

Chinook Scenic Byway

Travel the glacier-fed White River from Enumclaw, over Chinook Pass, to the fertile valley of Naches. Spectacular views of Mount Rainier, dense forests, towering peaks, rocky ridges, and river canyons dominate this journey. Pass by the unique basalt flows of the Columbia Plateau, lush sub-alpine meadows, and waterfalls.



Length: 85 miles / 136.0 km
Time to Allow: Three hours to drive the byway

Local Information

Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce
360-825-7666

Mount Rainier Visitor Information
360-569-2211

Washington State Tourism Division
800-544-1800
360-725-4181

Yakima Valley Visitor and Convention Center
800-221-0751

Visitor Services

Fees



Some campgrounds charge fees.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities



This byway is popular for bicycling. In addition to bicycling the road, the number of mountain-bike routes has increased yearly. Also, beginning in 1984, there has been an annual "Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day" (RAMROD) bicycle event. Every year, many more bicyclists apply to participate in the event, which is limited to 750 people. #####Highway Specifics:##### + From milepost (MP) 25.5 (Enumclaw) to MP 47.7, where the byway enters the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the road has 6- to 8-foot shoulders. The posted speed limit is 55 mph. + From MP 47.7 to MP 57.6 (the entrance to Mount Rainier National Park), the shoulders are 4 feet, and posted speed limits are 50 mph. + The 111.6 miles of road in the National

Park is currently undergoing reconstruction with new 2-foot shoulders. Speed limits range from 25 to 45 mph. + Traveling east from the pass, the road travels through Wenatchee National Forest to MP 100.47, where it passes through private land. + From Chinook Pass to Naches, the road width is 32 feet (12-foot lanes, 4-foot shoulders), with a posted speed of 55 mph. + At MP 185.4, there is a junction with SR 12; here SR 410 ends. The byway follows SR 12 for 3.4 miles and terminates at Naches, MP 110.3.

Camping



The Dalles has a rest area, restrooms, 44 campsites (RV/tent), traveler information, picnic areas, and hiking trails. Silver Spring Campground has 55 campsites (RV/tent), traveler information, ADA, picnic areas, hiking trails, and flush restrooms. Reservations for nearby National Forest campgrounds: + [Dalles](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Dalles_Wa/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70253&topTabIndex=CampingSpot) + [Silver Springs](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Silver_Springs_Wa/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70607&topTabIndex=CampingSpot)

Food



There are places to buy food along this byway.

Gasoline



Gasoline is available.

Information



There is an authoritative information center along this byway.

Lodging



There is overnight lodging along this byway.

Phone



Public phones are available along this byway.

Restrooms



There are toilet facilities along this byway.

Retail



There are places to shop along this byway.

Special Considerations

The Park segment of the road is typically closed during the winter. However, the road is open on the northwest side of Mount Rainier National Park (MP 57.6) and on the east side of Morse Creek (MP 74.97).

Mount Rainier National Park is open year-round, but only the Nisqually to Paradise road stays open. The east and west road segments outside of the park are open in the winter for recreational use.

Autumn and spring access along the byway is weather-dependent. The typical opening dates for Cayuse and Chinook passes are May 2 and May 26, respectively. Closing dates for these same areas are normally December 6 and December 14. Also, tour buses are accommodated along the parkway under a permit system.

Restrictions

The Parkway is closed during the winter from the western entrance of Mount Rainier National Park (MP 57) to Morse Creek (MP 65).

Seasons

Best Time to Drive

Late May to late October, when the entire route is open

High Season

Late May to October

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 Enumclaw, drive on WA-410 until Greenwater.
- Continue on WA-410 for 52.5 miles until reaching Cliffdell.
- From Cliffdell, continue on WA-410 for 20.5 miles
- The byway ends in Naches.

Getting to the Byway



Nearby cities

Seattle, WA (42 miles / 67.59 km, 1 hour)

- Start:** ● Seattle Spring St Entrance to I-5 S Seattle, WA
N 47.607° W 122.331° [?]
- Directions:**
- Follow I-5 south to Federal Way.
 - Get on WA-18 going east to Auburn.
 - Take WA-164 southeast through Enumclaw to WA-410 where the byway begins.

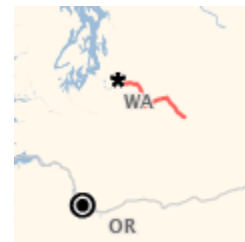
Junction with byway: * Intersection of Griffin Ave and Cole St, Enumclaw, WA
N 47.204° W 121.990° [?]



Vancouver, WA (154 miles / 247.84 km, 2 hours 45 minutes)

- Start:** ● Vancouver East Fourth Plain Blvd entrance to I-5 N, Vancouver WA
N 45.639° W 122.661° [?]
- Directions:**
- Follow I-5 north to Federal Way.
 - Get on WA-18 going east to Auburn.
 - Take WA-164 southeast through Enumclaw to WA-410 where the byway begins.

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Road Trip: Mather Parkway Tour

Departure: Mount Rainier National Park, Washington

Destination: Federation Forest State Park, Washington

Time to allow: 1 day

It was Stephen T. Mather, the first director of the National Park Service, who first suggested the creation of "A Cascade Parkway" to preserve the natural beauty along the approach highway leading to the northeast corner of Mt. Rainier National Park. Now, years later, the Stephen T. Mather Memorial Parkway, named in his honor, is designed to enhance and compliment the existing natural landscape for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

Day 1

- **Start: Mount Rainier National Park**

Mount
Rainier

Suggested time at this stop: 45 minutes

Here is a mountain wonderland of dense forests, dazzling wildflowers, tremendous snowfields, and rugged glaciers. While resting from your trip and eating a picnic lunch, relax to the soothing sound of falling water, and the cool off with the refreshing breezes off the glaciers.

- **Stop 2: Boulder Cave Nature Trail**



From previous stop: same location

This is a kids' special. Bring a lunch, a flashlight and the patience to answer a lot of questions as you lead the youngsters into Boulder Cave, a natural stone tunnel nearly 200 feet long.

- **Stop 3: Tipsoo Lakes/Naches Peak Loop**



From previous stop: same location
Suggested time at this stop: 20 minutes

Take your water bottles and a small snack for an easy stroll on the Naches Peak Loop. Gaining only 500 feet in elevation and meandering around meadows and forests, this is the perfect walk to get a good glimpse of the beauty in the area.

- **End: Federation Forest State Park**



From previous stop: same location
Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

The remnants of history await visitors of this old growth forest. Remains of the historic Naches trail, one of the first trails from eastern Washington to Puget Sound, exist throughout the grounds. Or visit the 'hobbit home' tucked away in a corner of the park.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 0 miles / 0.0 km

Total Travel Time: 0 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 1 hour 35 minutes