

Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway - SR 112

Travelers on the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway are in the most northwest point of the mainland. Catch glimpses of eagles diving, gray whales spouting, or otters splashing. Walk, bike, boat, or kayak to explore the wild shoreline or forests, fish for salmon, or learn about Native American cultures.



Length: 61.08 miles / 97.7 km

Time 2 hours to drive without
to stopping, or 8 hours to visit
Allow: places along the way.

Local Information

Clallam Bay-Sekiui Chamber of Commerce

360-963-2339

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North Olympic Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau

360-452-8552

800-942-4042

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Visitor Services

Fees



There is a nominal fee at the Makah Cultural Museum, and for recreational use at Neah Bay for trails, marina and beaches.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities



Bicyclists should stay to the east end of the corridor, between Port Angeles Joyce, the 101/112 junction to about milepost 49. West of Joyce, cyclists find either narrower shoulders or no shoulder areas at all, and there are also many curves and hills.

Camping



There are places to camp along this byway.

Food



You'll find food services available in Joyce, Clallam Bay-Sekiui, Lake Ozette, and Neah Bay.



Gasoline

Gasoline is available in Joyce, Clallam Bay-Sekiu, and Neah Bay.



Information

There are authoritative information centers in Joyce, Clallam Bay, Lake Ozette, and Neah Bay.



Lodging

Lodging is available in Joyce, Clallam Bay-Sekiu, Lake Ozette and Neah Bay.



Phone

Public phones are available along this byway.



Restrooms

There are limited toilet facilities along this byway.



Retail

There are places to shop along this byway.

Special Considerations

There are several special considerations associated with this Byway:

- Gas is available on SR 112 at Joyce, Clallam Bay, and Neah Bay.
- Pets are not allowed on the trails at Lake Ozette.
- When on the Makah Reservation, follow their request to "take only pictures; leave only footprints." Alcohol is not allowed in public. Please keep pets on a leash and with you at all times. Check the posted rules at the entrance to Neah Bay and remember that you are a visitor.
- Posted speed limits change frequently depending on the nature of the road, population, and activities. Please obey these limits, be attentive and courteous as you drive, and wear your seatbelt. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and always be cautious on wet roads or in road construction areas as you travel. Also, do not drink and drive!

Restrictions

U.S. citizens traveling to Canada should be aware of new International Travel restrictions. As of February 2007 U.S. citizens must present their U.S. passport in order to re-enter the United States.

Flooding and/or landslides occasionally occur and can close the road for short periods of time.

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Seasons

Best Time to Drive

Spring--rain keeps the country green and lush; fall--maples turn color and the weather is its mildest. Traffic is less congested and pullouts give a chance to take in the view and capture the memories on film.

High Season

Memorial Day to Labor Day, especially on weekends during fishing season. Expect to be traveling with motor homes and trucks pulling boats. Slow down and enjoy the views so everyone arrives safely.

Map and Directions



Legend:

	Point of Interest		Campground		Featured Byway		Water		State Border
	Park		Picnic/Rest Area		America's Byways		Wildlife Refuge		Urban Area
	Mountain		Interstate		Other Byway		Wilderness Area		Tribal Nation
	City		U.S. Highway		Other Road		Other Federal Lands		Military Base
	Capital		State Highway		Trail		Other State Lands		

Driving Directions

- Starting from Port Angeles, continue on to SR-112 until reaching the Elwha River Overlook, which starts off the byway.
- Continue on SR-112 until ending the byway at the Makah Indian Reservation.

Getting to the Byway



Nearby cities

Olympia, WA (123 miles / 197.95 km, 2 hours 55 minutes)

- Start:** ● [Junction of US-101 and I-5 Olympia, WA](#)
[N 47.023° W 122.910° \[?\]](#)
- Follow SR 101 to Port Angeles, and then continue to follow SR 101 west out of Port Angeles.
- Directions:**
- The SR 112 junction is found about 5 miles outside of town. This is where the byway starts.

Junction with byway: * [Intersection of US-101 and WA-112](#)
[N 48.099° W 123.535° \[?\]](#)



Seattle, WA (86 miles / 138.40 km, 2 hours 50 minutes)

- Start:** ● [Seattle Ferry Terminal, WA](#)
[N 47.602° W 122.337° \[?\]](#)
- Take Bainbridge Ferry to Winslow. Cars exit and take route 305 to Poulsbo. Follow the nice one lane road through the evergreens. Just on the other side of Poulsbo, take the right exit north onto Freeway 3. Turn left onto SR 104 to cross the Hood Canal Bridge. Continue north and turn toward Port Angeles at the junction with 101 (right-hand fork). Continue on US 101 past Port Angeles to the byway's beginning at SR 112.
- Directions:**

Junction with byway: * [Intersection of US-101 and WA-112](#)
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Road Trip: Driving Along the Strait

Departure: Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center, Washington

Destination: Makah Indian Reservation, Washington

Time to allow: 1 day

Filled with rocky bluffs and sandy beaches, the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway provides you with countless views, amazing pieces of history and unique places to visit.

Day 1

- **Start: Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center**



Suggested time at this stop:

1 hour

Use Hurricane Ridge as a gateway to the Olympic National Park and take in its sweeping views. During the winter, you can enjoy a day of skiing.

- **Stop 2: Wilderness Information Center and Olympic National Park**



From previous stop: 49 minutes / 22.47 mi (36.0 km)

Directions: Drive northwest on Obstruction Point toward Hurricane Ridge, after 5.4 miles, turn right onto Hurricane Ridge Road and continue for 16.9 miles before ending at Olympic National Park.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

This center is a great place to begin your exploration of the Olympic National Park. Stock up on some bear canisters to keep your food safe, and pick up some tips and tricks for traveling the backcountry roads. The park includes Lake Crescent, nothing but ten miles of beauty, and a coastal strip that is home to Lake Ozette. With the many scenic trails criss crossing the park, take a stroll through landscape thick with wildflowers and wildlife.

- **Stop 3: Elwha River Viewpoint and Old Bridge**



From previous stop: 22 minutes / 9.61 mi (15.4 km)

Directions: Drive northeast on Hurricane Ridge Rd and turn left onto Mt. Angeles Road; road becomes S. Race St after .2 miles, make a left onto E. Lauridsen Blvd and then continue onto US-101. After 3.3 miles, turn right onto S. Dry Creek Rd, left onto W. Edgewood Road, then right onto Lower Elwha Rd. Drive for 3.0 miles before turning right onto Charles Rd and the Elwha River Viewpoint.

Suggested time at this stop: 15 minutes

This area provides a thrilling view of the rushing river, and don't leave without crossing the bridge itself. When you cross the Elwha River on the old one-lane wooden bridge, let your cameras capture the spectacular views of the rushing river below.

- **Stop 4: Salt Creek Recreation Area/County Park**



From previous stop: 34 minutes / 14.45 mi (23.1 km)

Directions: Drive south on Charles Rd, turn left on Lower Elwha Rd and drive for 3 miles. Turn right onto W. Edgewood Dr, left onto Laird Rd, then right onto W Edgewood Dr. Take a slight right onto Elwha River Road and drive for 1.1 miles before turning right onto WA-112. After 5.2 miles, turn right onto Camp Hayden Rd and drive for 3.4 miles to end at Salt Creek County Park.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour 30 minutes

Enjoy upland forests, rocky tide pools, a sand beach access area, playground and play fields, and hiking trails to Striped Peak. Or wander around the original bunkers that were once part of Fort Hayden during World War II.

- **Stop 5: Crescent Bay Loop**



From previous stop: 3 minutes / 1 mi (1.6 km)

Directions: Drive north on Camp Hayden Rd toward Tongue Point Rd, turn left onto Crescent Beach Rd to end at Crescent Bay Loop.

Suggested time at this stop: 45 minutes

This scenic side tour from the highway provides beach access. Park your car to walk barefoot in the sand with the waves lapping at your feet, or take a picture of the numerous seashells and other wind swept beach scenery for a souvenir of your day along the water.

- **Stop 6: Joyce General Store and Depot Museum**

From previous stop: 7 minutes / 2.72 mi (4.4 km)

Directions: Drive southwest on Crescent Beach Rd and after 2.2 miles, turn left onto Agate Beach Road before making a sharp right onto WA-111 to end at Joyce General Store.

Suggested time at this stop: 45 minutes

Step into the past as you browse through general store items from the 1920s through the 1940s. The nearby general store provides you with food and other items to help you continue on your trip. The general store still has its original false front from when it was first built.

- **Stop 7: Pillar Point**

From previous stop: 45 minutes / 24.28 mi (38.8 km)

Directions: Drive west on WA-112 toward Crescent Beach Rd for 22.5 miles, then turn right onto Pysht River Road to end at Pillar Point.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour 15 minutes

If you enjoy fishing or crabbing, Pillar Point is one of the best places along the Byway to pull out your fishing pole. Rest at this halfway point along the byway at one of the camping grounds provided here.

- **Stop 8: Clallam Bay County Park**

From previous stop: 25 minutes / 14.08 mi (22.5 km)

Directions: Drive west on Pysht River Road and turn left, then continue on Pysht River Rd. Turn right onto WA-112 and drive for 5.5 miles before turning right to continue on WA-112. After 6.8 miles, end at Clallam Bay.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Relax at a beautiful park along the beach, and pull out those picnic items you got at the general store. Wander over to the tide pools at Slip Point to catch a glimpse of marine life.

- **Stop 9: Sekiu**

From previous stop: 5 minutes / 2.04 mi (3.3 km)

Directions: Drive west on WA-112 toward Front St and drive for 1.4 miles before turning right onto Front St. Drive for .6 miles to end at Sekiu Point.

Suggested time at this stop: 3 hours

This is the one of the best places on the road for fishing, and if you have a boat-- this is the place to dock or cast it off, as Sekiu is the home to the numerous marinas in the area. Or if you're more of a trail person, hike the "Sekiu Trail" also known as the one mile beach.

- **Stop 10: Sail and Seal Rocks**

From previous stop: 29 minutes / 14.41 mi (23.1 km)

Directions: Drive southeast on Front St. Ext. toward Thompson St, then turn right onto Washington St before making a left onto Sekiu Airport Rd. Take a right onto WA-112 and drive for 13.6 miles before making another right to end at Sail and Seal Rocks.

Suggested time at this stop: 15 minutes

Near the end of your trip, pause by these twin offshore rocks to catch a glimpse of gray whales.

- **End: Makah Indian Reservation**

From previous stop: 20 minutes / 8.35 mi (13.4 km)

Directions: Drive northwest on WA-112 toward 500 Line Rd and continue for 2.7 miles before turning left onto 200 Line Rd. After 3.7 miles, turn right onto South Educket Rd and drive for 1.7 miles. Make a left to end at the Makah Indian Reservation.

Suggested time at this stop: 3 hours

End your trip at the Makah Indian Reservation, which has not only the most widely recognized museum in the SR112 corridor, but is the gateway to the the Cape Flattery trail. Viewpoints on this trail allow striking views of sea caves, otters, sea birds and Tatoosh Island, the only piece of land between Cape Flattery and Asia.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 113.41 miles / 181.5 km

Total Travel Time: 3 hours 59 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 13 hours 45 minutes