recreation and history converge at Beacon Rock, west of Bonneville. This core of an ancient volcano was mentioned in the Lewis and Clark journals and marks the spot the explorers noticed tidal influences and knew they were near the Pacific.

## Captain William Clark Park

On March 31, 1806, the corps established a camp at **Cottonwood Beach in Washougal** while they secured provisions for the return trip through the Columbia River Gorge and points east. Replicas of their **dugout canoes** can be seen at nearby Captain William Clark Park.

## Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Those interested in history should plan a stop at the **Fort Vancouver National Historic Site**. This pre-Civil War-era military complex is also the location of an early **Hudson's Bay Company** fur-trading outpost.

Daily interpretive presentations by staff in period clothing bring the life and times of these rugged trappers and traders to life. There are dining options on a nearby riverfront strand.

## Dismal Nitch and Station Camp sites

On the last leg of your journey, you'll find **Clark's Dismal Nitch**. This is the place where the



team retreated from miserable weather to a cove that Clark later referred to in his journals as “this dismal nitch.”

The corps culminated their westward journey at **Station Camp** near present-day Chinook, where the corps spent 10 days before deciding to move across the river for the winter.

### “Ocian in view! O! the joy.”

The forceful presence of Pacific Ocean wind, waves and salt water 20 miles up the Columbia River elicited this celebrated and misspelled exclamation from William Clark. It would be more than a week later before they reached Pacific surf on the **Long Beach Peninsula**.

## Cape Disappointment and the Long Beach Peninsula

From Station Camp, Clark and a party of men crossed the **Cape Disappointment** headlands for their first full glimpse of the Pacific Ocean.

Located near Ilwaco at the southern base of the Long Beach Peninsula, Cape Disappointment State Park and the **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center** are a fitting end to exploration along this byway. You can learn more about the Long Beach Peninsula in the **Pacific Coast Scenic Byway** section.

Perched high on a cliff over a cove, the center’s murals, displays and films recount this legendary journey to the Pacific Ocean. Two **lighthouses**, Cape Disappointment and North Head are picturesque and worth the short hike.

North Head is open for tours, but there is a 4-foot height restriction for children.

You can rent the lighthouse keepers residence you’ll see near the parking lot ([www.parks.wa.gov/378/VacationHouses](http://www.parks.wa.gov/378/VacationHouses)).

Take it in, and be grateful that your journey home doesn’t involve paddling and hiking the thousands of miles back to Missouri!

## Long Beach Peninsula

Explore the delightful seaside community of Long Beach with its colorful shops, great seafood, kite museum, horseback riding and expansive beach.

The beachside boardwalk is part of the Discovery Trail that will get you all the way to Ilwaco by way of the North Head Lighthouse.

At the far north end of the peninsula, you’ll encounter historic Oysterville and Leadbetter State Park; a shorebird’s paradise.



*View from inside the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse which sits high on a bluff near the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Tours are available.*

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# Mount Baker Scenic Byway



Winding along the banks of the Nooksack River, through small logging communities, past waterfalls and alongside old-growth forest groves, this 58-mile trek ends at the base of the 10,781-foot volcano Mount Baker.



## By-Lights

**Downtown  
Bellingham**

**Glacier**

**Nooksack Falls**

**Old-growth forest**

**Mount Shuksan at  
Picture Lake**

**Mount Baker Ski Area**

**Artist's Point**

## Following the Nooksack

Take I-5 Exit 255 from **Bellingham**, and soon after the last stoplight has faded in your rearview mirror, you'll come to Deming, the last "large" community you'll encounter on this journey. This entire region is the traditional home of the **Nooksack Indian Tribe**; its tribal casino is located here.

Mount Baker Vineyards is just a couple miles west of town. Wine lovers will want to make a note to swing in for a tasting on the way back down from the mountain.

Just a mile or so past Deming at the SR-9 intersection, a three-mile side trip to Van Zandt will reward you with a great view of Mount Baker and the snowcapped Twin Sisters Mountain. Stop at **Everybody's Store**. The *Los Angeles Times* noted an "encyclopedic array [of] organically grown produce, medicinal herbs, home-baked goods, wines and smoked salmon."

## Small, welcoming communities

Back on SR-542, you'll pass the North Fork Brewery. Despite the "brewery" name, it is a very family-friendly pizzeria, beer shrine and wedding chapel. Yes, you read that right.



*Left: Mt. Shuksan from Picture Lake near the ski area. ©Brett Baunton; Top Right: Hiking trail near Heather Meadows. ©Bellingham Whatcom Tourism; Bottom: Enjoying an outing at Mount Baker Vineyards. ©Marcus Yearout*

Over the next 20 miles, you'll pass through the tiny communities of **Kendall, Maple Falls** (visitors center and the last stop for gas) and **Glacier**. A noteworthy stop in Glacier is Graham's—a wood-planked restaurant and saloon as homespun and local as it gets.

A **U.S. Forest Service ranger station** just past Glacier is the place to stop for hiking trail and camping information and backcountry permits.

### Interpretive trail and waterfalls

Turn onto Glacier Creek Road and head toward the Skyline Divide trail to find the **Boyd Creek Interpretive Trail** on FS-37, this short self-guided nature trail focuses on components of healthy fish habitat.

At milepost 40, you'll see the cutoff to **Nooksack Falls**. Take a short drive on a gravel road to reach the parking area and another short walk to view the falls. The Nooksack River takes an 80-foot drop and the view is incredible but respect the fencing when photographing.

### The scenic road to the top

From here, the road climbs quickly through a series of switchbacks. A mile before the ski area,

### Cool Cuts:

Take SR-9 south from Deming to get great views of Baker and the Twin Sisters.

A seasonal scenic railway runs from Wickersham to Lake Whatcom.

The leisurely and winding Highway 9 connects with the **North Cascades Scenic Byway** at Sedro-Woolley or continues to the **Stevens Pass Greenway** near the town of Snohomish.

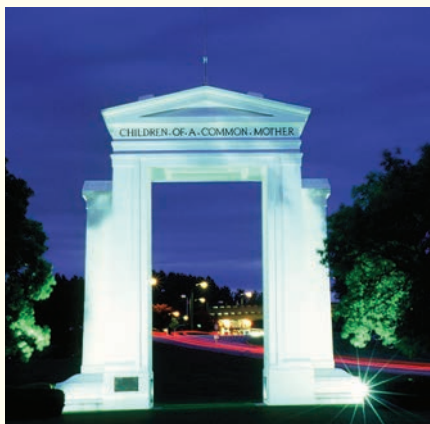
### Trip Tip:

*A sample itinerary for this byway is available under Scenic Byways Road Trips at [www.ScenicWA.com](http://www.ScenicWA.com)*



## Worth A Detour

While visiting the state's northwest corner, take a detour up to the Canadian border to see **Peace Arch State Park** (pictured) and a visit to the border community of **Blaine** and consider taking the short cruise from downtown aboard the historic **MV Plover** across the harbor to **Semiahmoo Resort**.



grab your camera and take the short hike down to the water's edge at little **Picture Lake**. The view of **Mount Shuksan** from here is as good as it gets. Many people go home thinking they've captured the perfect shot of Mount Baker when, in fact, it can't even be seen from here.

To get that photo of Mount Baker, you'll need to continue past the ski area to **Artist Point**, which opens sometime in July until around mid-October. It's worth timing your trip accordingly; the hikes are great and the views of the Cascades from here are breathtaking.

A scenic photograph of a mountain lake. In the background, a large, snow-capped mountain peak rises above a dense forest of evergreen trees. The lake in the foreground is calm, reflecting the mountain and trees. In the immediate foreground, there are colorful wildflowers, including pink and orange ones.

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# North Cascades Scenic Highway



## By-Lights

North Cascades  
National Park

Diablo Lake  
Boat Tours

Pacific Crest Trail

Heli-skiing in the  
Methow

Tawls-Foster  
Suspension Bridge

Old West Winthrop  
Smokejumper Base

The 140-mile North Cascades Scenic Highway is one of those roads people line up for—literally. In the spring when the road reopens, there's a line of cars waiting to take in the craggy peaks and turquoise lakes of the state's northernmost Cascade Mountain pass.

Note the word reopens? This pass typically closes from late November to early May so check with the State Department of Transportation before hitting the road ([www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov)).

### Rich logging history

This byway begins in a town named **Sedro-Woolley**—a timber town adorned with chainsaw art, some of it made at its Fourth of July Loggerodeo. Then further up the road, Concrete's big towers still stand—a testament to the industry that named the town.

Look up in the cottonwoods and alders as the road hugs the Skagit River through Rockport—this is a one of the **biggest wintering areas for bald eagles** in the continental U.S.

In Marblemount, stop in at the Eatery for a cinnamon roll that's the stuff of road food legend. Or pull over at the Cascadian Home Farm stand for a freshly picked organic raspberry shake with real ice cream!



*Left: The climb to Liberty Bell Mountain on the North Cascades Hwy. ©Andy Porter; Top Right: The emerald green waters of Diablo Lake. ©Brett Baunton; Bottom: Road biking near Winthrop.*

## Turquoise lakes behind towering dams

**Gorge, Diablo** and **Ross lakes** are all stop-worthy—as are the dams that made them. Explore **Gorge Powerhouse**, and be sure to take the short hike up **Ladder Creek Falls** behind the dam. Visit at night to see the restored historic light show coloring the falls.

Hang your head over the non-lake side of **Diablo Dam** and marvel at the chasm below. Or at milepost 134, hike the one-mile trail down to **Ross Dam**. Boat, powerhouse and walking tours are available and a great way to get a sense of the place. Seattle City Light has been offering the popular **Diablo Lake Boat Tours** for more than 80 years. Get information or pick up a ticket at the Skagit Visitor Center in the historic company town of Newhalem right behind the steam locomotive.

## Worth a Detour

Located near the west entrance to the North Cascades National Park, Mount Vernon and Burlington are great home bases from which to explore nearby La Conner, Anacortes and the Chuckanut Drive Scenic Byway.

## The stunning Methow Valley

When you reach the summit at Washington Pass, the amazing panorama before you is the Methow (pronounced MET-how) Valley. The





**Methow** welcomes travelers with rolling hills and Rolling Huts—look for the unique vacation cabins on wheels on the left about five miles beyond Mazama.

Hiking opportunities are endless, and for the more adventurous, North Cascade Heli-Skiing—Washington's only heli-ski outfit—also operates out of **Mazama** near the enchanting Freestone Inn. You can also test your nerve by driving across the

Methow River on the nearby **Tawilks-Foster Suspension Bridge**.

## Worth a Detour

Located just a few miles from downtown Winthrop, Pearrygin Lake State Park is a popular sun and water fun destination. It features a 1,200-acre park with lake and mountain views, boat ramps for water skiing, a large fishing dock, trails and campsites.

## Winthrop: Old West meets R&B

Winthrop put on the **Wild West trappings** when the highway was built to tempt visitors to linger, and linger they do. Kids can spend hours in the open-air **Sheri's Sweet Shoppe**, playing Putt-Putt golf, posing for photos in saddles and getting hyper on homemade fudge.

A popular stroll to the **Spring Creek Suspension Bridge** will reward you with nice river views, bald eagles and spawning salmon in the fall. Bear Creek, a family-owned seasonal nine-hole golf course is located near the east end of town for the avid golfers among you.

For the past 27 years in mid-August, Winthrop has played host to an amazing **Rhythm & Blues Festival**, so make sure that your travel plans are synced up to either attend or avoid this insanely popular event. Definitely make plans to spend a couple of days here to explore the town, valleys and mountains.

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## Twisp and Smoke Jumpers

The North Cascades Byway wraps up in Twisp, home of the **North Cascades Smokejumper Base**, which welcomes visitors for tours June 1 through Oct. 1.

Twisp has a burgeoning arts community and is opening more restaurants as well—try wood-fired pizza at Tappi, or grab a warm loaf of bread made from local organic grain at Cinnamon Twisp Bakery. If you're lucky, you can catch a performance at the **Merc Playhouse**.

## Cool Cuts

From Twisp, go east on SR-20 over scenic Loup Loup Pass to connect with the historic Okanogan Trails Scenic Byway and the US-97/SR-155 entrance to the Coulee Corridor between Okanogan and Omak.

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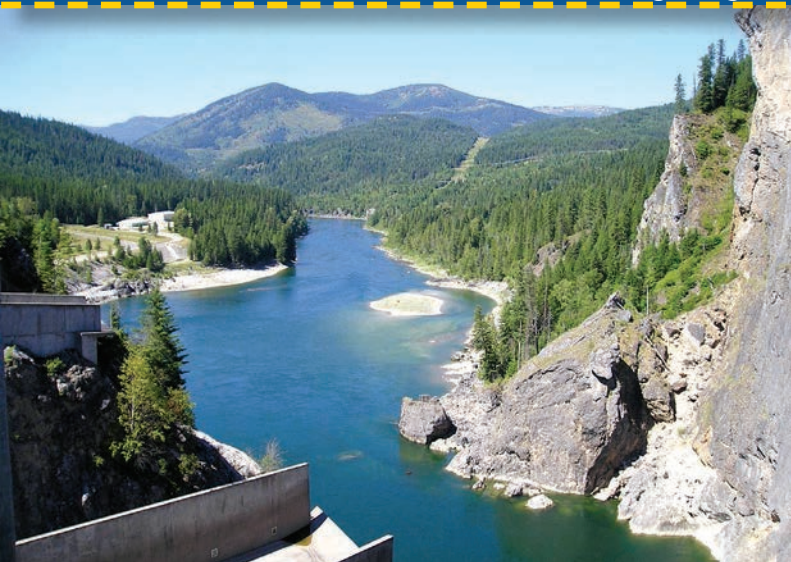


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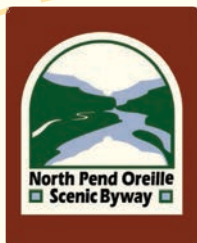
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# North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway



The North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway (pronounced POND-er-AY) explores the remote northeast corner of Washington State. This 27-mile byway runs from Tiger to Boundary Dam near the Canadian border and overlays a small portion of the 280-mile International Selkirk Loop.



## By-Lights

**Lions Club Scenic train ride**

**Boundary Dam and Gardner Cave tours**

**Tundra Swan Festival**

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## Tiger to lone

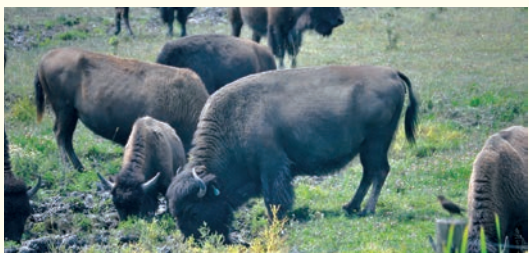
In Tiger, check out the small **visitor center and museum**. Heading north, the next town you'll encounter is Lone (pronounced eye-OWN). If you're traveling in June, be sure your plans include **Down River Days**, a celebration of the Pend Oreille River that features a wacky snowmobile race across its flowing water.

The North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club operates a **scenic train tour** out of the depot here during summer and fall—the fall color rides are especially spectacular as the train winds along the river gorge to Metaline Falls with great views of **Box Canyon Dam**.

## Metaline Falls

The Pend Oreille River is your constant companion as the road winds along its banks to Metaline Falls. Linger on the bridge on the way into town and peer over the edge. Those rippling rapids you see were once a waterfall, the town's namesake prior to its inundation by the construction of **Boundary Dam**.

Keep an eye out for homes and buildings with characteristic curves that were designed by world-renowned architect Kirtland Cutter. The **Cutter Theatre** features live performances; the museum and gallery is open for public tours.



## Boundary Dam and Gardner Cave

Beyond Metaline Falls, SR-31 winds along picturesque beaver ponds and abandoned homesteads and then forks into a couple of compelling dead ends near the Canadian border. Go left to **Crawford State Park** and **Gardner Cave**, the third longest limestone cavern in Washington. Rangers lead free tours into this former bootlegger's cave every day except Tuesday and Wednesday in spring and summer.

Take the right branch of the fork and tour Boundary Dam. A vast limestone cavern here serves as the biggest underground powerhouse in the nation. **Seattle City Light conducts tours here** from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Free lakefront campsites operated by Seattle City Light are also available. Try to arrange for a boat tour of the dam's backwaters for sights like **Pee Wee Falls** and abandoned mine shafts that can't be seen from anywhere else.

## South from Tiger along the Selkirk Loop

Winding gently south along the Pend Oreille South of Tiger on SR-20, following the banks of the Pend Oreille River, you'll be on another Washington State stretch of the **International Selkirk Loop** that enters Idaho near Newport.

Roads shooting off of this leg of the journey wind deeply into the **Colville National Forest** and provide endless outdoor recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities.

*Left: Viewpoint above Boundary Dam;  
Top Right: Paddling along the Pend Oreille Water Trail; Bottom: Historic Tiger Visitor Center; Kalispel Tribe's buffalo herd at Usk.*

## Pend Oreille River Water Trail

The Pend Oreille River Water Trail covers 70 miles of the Pend Oreille River. The Water Trail begins in Oldtown, ID, then follows the river north through Pend Oreille County, in NE Washington, all the way up to Boundary Dam, just one mile shy of Southeastern British Columbia, Canada. Note that the Pend Oreille River is one of a handful of major rivers in the U.S. that flows north—it seems that up in Pend Oreille County, even our river goes against the grain. [pendoreilleriver.com](http://pendoreilleriver.com)

## Cool Cut

Take SR-20 west at Tiger to connect to the **Sherman Pass Scenic Byway** at Kettle Falls.

## Trip Tip:

A sample itinerary for this byway is available under Scenic Byways Road Trips at [www.ScenicWA.com](http://www.ScenicWA.com)

## Entering Kalispel Indian Reservation

Cross the Pend Oreille at Usk to see the **Kalispel Tribe's buffalo herd** and the Manresa Grotto, a cave overlooking the river where the Kalispel have held tribal ceremonies for thousands of years. Usk is also home to the annual Tundra Swan Festival held each March.

In **Pioneer Park** just a couple miles north of Newport, exhibits include an elevated boardwalk overlooking a **4,000-year-old camas oven** where the Kalispel people once baked this root—a starchy food staple of the Tribe and early settlers.

Newport is also home to the **Pend Oreille County Historical Society Museum**, a great stop for a glimpse of the community's early settlement.

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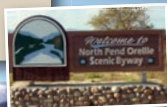


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# Okanogan Trails



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This 83-mile byway traces a stretch of the Cariboo Trail that was a Native American trade route for thousands of years. Up until the late 1800s, this was an important route to mining camps and a cattle-drive trail into Canada.

## Lake Pateros and Brewster

Lake Pateros, at the **confluence of the Methow and Columbia Rivers**, is this byway's southernmost point. The lake invites swimming, skiing and fishing under eastern Washington's summer sun, and in the winter, nearby snow parks offer acres of trails for snowmobiling and snowshoeing. The Methow Valley is home to the **largest cross-country ski trail system in North America**.

A little further up the Columbia, Brewster is known as the **apple capital of the byway**, being home to several large apple-processing facilities, as well as incredible cherry processing plants



## By-Lights

### Chiliwist and Sinlahekin wildlife areas

Look for deer, bear, moose, and even bighorn sheep along this route. The 5,000-acre **Chiliwist Wildlife Area**, north of Brewster, and 19,500-acre **Sinlahekin Wildlife Area**, between Conconully and Loomis, are prime hiking and wildlife-watching spots. Sinlahekin, established in 1939 to conserve mule deer habitat, is **Washington's oldest designated wildlife area**.

### Historic Okanogan

The early 1900s version of Okanogan is still visible today. The **historical museum** in an exact replica of the original horse-drawn wagon fire station, the courthouse, old flour mill and the Cariboo Inn all remain from that bygone era.

**Salmon & steelhead fishing along the upper Columbia in Pateros, Brewster & Bridgeport**

**Historic Cariboo Trail**

**Frank Matsura photo murals**

**Omak Stampede and Indian encampment**

**Old Molson Ghost Town Museums**



Omak Stampede Rodeo. ©Tom Reichner

**Murals of Frank Matsura's photographs** (1903-1913) capture the culture and spirit of the early 1900s town and countryside life.

## Cool Cuts

From Okanogan, head west on SR-20, over Loup Loup Pass. There is a small ski area here, but what it lacks in acreage (300) it makes up in down-home hospitality. This is a very scenic connecting route to Twisp on the North Cascades Scenic Byway.

## Omak Stampede and Indian encampment

The second weekend each August, the **Omak Stampede and World Famous Suicide Race** draw cowboys and controversy as riders plunge down a steep hillside into the Okanogan River in an extreme race (you can see the path they ride as you enter town). This longtime community event also features a PRCA rodeo, **Indian encampment**, powwow, carnival and art show. If you're lucky enough to be hungry at this point in your journey, settle into a booth at the Breadline Cafe. Housed in a historical building, this home-style restaurant and bakery served locally grown fare decades before it became a trend.

## North to the Canadian border

The piney shores of Conconully Lake and Reservoir offer campsites and abundant trout fishing. Charming Tonasket marks the gateway to the **Many Lakes Recreation Area** west of the byway. Near Oroville, don't miss the Similkameen Trail—a rail trail that the Washington Trails Association calls "a jewel" with river gorge views, a 375-foot bridge, and interpretive signs that feature the history of the Okanogan. Access this trail in Oroville for a seven-mile hike, or drive further west to Taber's Trailhead for the four-mile version.

This byway ends at the Canadian border and **Osoyoos Lake**, which stretches 14 miles into British Columbia and attracts water sports enthusiasts all summer long.

## Suggested Side Trip



From Oroville, head east on Central Avenue West toward Chesaw for about nine miles; then take a left on Molson Road, and go up the hill for five miles.

The Old Molson ghost town is remarkably intact and the nearby Molson Museum, located in the original schoolhouse, is a delightful way to get the story of the town's rise and fall.

From Molson, continue east on Chesaw Road toward Curlew. With abandoned homesteads, the Chesaw general store

(where I met three young entrepreneurs pictured above) and rodeo grounds, beaver ponds, Washington's smallest state park—Ranald MacDonald's burial site—the Ansort Hotel where Henry Ford once stayed, and Curlew Lake State Park, this route is filled with character.

If you're on a schedule, forget about it. This is a delightfully slow-paced experience.

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# Pacific Coast Scenic Byway



## By-Lights

**Hood Canal**

**Victorian Port  
Townsend**

**Hoh Valley of the  
Rainforest Giants**

**Marymere and Sol  
Duc Falls**

**Olympic National  
Park**

**Long Beach  
Peninsula**

This 350-mile byway epitomizes the Evergreen State. It outlines the entire Olympic Peninsula, meanders through a national park and rain forests, along ocean beaches, then extends south to the border with Oregon. It's way too long to do in one day, so plan to pack a clam shovel and some boots and take your time.

### Enter through Olympia

Gigantic metal cows made by artist Gary Vig mark this byway's beginning near Olympia, **Washington State's capital**. Besides being home to the capitol campus, Olympia is a haven for trendy restaurants, shops and a seasonal farmers market in the historic downtown core. Fish Tale Brew Pub is a popular hangout for Olympians and those just passing through.

### The western shores of Hood Canal

From Olympia, take US-101 north toward Shelton and the small communities along Hood Canal. Those interested in tribal culture and heritage will want to stop at the **Squaxin Island Tribe's excellent museum**. The tribe has also built a fabulous golf resort, Salish Cliffs, which needs to be on every avid golfer's bucket list.





*Left: Clamming at sunset. ©Anne Erickson; Top Right: Tour the capitol campus at Olympia. Middle: Feel the mist above Sol Duc Falls. Bottom: Visitors stroll the pleasant streets of Port Townsend, a Victorian seaport community that's on the National Register of Historic Places.*

## Say “Dosewallips” and feel like a local

Beyond Shelton, the road settles into the multiple curves and fun-to-say Native American names on the Hood Canal. Buy fresh fish at Hama Hama Seafood, linger in Lilliwaup, or fill your lumberjack appetite at the Timberhouse Restaurant in Quilcene, featuring big plates and wonder displays (inside and out) of the area's logging roots.

Parks along this route offer plentiful camping—the canvas platform tents at Dosewallips State Park are a fun, and heated, option.

## Jamestown S’Klallam totems

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal campus is a good stop—the many totem poles with the blue waters of Sequim Bay behind them make a great photograph. Peek into the “House of Myths” Carving Shed to see artist Dale Faulstich in action, revealing the stories that are encased in cedar logs.

## Worth a Detour

From US-101 near Discovery Bay, take SR-20 to Port Townsend. The entire downtown core of this Victorian seaport community is on the National Register of Historic Places.

It is well worth the short detour to stroll and grab a bite in this charming town.

## Sequim and Port Angeles

Located in the “rain shadow” behind the Olympic Mountains, Sequim (pronounced Skwim) is renowned for its sunny weather and lavender fields. Sequim is also home to the **Dungeness Spit**—the longest natural sandspit in the United States. Become a “lighthouse keeper”

and spend a week at the **historic lighthouse** at the end of this five-mile-long spit ([newdungenesslighthouse.com](http://newdungenesslighthouse.com)).

Fifteen miles further west, Port Angeles is the jumping-off point for visits to **Victoria, British Columbia**, aboard the MV Coho and also the gateway to **Hurricane Ridge**, the crown jewel of **Olympic National Park**.



*Dungeness Lighthouse.*  
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The drive up to the ridge is scenic and spectacular. If you stay (Port Angeles is a good home base for this byway), Next Door Gastropub is a perfect spot for a local brew, a bite and people watching from sidewalk seating.

### Trip Tip:

*A sample itinerary for this byway is available under Scenic Byways Road Trips at [www.ScenicWA.com](http://www.ScenicWA.com)*

## Lakes and waterfall trails

Glacially carved **Lake Crescent** is a spectacular distraction, so pull over at the Lake Crescent Lodge and explore this historic spot.

Take the easy hike from **Storm King Ranger Station** to **Marymere Falls** (check out [www.olympicpeninsulawaterfalltrail.com](http://www.olympicpeninsulawaterfalltrail.com)), or take a dip in the clear blue water. A few miles up the road, **Sol Duc Hot Springs** and a short hike to the falls are worth the drive.

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## Twilight and Quileute Tribal Country

Forks, made famous as the setting of the *Twilight* book series is named for the many rivers that intersect in the area, and its location makes the town popular with anglers seeking steelhead and salmon.

Head down SR-110 to the coast and several popular hiking beaches and sea stacks in LaPush, home of the Quileute Tribe's **Oceanside Resort and River's Edge Restaurant**.

## Of Note

Fee for National Park access into Hurricane Ridge, Sol Duc Hot Springs, Cape Flattery and Hoh Rain Forest is \$15 per carload for a 7-consecutive day pass; Seniors (62+) can get a \$10 lifetime pass.

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## Cool Cut

Just a few miles west of Port Angeles, you can take SR-112 to follow the **Strait of Juan de Fuca Byway** with views across the strait to Victoria and Vancouver Island.

When you reach Clallam Bay, continue to the northwest tip of the lower 48 U.S. on the **Cape Flattery Tribal Scenic Byway**.

From here, backtrack to SR-13 to reconnect with the **Pacific Coast Byway** at Sappho.

This area is also the gateway to the **Hoh Rain Forest** and the last provisioning place before this byway gets truly wild. The moss-draped rain forest canopies are so oxygen rich that you'll feel slightly light-headed and wonder whether it's the oxygen or hypnotic beauty at work.

## Following the wild Pacific coastline

Thirty minutes beyond Forks is this byway's namesake—the Pacific Coast. **Ruby Beach, Kalaloch** (pronounced CLAY-lock) and this entire wild stretch of coast deserves at least 24 hours of hanging out—otherwise you won't see the sun's rays through the early morning mist or the sky blazing orange as the same sun drops into the Pacific at the end of the day. Stay awhile (Kalaloch Lodge has camping and cabins); you'll be glad you did.

## Land of the Rain Forest Giants

A few miles south of Kalaloch, US-101 cuts inland toward **Amanda Park** and **Lake Quinalt**. Roosevelt elk herds and giant trees are commonplace here. The valley that creates Lake Quinalt and Quinalt Rain Forest is truly the



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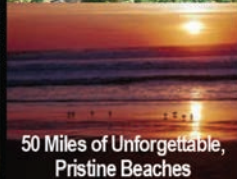
Continuing south, you may be tempted to cut over to the coast to **Ocean Shores** and the **Hidden Coast Scenic Byway**. Stay on 101 and you'll soon arrive in Hoquiam and its sister city Aberdeen. You can read a bit more about the rich history of these and other **Grays Harbor** logging communities in the **Hidden Coast** and **Cranberry Coast** sections of this guide.

## Approaching the Oyster Capital

Beyond **Raymond** (see also Cranberry Coast) the road edges the southern shore of the Willapa Bay and goes through South Bend, the **Oyster Capital of the World**. This bay, the second-largest estuary on the Pacific, is teeming with animal life. Several metal sculptures line the highway leading into downtown Raymond and the **Northwest Carriage Museum** is always a popular stop with its fine collection of pre-automotive transportation.



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## The Long Beach Peninsula

This 28-mile spit juts northward from Ilwaco to Leadbetter Point—a portion of the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge**. Three miles south of Long Beach, Ilwaco wraps around a busy port with shops, galleries, canneries, restaurants, fishing charters and a summer Saturday market.

A popular year-round destination, **Long Beach Peninsula** is sought out for its expansive beach, historic lighthouses, renowned restaurants, cranberry bogs and oyster farms. A family favorite for generations, the lively town of Long Beach offers colorful shops, kite flying and a great boardwalk above tall grasses. Take **Discovery Trail** to Clark's Tree to end your journey of discovery.

Visit the port town of Ilwaco, and then the turbulent spot where the Columbia River meets the Pacific and the Astoria-Megler Bridge crosses into Oregon marking the end of this epic route. See the **Lewis and Clark Scenic Byway** section for further information.



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# Palouse Scenic Byway



The Palouse Scenic Byway isn't a tidy point-A-to-point-B affair—there's simply too much dynamic landscape here to be traversed by one road. Rather, this byway is a 208-mile multi-route ramble through a region of southeast Washington known for rolling hills and bucolic beauty.



**The  
Palouse  
Scenic  
Byway**

*By-Lights*

**Steptoe Butte &  
Rosalia Battlefield**

**Rolling Palouse  
wheat fields**

**Codger Pole &  
Dahmen Barn**

**Grizzly Research  
Center**

## Feel the pulse of the small towns

Tiny communities with hidden treasures are the heartbeat of this byway—which was recently extended to include Latah, Fairfield and Rockford to the north. Fairfield is home to the Zythum Brewing Company, where they don't just brew beer; they make Brewers Brittle and GrainOla from the brewing byproducts.

You might want to headquarter in tiny LaCrosse to explore the region, including **Palouse Falls**. A couple of nice B&Bs located here can provide you with plenty of inspiration to get out and explore by car, horse or bicycle.

## Home and historic printshop tours

In Rockford, browse **Hurd Mercantile**, 8,000 square feet of home decor, vintage kitsch and gifts. In Garfield, tour the **McCroskey House**. Built in 1898 by a state senator, it is on the **National Register of Historic Places**.

Palouse is a town where you can buy a garden



*The colors and textures of the Palouse changes dramatically with the seasons. ©Richard Duval.*  
*Right: Palouse Falls near Washtucna is a remnant of ice-age floods. ©Justin Martin.*



hose and world-class art on the same street. Be sure to visit the Bank Left Gallery and the **Roy Chatters Newspaper and Printing Museum**.

### Find the Colfax “codgers”

In Colfax, the **Manning-Rye Covered Bridge** and 19th-century architecture give a sense of the region’s pioneer history, and the **Codger Pole** reveals its sense of humor. The pole bears the likenesses of 51 old guys who played a grudge-match football game 50 years after a contested game. This monument to the “Codger Bowl” is the tallest chainsaw carving in the world.

If it’s dinnertime, stop by the Top Notch Cafe for great home cooking and a hand-dipped vanilla shake in this nostalgic little family diner.

### Boyer Park and Lower Granite Dam

A great side trip about 20 miles south of Colfax is Boyer Park and the **Lower Granite Dam**. The 80-acre park and nearby dam offer camping, swimming, and legendary fishing for steelhead, catfish and bass.

### Worth a Detour

Palouse Falls is a desert waterfall and remnant of the glacial Lake Missoula floods. At first glance, the falls seem to emerge from solid rock.

Watch for signs at Washtucna on SR-29. Entry to the park is on a bumpy gravel road, so don’t spill your coffee.





*Above: Located near Uniontown, Dahmen Barn with its signature wheel fence serves as an artists workshop and gallery. ©Marcus Yearout*

*Opposite Page Top: Whimsical Codger Pole in downtown Colfax. ©Palouse Scenic Byway; Bottom: Downtown Pullman has many good pub and restaurant options.*



*Oakesdale Barron Flour Mill. ©Jon Roanhaus*

## A photo for all seasons

Any time of year, Palouse is a **photographer's dream**. For starters, shoot a panorama of the 200-mile view of the rolling wheat fields from atop **Steptoe Butte**. Whether spring and summer green, fall harvest or winter plowing, the personality changes with each sunrise.

## Historic sites along the way

Visit the site of one of the **last battles** fought between the U.S. Cavalry and native tribes in Rosalia. From here you can see the wooden **Rosalia Railroad Bridge**, which is listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**.

Historic structures like Uniontown's **Dahmen Barn** (an artists' co-op that welcomes visitors) with its unique wheel fence, and **Oakesdale's Barron Flour Mill** (built in 1890) have enough character to make that smartphone pic look like it belongs in magazine.

A fun and noteworthy fact: The Sage Bakery building in tiny downtown Uniontown was originally built as an **opera house**, so the townsfolk obviously cultivated culture as well as wheat fields.

## Home of the WSU Cougars

Pullman is a picturesque college town with plenty of pubs, restaurants and boutique shops to browse. Washington State University's campus creamery, Ferdinand's, offers ice cream and **Cougar Gold**—a cheddar so tasty it has developed a cultlike following.





## Cool Cut

Begin your own “Journey of Discovery” to the Pacific Ocean along the Columbia River Gorge following the footsteps of Lewis & Clark.

Connect with the **Lewis and Clark Trail Scenic Byway** just a few miles south of Uniontown at Hells Canyon in Clarkston.



## Grizzly bears and one funky festival

Visitors in the spring and summer can glimpse grizzlies at the world’s only **grizzly bear research facility** (bruins hibernate in winter).

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# San Juan Islands



*Above: State ferry arriving in Friday Harbor.*

*©Deborah Hopkins; Top right: English Camp on San Juan Island. ©Visit San Juans; Bottom: Historic building at the Orcas Island ferry landing. ©Jennifer Coleman.*

*Opposite Page: Whale watching excursions are a great way to learn more about our resident Orca pods. ©San Juan Safaris*



## By-Lights

**Friday and Roche Harbors**

**English and American Camps**

**Kayaking tours**

**Road and trail biking**

**Whale-watching**

**Mount Constitution**

**Moran Mansion at Rosario Resort**

The San Juan Islands Scenic Byway includes a marine highway and driving tours on both Orcas and San Juan Islands. For centuries, this was a historic canoe route once traveled by the Coast Salish people. Today, Washington State Ferries (also a designated state scenic byway) ply these waters laden with locals and visitors traveling by car, by bike or on foot.

## Begin your journey in Anacortes

The voyage to the San Juan Islands begins in Anacortes but don't hurry straight to the ferry dock. **Downtown Anacortes** has 70 life-sized murals, restaurants, antiques and the wonderful, waterfront **Washington Park** where you can stroll or picnic and watch the ferries glide by. Besides providing lodging, the historic **Majestic Inn & Spa** has one of the best happy hour menus in the county. While here, take a cruise to see a resident pod of orcas or migrating gray whales or consider a guided kayak tour.

## Friday Harbor on San Juan Island

The historic seaport of Friday Harbor greets the ferry with water-view restaurants, boutiques, bookstores, galleries and museums. Relax at the waterfront park between the **Portals of Welcome** (Coast Salish house posts), and watch ferries, seaplanes and boats come and go. Take a whale-watching cruise or rent a moped for a self-guided island tour. A **farmers market** is located in a historic brickworks building for a taste of island-grown fare.

## Explore Roche Harbor

A former **limekiln company town**, this bustling resort community features lodging, restaurants,



shops and gardens. **Roche Harbor** is a pleasant stop for a meal and historic walking tours of some of the abandoned kiln works and a 20-acre sculpture park. The Hotel de Haro, built in 1886, is on the **National Register of Historic Places** and is a great place to check in or just check out. **Whale watching** and guided kayak tours are available and provide a novel way to get a better sense of the place.

### English and American Camp

Two historic sites make up the **San Juan Island National Historic Parks** system. Just a few minutes out of Roche Harbor, you can find signs of 19th-century British occupation at **English Camp**. Near the southern tip of the

### Worth a Stop

Visit the historic Whale Museum in downtown Friday Harbor, only three blocks from the ferry landing.

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island you find **American Camp**, the site of an 1859 US–British boundary dispute called the Pig War—bloodless except for the unlucky pig.



Lime Kiln Lighthouse.  
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## Lime Kiln Point State Park Lighthouse

On the far west of the island, **Lime Kiln Point State Park**, commonly known as **Whale Watch Park**, is a kayaker's paradise and the only park in the world dedicated to shore-based orca whale watching (June through September are pretty reliable). This day-use park has a **picturesque working lighthouse**, trails and seasonal interpretive center.

### Trip Tip:

A sample itinerary for this byway is available under *Scenic Byways Road Trips* at [www.ScenicWA.com](http://www.ScenicWA.com)

## Head to Orcas Island

The byway continues with a 40-minute ferry ride from Friday Harbor to **Orcas Island**, the largest of the San Juans. The ferry lands at Orcas Village, with its distinctive general store and the 1904 Orcas Hotel.

In nearby **Deer Harbor**, you can rent a boat or a bike or just buy a coffee from a store on a dock and enjoy the view. Visitors can also watch potters spin clay into art at Orcas Island Pottery, the oldest pottery studio in the Northwest.

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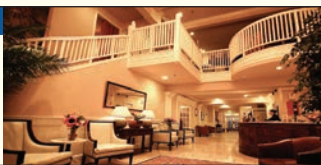
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The park's **Mount Constitution** is the highest point in the San Juans at 2,409 feet and boasts panoramic views of islands and the Cascade Mountains—a must-see side trip.

In the hamlet of **Olga**, you'll find shopping and a meal at the Orcas Island Artworks cooperative, housed in a 1936 strawberry-packing plant.

The last stop is **Doe Bay**, a rustic island resort where you'll find yurts, cabins, soaking tubs and a truly laid-back island experience.

## Totally Fare

Advance reservations are an option for your ferry ride to the San Juans from Anacortes and note that the fare covers a round-trip to and from the islands so you can island-hop to your heart's content.

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# Sherman Pass Scenic Byway



Golden larch trees on Sherman Pass. ©John Marshall; Top right: Historic log flume site. Bottom right: Digging for fossils at Stonerose Interpretive Center. ©Marcus Yearout.



## By-Lights

**Stonerose Fossil Interpretive Center**

**White Mountain Interpretive Center**

**Larch forest on Sherman Pass**

**Camp Growden CCC Camp**

**Log Flume Heritage Site**

**St. Paul's Mission in Kettle Falls**

The 35-mile Sherman Pass Scenic Byway begins in the town of Republic on SR-20 and runs east across Sherman Pass—Washington's highest maintained pass at 5,575 feet—through the Colville National Forest and to the town of Kettle Falls.

### Republic: Come and dig it

Downtown Republic is an authentic remnant of a **gold-mining boomtown**. Take a walking tour past murals and photographs depicting the area's rich gold-mining history. Grazing deer often parade through the middle of town at sunset.

A family favorite located in the heart of town is the **Stonerose Interpretive Center**, where visitors can participate in a public dig of a fossil bed. An inexpensive admission (free for kids 4 and under) provides an opportunity to dig up ancient plant, insects and occasional fish fossils.

### The Sherman Pass Overlook

Heading east from Republic toward **Kettle Falls** on SR-20, you will cross **Sherman Pass** (5,575 feet). Take the pullout at the **White Mountain/Sherman Overlook** to walk the easy quarter-mile paved trail with interpretative signs detailing the devastating fires of 1929 and 1988. Ghostly gray tree snags still stand, remnants of the massive fires.

### Historic log flume and CCC camp

There are interpretative trails all along the route, so plan some time to linger. These areas include an **old log flume site** with an easy, paved quarter-mile trail and **CCC Camp Growden**, where hundreds of young men were able to find work during the Great Depression in FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps.



## Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest offers abundant recreational opportunities for hikers, bikers and horsemen on almost 500 miles of trails. Filled with elk, moose, rattlesnakes, bears, cougars and bobcats, this is truly one of America's great, untamed wilderness areas. Camping is available.

## Lake Roosevelt National Rec Area

With **Grand Coulee Dam** blocking the Columbia River, the 150-mile-long **Lake Roosevelt**—with 600 miles of shoreline and 30 species of fish, including trout and salmon—was created. The **Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area** and its dozens of campgrounds are popular for boating, swimming and fishing.

## Kettle Falls, a town that moved

The byway ends at **Kettle Falls**, a recreational haven on Lake Roosevelt's shores. The backwaters of the Columbia River that created Lake Roosevelt inundated both the falls and the original townsite. Today, the edge of the former town is **Kettle Falls Campground** with riverfront sites, interpretive signage, and a marina and houseboat rental business.

The **Kettle Falls Historical Center** features some fine dioramas and is an excellent place to get information about the area's indigenous people, and the nearby **Colville Ranger Station** is a very good stop for backcountry exploration info.



## Worth a Detour

The bed of an old railway line has been transformed into the Ferry County Rail Trail. This wonderful 30-mile hiking, biking and horse trail runs from Republic to Curlew past Curlew State Park.

Curlew is home to the Ansoorge Hotel Museum. Henry Ford once stayed here, so it should come as no surprise, that you'll also find an Antique Car Museum nearby.

## Trip Tip:

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# Spirit Lake Memorial Highway



## By-Lights

**Mount St. Helens  
Visitor Center**

**Hoffstadt Bluffs  
Visitor Center**

**Weyerhaeuser Forest  
Learning Center**

**Coldwater Lake  
boardwalk**

**Johnston Ridge  
Observatory**

**Hiking Trails and  
Interpretive Guided  
Tours**

Known as the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway, SR-504 is a 52-mile journey (one way in/one way out) into the scene of the epic destruction that Mount St. Helens caused when it erupted on May 18, 1980.

### Mount St. Helens Visitor Center

Your first stop, five miles east of I-5 Exit 49, should be the **Mount St. Helens Visitor Center at Silver Lake**. The center presents each chapter of the mountain's history from pre-eruption years to today. It also features exhibits about the region's history and culture as well as offering geological background on the volcano and the surrounding area's slow but steady recovery.

A nature trail from the visitor center leads to beautiful Silver Lake and its wetlands. Camping is available at **Sequest State Park**.

### Toutle River

The Toutle River, which the byway will parallel for the remainder of this route, became a nightmarish mudflow during the eruption as massive amounts of sediment poured into the water.

You can find some of that mud today on the walls of the North Fork Toutle River and even some partially submerged houses. Get a closer look from a viewpoint on **Stewart Dam Road** (turn right just before the Toutle River Bridge).





*Left: Recovery is evident at Mount St. Helens. ©Inge Johnsson; Top: Coldwater Lake Boardwalk. Bottom: Helicopter tours from Hoffstadt Bluffs. ©mtsthelenshelicoptertours.com*

## Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center

About 27 miles into this road trip, Mount St. Helens becomes spectacularly visible at nearly every turn. The **Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center** offers an opportunity to take a good look at the volcano and surrounding valley.

Large elk herds can often be seen in the mudflats below the parking lot. **Helicopter tours** operate here from spring through fall, and there's a nice restaurant with a one-of-a-kind volcano view.

## Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center

Continue east on the half-mile-long bridge over Hoffstadt Creek, and enter the blast zone. The **Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center**, at MP-33, describes the work of foresters before, during and after the eruption, with an emphasis on reforestation and conservation projects.

## Johnston Ridge Observatory

At the highway's end is **Johnston Ridge Observatory**, where visitors are only five miles from the crater and lava dome of Mount St. Helens. Stands of dead trees stripped of their bark and the remains of **Spirit Lake**, its surface still covered by a mat of logs, leave a lasting impression. Park rangers conduct **regularly scheduled interpretive hikes** and energetic talks about the blast.

## Worth a Stop

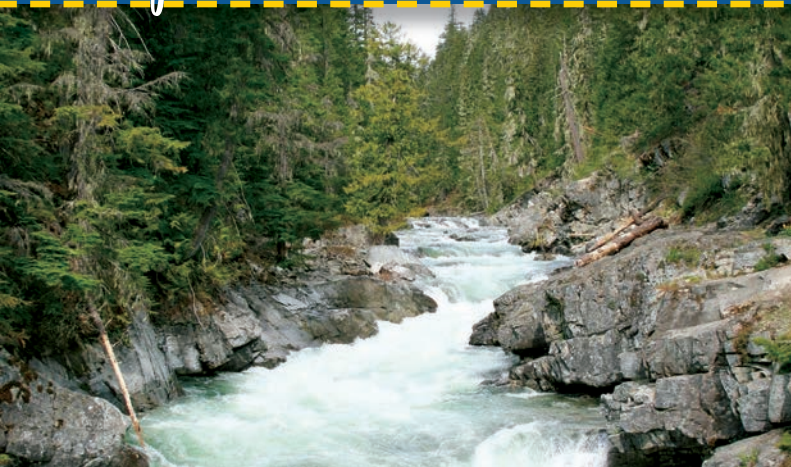
Near the summit at Johnston Ridge, Coldwater Lake Trail is an easily navigated boardwalk leading to a lake that was formed after the eruption.

Nearby, the **Hummocks Trail**—hummocks are mounds of volcanic debris—takes an hour to walk and is moderately strenuous, winding through lupine fields and beaver ponds on the site of the largest landslide in recorded human history.

## Trip Tip:

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# Swiftwater Corridor



*Above: The raging Salmon La Sac river is a gateway to camping and hiking in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Below: Telephone Museum in downtown Cle Elum.*

Of all the scenic byways in the state, this 42-mile ramble feels the most like a discovery. The jagged peaks of the Stuart Range frame the view to the north, the Yakima River winds below and historic buildings anchor the landscape, while just a few miles to the south, motorists on I-90 speed by, oblivious to the wonder of it all.

## By-Lights

**Alpine Lakes Wilderness**

**Downtown Roslyn and Cle Elum**

**Iron Horse State Park**

**Thorp Mill**

**Ellensburg's historic downtown arts district**

## Roslyn and Salmon La Sac

To start your Swiftwater adventure, bail off I-90 at Exit 80 to begin enjoying this back road. Backtrack westward through **Roslyn**, a historic mining town that's home to the Brick, the state's oldest continuously running saloon. These streets look familiar? Roslyn doubled for Cicely, the fictitious Alaskan town in the popular television show *Northern Exposure*.

Backtrack further, through the village of Ronald, into the **Salmon La Sac** area to access the 400,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

Nearby **Suncadia** is developing a well-deserved reputation for great golf, spa and wine tasting.

## Downtown Cle Elum

Eastward off the same exit is Cle Elum, another former mining town with some good food stops. The old-fashioned butcher shop Owens Meats is a perennial family favorite while the Cle Elum Bakery claims the "best buns in town."

In the heart of town is the oldest complete **telephone museum** west of the Mississippi with displays covering the

history of telephone technology from 1876 to 1970. The museum also features a collection of coal mining artifacts.





## South Cle Elum National Historic District

**Iron Horse State Park** in South Cle Elum includes a portion of the Milwaukee Road's mid-west train line embarked on a bold Pacific Coast expansion from 1906 to 1909. The Depot, built in 1909, was the site where train operations were organized, crew changes were made, and telegraph communication was possible. The Beanery, now called the Depot Café, fed train crews and locals.

Nowadays, the Interpretive Rail Yard Trail guides visitors through significant locations.

## Take the "old road" to Ellensburg

Driving SR-10 eastward from Cle Elum is **a trip back to a time** when roads meandered along river paths instead of slicing straight through the landscape. In Thorp, an **1870s-era gristmill** towers above the landscape. The **Thorp Fruit and Antique Mall** has been a favorite stop for generations of travelers.

## Ellensburg: A great hub for exploration

Ellensburg is home to Central Washington University, you will discover that artists have been drawn here and are setting up shop all over the **historic downtown district**.

If you'd prefer more outdoor recreation here in the heart of cowboy country—site of the **state's largest rodeo**—you'll appreciate access to world-class fly-fishing in the **Yakima River Canyon**, rafting, biking and hiking trails.

## Cool Cut

From Cle Elum, take US-97 north to cross wonderfully scenic Blewett Pass to connect with the Stevens Pass/ Cascade Loop Byways at Peshastin.

Main Street through downtown Ellensburg eventually turns into Canyon Road, which becomes SR-821. This is the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway—a twisty and narrow drive with jaw-dropping views of the river and surrounding canyon walls.

## Trip Tip:

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## Recommended Stops

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# Whidbey Scenic Isle Way



This byway is bounded by two of Washington's travel icons. From the northwest, you'll enter over Deception Pass Bridge, which offers a simply unforgettable view of the water 170 feet below. Travelers from the south will arrive aboard a Washington State ferry. Both bring you to Whidbey Island with a flair that seems to say, "Welcome to our escape."



## By-Lights

**Meerkerk Gardens**

**Ebey's Landing**

**Fort Casey**

**Historic Coupeville**

**Deception Pass  
Bridge**

## Whales, Alpacas and art trails

The ferry from Mukilteo docks at **Clinton**, the gateway to Whidbey Island. Discover great fishing, crabbing, and clamming, quiet roads for cycling, and farms often open to the public. The "fiber farms," featuring llamas and alpacas are great places to bring the kids. Buy a sweater and have your picture taken with your sweater's original owner.

Continuing north, **Langley** is Whidbey's "**Village by the Sea**," a picturesque town that has become a magnet for artists. Everything from fine art galleries to glassblowing studios can be found along with great wine shops and places to eat. To see artists in action all over Whidbey, follow the **Whidbey Art Trail** ([www.whidbeyarttrail.com](http://www.whidbeyarttrail.com)).

Langley is also a **prime whale-watching spot**—gray whales migrate through the Saratoga Passage. Next, check out **Freeland** for great antique and thrift shops, and stops along the wine and spirits trail.





*Left: Road to Ebey's Landing National Reserve;  
Top right: Handing out bowls of mussels at MusselFest.  
©Jack Pendland; Nearing Whidbey Island on a state  
ferry. ©Jack Pendland.*

## Organic and historic pleasures

A stop at **Greenbank Farm** will yield goodies in the form of artisan cheese, pies, wine and cider made from local fruit. Spring travelers may want to linger at **Meerkerk Gardens** when the rhododendrons are in peak bloom.

Travelers can camp on a beach and hike to the **Admiralty Head Lighthouse** and explore turn-of-the-century gun emplacements at **Fort Casey State Park** or stay in one of Coupeville's many historic homes that are now B&Bs. The town's main street is almost unchanged in 100 years and its scenic wharf is a must-see.

Nearby, are farm fields that reach all the way to bluffs that drop to the sea. This is **Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve**—24 square miles of working historical farms, hiking trails and vistas preserved as living history.

## "Urban" Whidbey

In **Oak Harbor**, Whidbey Island's largest city, explore the area's military history at the **PBY Museum**, dedicated to the area's naval aviation history and its first aircraft, the WWII-era PBY. Afterward, duck into Frasers Gourmet Hideaway, sit at the counter and look into the

## Worth a Detour

Camano Island is Whidbey's sister island, with its own laid-back island feeling. Roads form a natural loop around the island, taking visitors through everything from outdoor art experiences, to state parks on a beach.

Check out Canopy Tours NW, a 100-year-old farm with a zip-line through the forest. Cama Beach State Park has waterside cabins perfect for young families and a center that hosts dozens of weddings a year. You can rent boats and crab pots and cook what you catch on the beach.

## Cool Cuts

From Deception Pass you can continue the **Cascade Loop** by heading east on SR-20 and heading up and over the **North Cascades Scenic Highway**; catch a Washington State Ferry at Anacortes to head to the **San Juan Islands Scenic Byway** or head to Bellingham via the **Chuckanut Drive Scenic Byway**.

### Trip Tip:

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Deception Pass. ©Jack Pendland

open kitchen as Chef Fraser makes miracles with Penn Cove mussels and island-grown veggies. There are also plenty of places to eat for families on a budget.

## Deception Pass State Park

Slow down as you cross **Deception Pass State Park's** iconic bridge; this spot gets more visitors per year than the Grand Canyon, and most of them pull off, get out and walk the span. Deception Pass Tours offers jet-boat excursions through the area and whale-watching tours in the spring from an open boat that offers a memorable experience.

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# Yakama Scenic Byway



Named for the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the 76-mile Yakama Scenic Byway runs from just south of downtown Yakima (yes, a different spelling) on US-97 to join SR-14 at the Columbia River where you'll meet up with the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway.

## Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center

Approaching Toppenish, you'll see a building with a distinctive roofline—the **Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center**. This 30-year-old museum tells the story of the Yakama people. Tipi camping and RV sites are available.

## Downtown Toppenish murals

Swing into downtown Toppenish where Native American and western traditions, railroad and hop museums, and **76 historically accurate murals** create an inviting atmosphere for anyone with a passion for history. The **NP Railway Museum** and **Hop Museum** are also located here.

## Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge

As US-97 bends southward from Toppenish, it crosses through a 2,000-acre oasis of wetlands, grasslands and wildlife. The **Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge** draws on streams and summer irrigation to provide food and breeding grounds for migratory birds and resident mammals.

## Goldendale Observatory State Park

This state park is a mere five acres atop a 2,100-foot-high hilltop with a view of the entire universe. Featuring one of the **nation's largest public telescopes**, the park's observatory has attracted amateur astronomers since 1973 and is open to anyone who wants a look.

## By-Lights

**Toppenish murals & museums**

**Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center**

**Wild horses on Satus Pass**

**Goldendale Observatory**

**Maryhill Museum and Stonehenge Memorial**

## Trip Tip:

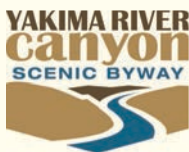
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# Yakima River Canyon



*Floating through the Yakima River Canyon. ©Yakima Valley Tourism*

The short and sublime Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway, also known as Canyon Road or SR-821, this byway is a dazzling alternative to driving I-82 between Ellensburg and Yakima. A 22-mile trip that is scenic year-around, Canyon Road follows the Yakima River on a lonely, curvy two-lane road between high-desert sage-covered hills.



## By-Lights

**World-renowned fly-fishing**

**Audubon birding trail**

**Rafting and tubing**

**Raptors and bighorn sheep**

**Endangered basalt daisy**

## Recreation on land and water

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts will find great hiking through rolling hills and rafting opportunities on the Yakima River. The canyon is famous for year-round water sports and is widely regarded as one of the finest destinations for **fly- and drift-boat fishing** in the nation.

About halfway along the drive you'll find the upscale and rustic Lodge at Canyon River Ranch and Red's Fly Shop, where tourists can gear up for fishing, guided trips, hunting and near-endless hiking.



## Umtanum Creek Recreation Area

A few miles south of Ellensburg, the **Umtanum Creek Recreation Area** is an ideal place for rafting, kayaking or fishing on the Yakima River. It also offers aspen and cottonwood groves surrounding remnants of historic homesteads with their remaining untended apple and chestnut trees. In spring, the desert comes to life with a dazzling display of wildflowers.





The **National Audubon Society** recognizes Umtanum as an important birding area; there are lots of viewing opportunities. Rattlesnakes are also common during late spring and in the summer—stay alert so you can enjoy your visit.

Wildlife viewing includes bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, Rocky Mountain elk, and coyotes. Golden eagles gracefully soar high above on the thermals that rise from the canyon floor. The basalt cliffs here, with their clefts and crevices, are home to the densest population of nesting raptors in the state of Washington.

## Roza Dam

Built in 1939, Roza Dam diverts water to irrigate the otherwise arid desert in the lower Yakima Valley. Don't miss the **fish ladder** where salmon and endangered steelhead make their heroic upstream leaps on the long journey home to spawn.

A reservoir at the **Roza Recreation Area** is used for boating, swimming and is the last takeout point for floaters and anglers on the river.

## Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve

Five miles northeast of Selah, stretching along Selah Creek from the eastern edge of SR-821 and I-82, is the **Selah Cliffs Natural Area**. The preserve, open to the public, is home to a **rare population of basalt daisy**, a threatened and dainty plant that only grows high up in cracks in the rock left by ancient lava in the canyon's southern half. June is the best month to spy them blooming in the basalt columns. Binoculars are recommended to see the flower, which exists nowhere else in the world.

The byway officially ends as SR-821 rejoins the rushing traffic of I-82. Look for great views of **Mount Rainier** and **Mount Adams** as you exit the canyon near Selah.



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## Worth a Detour

Four of the state's scenic byways run to or through the city of Yakima. Located at the entrance to Washington Wine County, this central Washington community offers great boutique wine tasting, craft breweries, dining and shopping.

## Great Day Hike

Crossing the Yakima on a suspension bridge, the day hike to Umtanum Creek Falls climbs high in a Douglas fir forest and descends into sagebrush and scrub grass desert canyons.

Elk roam the upper woods, and bighorn sheep prowl the steep canyon walls around the pounding waterfall. The creek falls about 40 feet into an oval-shaped basalt bowl.

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## By-Lights

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**Kitsap Peninsula**

**Port Townsend**

**Whidbey Island**

**San Juan Islands**

**Victoria, B.C.**

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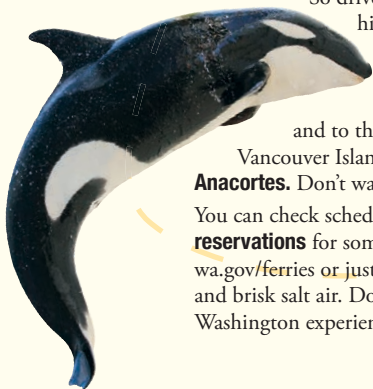
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**Bremerton** or **Kingston** on the **Kitsap Peninsula**, to **Clinton** on **Whidbey Island**,

and to the **San Juans** or even Vancouver Island in **British Columbia** from **Anacortes**. Don't want to wait in line?

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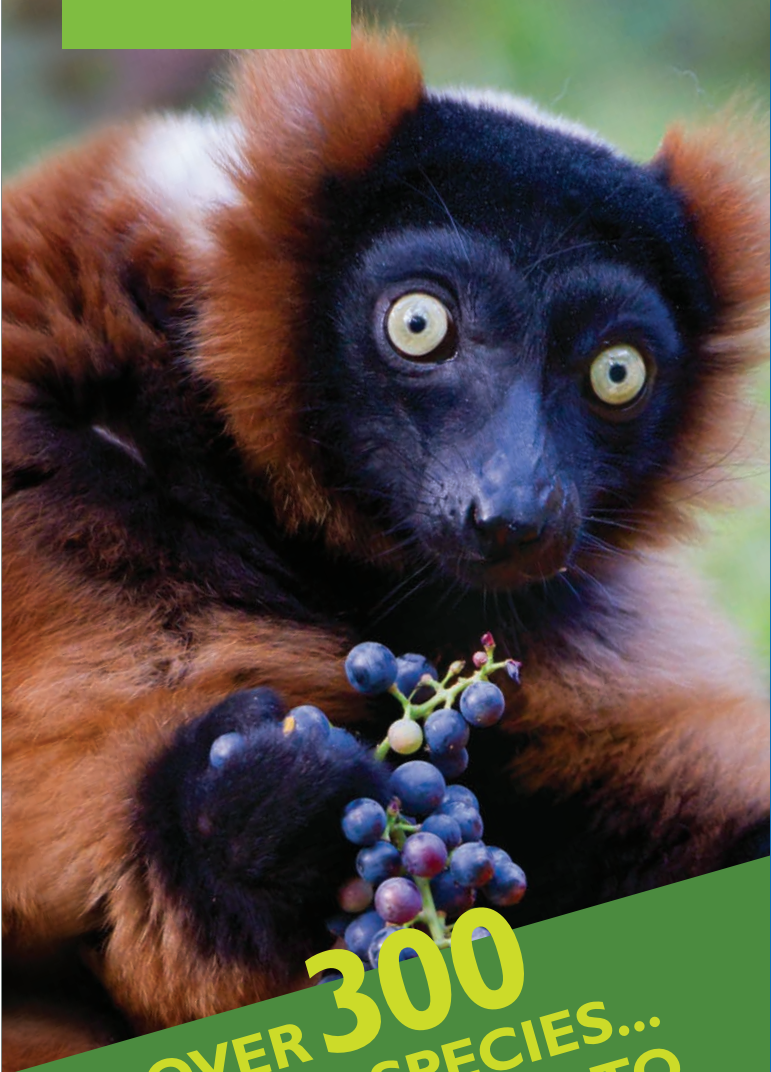


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