

Pocket Guide to the
WHITE PASS SCENIC BYWAY

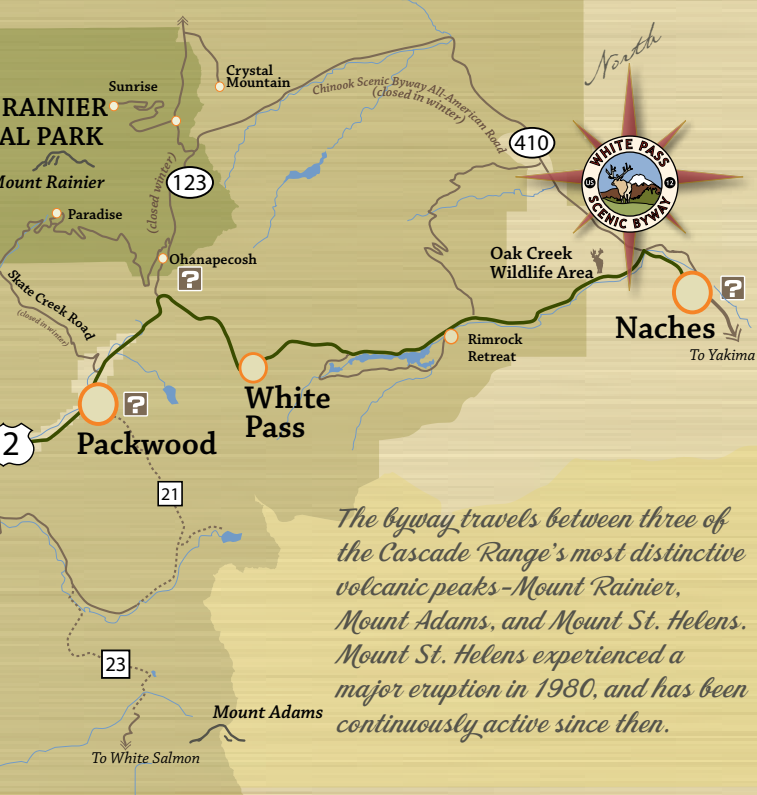


*Take an unforgettable journey through
the scenic heart of Washington State's
Volcano Country*

Welcome to the White Pass National Scenic Byway!







Make the most of yur trip along the White Pass Scenic Byway with this helpful Pocket Guide. Find scenic viewpoints and recreational opportunities as well as services and information centers.



The byway travels between three of the Cascade Range's most distinctive volcanic peaks—Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, and Mount St. Helens. Mount St. Helens experienced a major eruption in 1980, and has been continuously active since then.

The Byway passes through rural communities, recreation lands, river valleys, foothills and alpine country. Visit fish hatcheries, take a hike, or tour a museum - for starters. Get back to nature at its finest.



Attractions and Activities	Milepost	Distance from Byway
Lewis & Clark State Park 	69	2 mi.
Blue Creek Boat Launch 	73	4 mi.
Salkum Timberland Library/Visitor Info 	75	on byway
Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery and Boat Launch 	78	1.5 mi.

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The Salkum Plateau

Small-scale agriculture, rural residential communities, and rolling hills border the west end of the byway. Views of all three of the corridor's volcanoes can be seen from this section of roadway—the only place on the byway where all three mountains can be seen at once.

The Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery is the largest in Washington State, and has an excellent visitor center and self-guided tour. Lewis and Clark State Park has easy access to a stand of old growth forest with a boardwalk and interpretive tour.

Attractions and Activities

Mayfield Lake and Dam 12

(Ike Kinswa State Park, Mayfield Lake Park)



Milepost

several
80-83

Distance
from Byway

0-5 mi.

DeGoede Bulb Farm & Garden



85

on
byway

Riffe Lake (west end) and Mossyrock Dam

(Mossyrock Dam Overlook and Fishing Access)



several
87-90

0-5 mi.

Swofford Pond



87

5 mi.

City of Morton

(Morton Depot, Roxy Theater, BCJ Gallery, Gust Backstrom Park)



98

4 mi.

Riffe Lake (east end)

(Taidnapam Park, Kosmos Boat Launch, Cowlitz Wildlife Area)



103

2 mi.

Lake Scanewa & Cowlitz Falls Campground






111

4 mi.



The Lakes District

Recreation facilities on Mayfield and Riffe Lakes are some of the most popular on the byway, with camping, fishing, wildlife watching and boating. Information for visiting nearby parks can be found in Mossyrock and Morton. Near Mossyrock, flower fields and Christmas tree farms are seasonal destinations, while the annual Logger's Jubilee in Morton celebrates the region's living timber heritage.

 Attractions and Activities	Milepost	Distance from Byway
Mount St. Helens Windy Ridge 	115	31 mi.
Woods Creek Watchable Wildlife Area 	115	4 mi.
USFS Cowlitz Valley Ranger Station (Gifford Pinchot National Forest) 	116	on byway
White Pass Country Museum 	130	on byway
Destination Packwood Visitor Center 	130	on byway
Skate Creek Road Scenic Drive 	131	20 mi.
Mount Rainier Stevens Canyon Entrance (Cayuse Pass) 	138	6 mi.

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The Big Bottom Valley

The broad Cowlitz River Valley is surrounded by forested foothills, with occasional views to the big volcanoes. The valley bottom is prime elk habitat—especially in the winter months.

Side tours from this section of the byway lead to Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, and the Mount Adams backcountry. Other recreational opportunities in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest include hiking and mountain biking trails, wildlife watching, and scenic backcountry driving routes.



Attractions and Activities

Milepost

Distance
from Byway

Palisades Viewpoint



141

on
byway

Mount Rainier Viewpoint



147

on
byway

White Pass Ski Area & Nordic Center



151

on
byway

Leech Lake



151

on
byway

Pacific Crest Trail Trailhead



152

on
byway

Dog Lake



153

on
byway

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Alpine Pass District

The scenic crown of the byway, this section of the road includes outstanding views to the Goat Rocks Wilderness and Mount Rainier National Park. Scenic pullouts feature Mount Rainier and alpine peaks, along with steep-walled canyons and unique volcanic rock formations.

Outstanding recreational opportunities include hiking, fishing, and camping in the summer, and skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling in the winter.



Attractions and Activities

	Milepost	Distance from Byway
Clear Lake and Falls 	158	2 mi.
Rimrock Lake & Tieton Dam 	160-167	on byway

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Rimrock and Teton River

On the east side of White Pass the byway passes Rimrock Lake, a large reservoir on the Teton River. In the fall, larch trees on surrounding hillsides turn a clear yellow, celebrating the season before winter snowfall.

East of Rimrock Lake, the Teton River is a sparkling ribbon in a narrow, rocky canyon. Volcanic rock formations border the road, including colonnades, pillow lava, and other unique geological features. Trails and camping areas are located throughout the Rimrock and Teton areas.



Attractions and Activities

	Milepost	Distance from Byway
Bethel Ridge Road Scenic Drive (Rough Road) 	168	20 mi.
Tieton River Recreation 	176-185	on byway
Oak Creek Wildlife Area Visitor Center and Winter Elk Feeding Area 	183	on byway
Oak Creek Wildlife Area Big Horn Sheep Feeding Station 	185	.5 mi.

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The Oak Creek Region

Some of the richest and most diverse wildlife viewing along the byway can be found in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. Elk, bighorn sheep, deer, and a wide variety of bird species make their homes in the habitats bordering the byway and alongside roads.

One side trip along the rough Bethel Ridge Road takes visitors to high country habitat where mountain goats can be seen in the right season. Recreational information is available at the Oak Creek Wildlife Area or in the neighboring town of Naches.



Attractions and Activities

	Milepost	Distance from Byway
Naches Valley Orchards and Fruit Stands 	189-193	0-5 mi.
USFS Naches Ranger Station (Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest)         	190	on byway
Naches Visitor Information Center   	190	.5 mi.

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The Naches Valley

Here the White Pass Scenic Byway meets the Chinook Scenic Byway, providing opportunities for a long loop trip through spectacular scenery. Between Oak Creek and the Town of Naches the byway winds through fruit orchards and vineyards, with farmstands offering fresh seasonal produce and local wines.

Recreation information for the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, White Pass Scenic Byway, Chinook Scenic Byway, and Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest is available in Naches.

Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfasts

Salkum

Shepherd's Inn B & B 800-985-2434

Mossyrock

Adytum 360-983-8008

Mayfield Lake House 253-973-2848

Lake Mayfield Resort and RV 360-985-2357

Harmony Retreat at Mayfield Lake 206-619-6008

Morton

Roy's Motel and RV 360-496-5000

Season's Motel 360-496-6835

Stiltner Motel 360-496-5103

Randle

Cowlitz River Cabins 360-870-8675

Hampton Creek Inn 360-497-0585

Tall Timber Motel 360-497-2991

Woodland Motel 360-494-6766

Cowlitz Riverfront Mountain Cabin 775-846-6512

Packwood

Alpine Retreat 253-973-6014

Cowlitz River Lodge 360-494-4444

Cowlitz Vista Vacation Retreat 253-841-5676

Crest Trail Lodge 360-494-4944



Cozy Coal Creek Cabin	503-869-0035
Timberline	360-494-0500
Lavergne Vacation Rentals Mtn. Cabin	253-732-3035
Great Northwest Cabins	503-492-8783
Timberline Village Inn	360-494-2374
Hotel Packwood	360-494-5431
Moon Mountain	360-494-4949
Mountain View Lodge	360-494-5555
Packwood Inn	877-496-9666
Packwood Properties	360-663-2625
Tall Pines	360-623-0457
Tatoosh Motel	360-494-7379
TMC Vacation Rentals	360-494-2311
Wild Salmon Retreat	253-330-9793
Beautiful Northwest Lodging	503-288-0459
Elk Trail Cabin	360-280-6000

White Pass

The White Pass Village Inn	509-672-3131
Silver Beach Resort	509-672-2500
Rimrock Lake Resort	800-201-1609

Naches

Apple Country Bed and Breakfast	509-972-3409
Natchez Hotel	509-653-1317
Orchard Inn Bed and Breakfast	509-966-1283

Campgrounds

Mary's Corner

Lewis & Clark State Park 360-864-2645

Salkum

Barrier Dam Campground 360-985-2495

Silver Creek

Ike Kinswa State Park 360-983-3332

Mossyrock

Mossyrock Park 888-226-7688

Mayfield Park 888-226-7688

Taidnapam Park 888-226-7688

Morton

Gust Backstrom Park 360-496-6844

Randle

Cowlitz Falls Campground 360-497-7175

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District Campgrounds 360-497-1100

Mount Rainier

Ohanapecosh Campground 360-569-6046

Naches

Naches Ranger District Campgrounds 509-653-1401

RV Parks

Chehalis

OAK Campground 360-262-9991

Silver Creek

Harmony Lakeside RV Park 360-983-3804

Paradise RV 888-318-1243

Mayfield

Lake Mayfield Lake Resort and RV 360-985-2357

Randle

Three Horse Hitch Campground 360-497-0717

Cascade Peaks Family Campground 360-494-7931

Maple Grove RV & Golf Resort 360-497-2741

Packwood

1896 Homestead Camping 360-494-0808

Packwood RV Park 360-494-5145

White Pass

Silver Beach Resort 509-672-2500

Rimrock Lake Resort 800-201-1609



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Town of Naches

City of Morton

City of Mossyrock

Tacoma Power

Lewis County PUD

Mount Rainier National Park

Mount St. Helens National Monument

White Pass Ski Area

Visit Rainier

Destination Packwood

Washington State Department of Transportation

USFS- Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

USFS- Naches Valley Ranger District



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