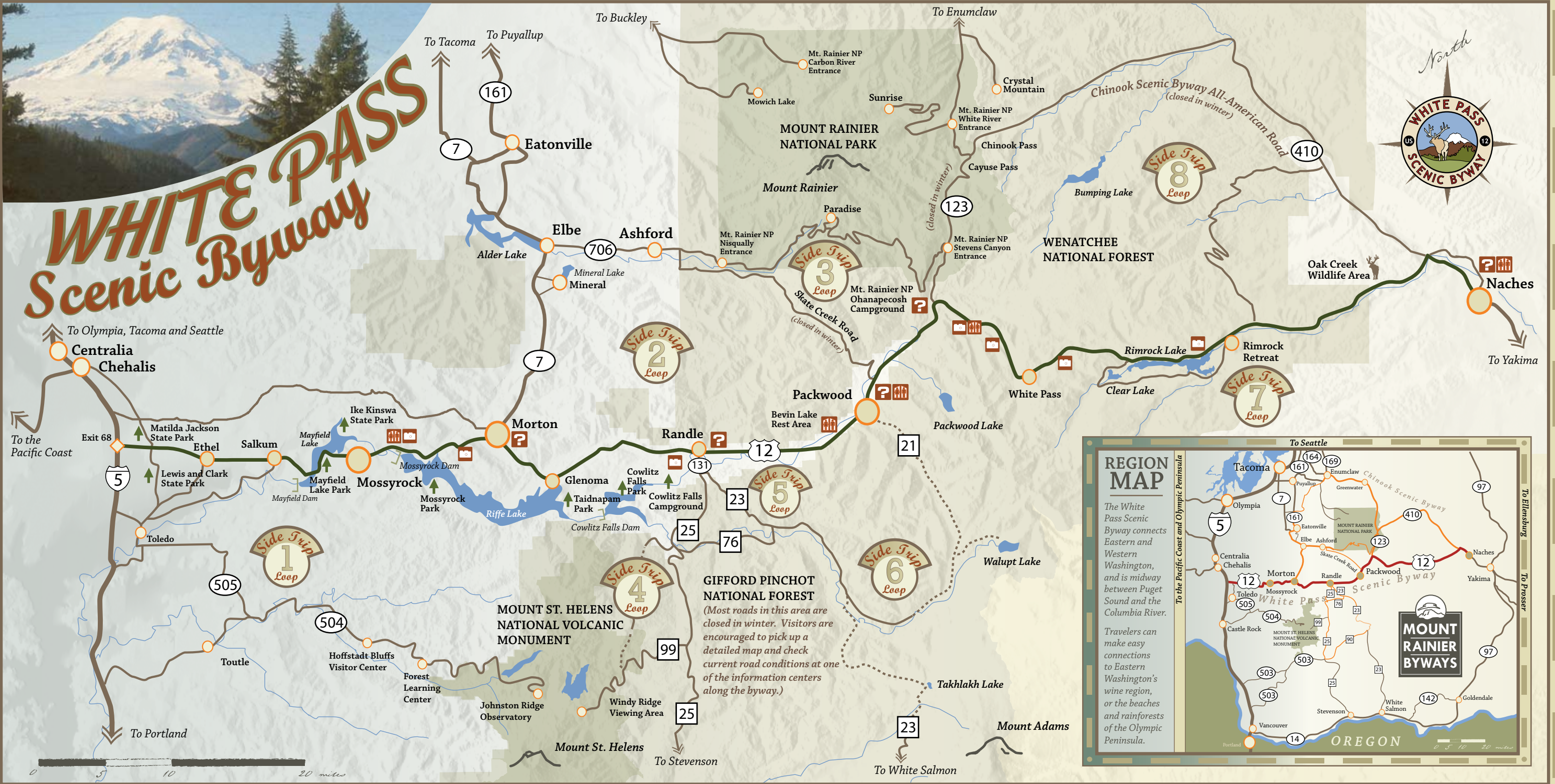


# WHITE PASS Scenic Byway



## The White Pass Scenic Byway

**FOLLOW THE RIVERS** as they wind between the volcanic giants of Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens, and Mount Adams. Wildlife, wilderness, and western hospitality. Find them all here, on the wild side of Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens.

For more information visit [www.WhitePassByway.com](http://www.WhitePassByway.com), or call 360-494-2223.

*Drive Carefully, and Enjoy Your Trip!*

**Side trips and explorations-** Driving the byway is a great trip, but it's even better to spend some extra time exploring the communities, forests, and parks just a short drive from the highway. Take a look at the other side of this map for some selected side trips— from a few hours to a full day.

-  Side Trip 1 Loop  
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**1 Side Trip Loop** **Mount St. Helens Johnston Ridge Loop**  
 Forever changing over 200 square miles of rich forestland into a gray, lifeless landscape, the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens has had an impact so powerful, you have to see it to believe it. Over two decades later, witness the mountain's slow but steady recovery. Journey through this healing landscape and behold nature's awesome power.

Length: 124 miles      Time to Allow: 4-5 hours      Season: Year-round. Spirit Lake Highway has limited winter access.

- Driving Directions:
- Depart I-5 at Exit 68 and travel east on US Highway 12 for 2.5 miles to Jackson Highway.
  - From US Highway 12 turn south on Jackson Highway and travel 6.9 miles to Highway 505.
  - Turn left on Highway 505 and travel 13.8 miles to the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway 504.
  - Turn left on Spirit Lake Memorial Highway 504 and travel 36.9 miles to the Johnston Ridge Visitor Center.
  - Return via the same route along Highway 504 and Highway 505, 50.7 miles to Jackson Highway.
  - Turn right on Jackson Highway and travel 1.2 miles to Spencer Rd.
  - Turn right on Spencer Rd. and travel 10.6 miles to Fuller Rd.
  - Turn left on Fuller Road and travel 1.1 miles to US Highway 12 at Salkum.

**2 Side Trip Loop** **West Side Loop**  
 Offering many of the White Pass Scenic Byway's most spectacular attributes, tour the Nisqually area, explore Mt. Rainier National Park and discover the Big Bottom Valley. Drive amongst old-growth forests, walk through meadows of wildflowers and witness the area's animal inhabitants. Tour friendly mountain communities and discover the interesting area history. A wonderful opportunity to get to know the west end of the White Pass Scenic Byway.

Length: 115 miles      Driving Time: 3 hours (allow time for stops)      Season: May through October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- From the intersection of US Highway 12 and State Route (SR) 7 in Morton, travel north on SR 7 for 16.8 miles to SR 706.
  - Turn right on SR 706 and travel 52.1 miles to SR 123.
  - Turn right on SR 123 and travel 5.5 miles to US Highway 12.
  - Turn right on US Highway 12 and travel 40.7 miles back to Morton and the intersection of US Highway 12 and SR 7.

**3 Side Trip Loop** **Mount Rainier Loop**  
 Experience the grandeur of Mount Rainier. Witness old-growth temperate rainforests, waterfalls, and impressive vistas. Whether you venture and sightsee by car, or choose to get outdoors and enjoy the many stops along the way, it's all pure Rainier. An excellent introduction to the beauty, majesty and mystique of Mt. Rainier National Park.

Length: 78 miles      Time to Allow: 4-5 hours      Season: Mid-June through late October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- From Packwood, travel northwest on Forest Road (FR) 52, also called Skate Creek Road, 23 miles to State Route (SR) 706.
  - Turn right on SR 706 and travel 41.9 miles east into Mt. Rainier National Park to SR 123.
  - Turn right on SR 123 and travel 5.4 miles south to US Highway 12.
  - Turn right on US Highway 12 and travel west 7.3 miles back to Packwood.

**4 Side Trip Loop** **Mount St. Helens Windy Ridge Loop**  
 Immerse yourself in the heart of the Mt. St. Helens Blast Zone and experience the contrast between the lush old-growth forest and the blown-down forest. Marvel at the immense impact the eruption of Mount St. Helens had on this area. Look out upon Spirit Lake's immense floating forest and view Mount St. Helens' crater and the impressive, growing lava dome.

Length: 72 miles      Time to Allow: 4 Hours      Season: End of May through October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- From Randle travel south on State Route (SR) 131 one mile until the road forks.
  - Stay to the right, travel one mile on SR 131 which becomes Forest Road (FR) 25.
  - Travel south 19 miles on FR 25 to FR 99.
  - Turn right on FR 99 and drive 16 miles until it terminates at Windy Ridge.
  - Return to Randle via the same route.

**5 Side Trip Loop** **Cispus Area Loop**  
 Those seeking a short side trip into the forest will marvel at the natural beauty of the Cispus River Area. Watch the waters of the Cispus as they flow gracefully through the forest. Options to extend this forest tour include wildlife watching, hiking, fishing, a simple quiet walk in the woods – and more!

Length: 29 miles      Time to Allow: 2 hours      Season: May through October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- From Randle, travel south on State Route (SR) 131 for 1 mile and stay right on Forest Road (FR) 25.
  - Follow FR 25 8.9 miles and turn left on FR 76.
  - Follow FR 76 7.8 miles and turn left on FR 28.
  - Follow FR 28 1.4 miles and turn left on FR 23.
  - Follow FR 23 9.2 miles back to Randle.

**6 Side Trip Loop** **High Lakes Loop**  
 Discover the numerous majestic alpine lakes creating this unique and beautiful landscape. Towering Mt. Adams and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest provide the backdrop for this scenic drive offering opportunities for fabulous hiking and great fishing along the way.

Length: 79 miles      Time to Allow: 4 hours      Season: End of May through October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- From Randle, travel south on State Route (SR) 131 for 1 mile to FR 23 and stay left on FR 23.
  - Follow FR 23 31.2 miles to FR 2329 and turn left on FR 2329.
  - Follow FR 2329 9.8 miles to FR 5603 and turn left on FR 5603.
  - Follow FR 5603 5.2 miles to FR 56 and turn right on FR 56.
  - Follow FR 56 7 miles to FR 2160. Turn right for a 7 mile round trip drive to Walupt Lake and back.
  - Turn left on FR 2160 and follow FR 2160 1.8 miles to FR 21 and turn right.
  - Follow FR 21 15.9 miles north to US Highway 12, about 3 miles west of Packwood and 13.6 miles east of the start of the route in Randle.

**7 Side Trip Loop** **Rimrock Lake Recreation Loop**  
 Located on the "dry" side of the Cascade Mountains, tour the outstanding beauty and recreational opportunities surrounding Rimrock and Clear Lakes. Extend your time along this lakeshore drive with year-round options for outdoor fun. In the summer, enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, boating and wildlife watching. Come winter, opt for a trek by snowshoe or cross-country skis, or bring the snowmobiles for adventure in this winter wonderland. Picturesque campgrounds, shining alpine lakes, splendid pine forests and fantastic mountain landscapes create a lasting impression of the area's beauty.

Length: 15.9 miles      Time to Allow: 90 minutes      Season: May through October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- Approaching from the west, travel past mile marker 158 and turn right off of US Highway 12 onto Tieton Reservoir Road (FR 1200). Travel on Tieton Reservoir Rd. 15.9 miles until the road rejoins US Highway 12, nine miles east of the beginning of the route.
  - Approaching from the east, travel past mile marker 168 and turn left off of US Highway 12 onto Tieton Reservoir Road (FR1200). Travel on Tieton Reservoir Rd. 15.9 miles until the road rejoins US Highway 12, nine miles west of the beginning of the route.

**8 Side Trip Loop** **East Side Loop**  
 Explore the east end of the White Pass Scenic Byway and discover the dramatic and rugged beauty of this wilderness area. Spend time touring spectacular Mt. Rainier National Park. Witness unique geologic formations and awe-inspiring views on the Chinook Scenic Byway. Along the White Pass Scenic Byway, see alpine lakes, watch elk herds in the hundreds and view impressive dams. Experience the splendid sights of two byways on this east side excursion.

Length: 113 miles      Driving Time: 3 hours (allow time for stops)      Season: May through October (closed in winter)

- Driving Directions:
- From the intersection of US Highway 12 and State Route (SR) 123, travel north on SR 123 for 16.3 miles to SR 410.
  - Turn right on SR 410 and travel 50.5 miles to US Highway 12.
  - Turn right on US Highway 12 and travel 46.7 miles back to the intersection of US Highway 12 and SR 123.

