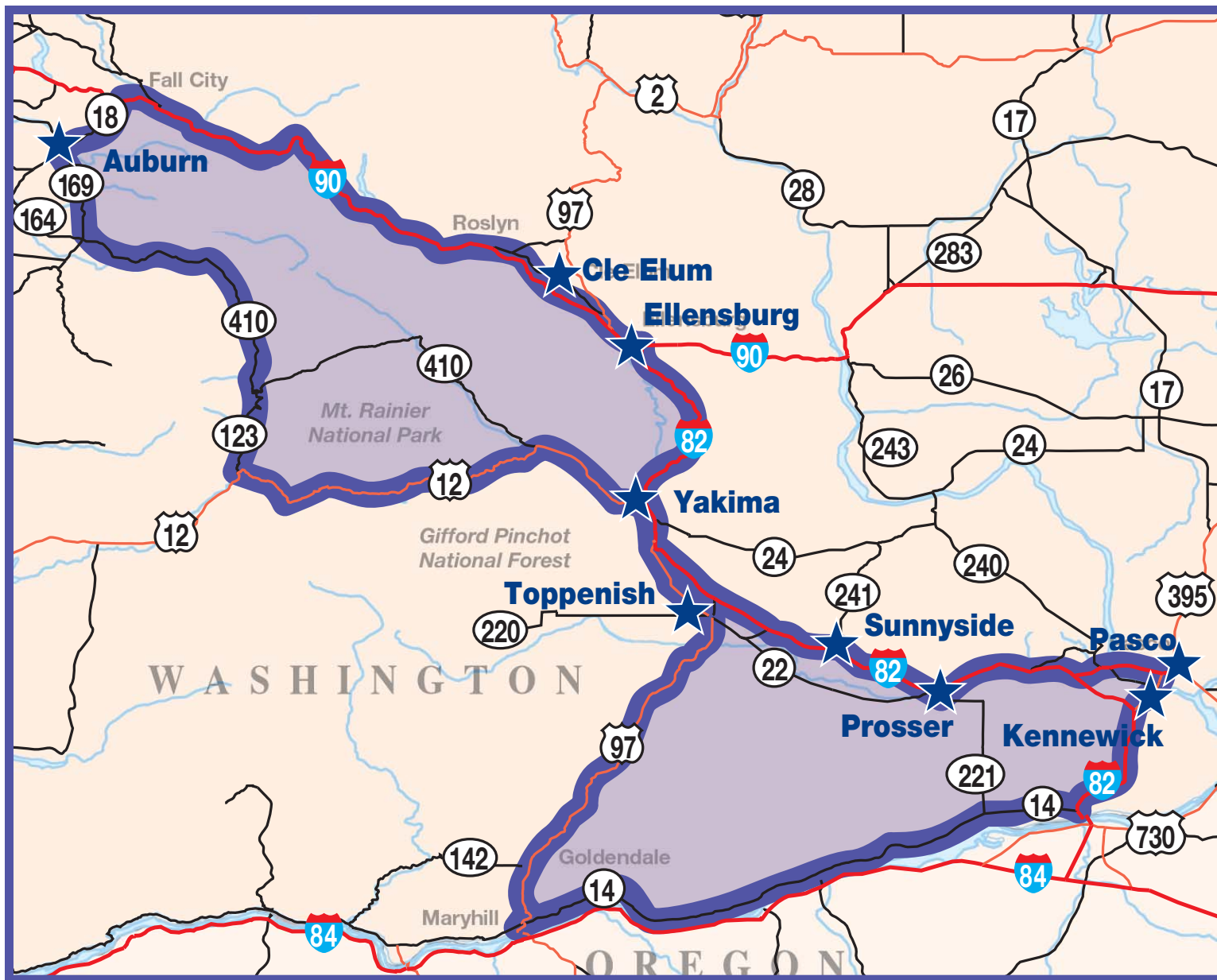


FERTILE VALLEY



Two - Three Day Tour

- *Fall City • Snoqualmie • Roslyn • Cle Elum • Ellensburg • Yakima*
- *Sunnyside • Prosser • Richland • Pasco • Kennewick • Maryhill*
- *Goldendale • Toppenish • Gifford Pinchot National Forest*
- *Mount Rainier National Park • Enumclaw • Auburn*

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The Fertile Valley awaits you with its dramatic waterfalls, steep mountains, gentle pastureland and rich orchards. Catch a train ride or cruise the Columbia River. Ski in a winter wonderland and hike in meadows filled with wildflowers. Sample local wine and taste fresh, sweet fruit.

FALL CITY. Three miles north of I-90, is the *Herb Farm*, featuring 639 varieties of herbs, along with 17 gardens and greenhouses. There are even edible flowers. Free: (206) 784-2222. Another seven miles north of town is *Remlinger Farms* with something delicious to pick every season. June is strawberry month and July is the raspberry festival. (425) 451-8740.

SNOQUALMIE. On your way back to I-90, turn on S.R. 202 to *Snoqualmie Falls Park*. It's a steep drive to the falls, but worth it. The Snoqualmie River cascades 268 feet through a spectacular rock gorge – it's 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Information: (425) 888-1555.

- **Snoqualmie Valley Railroad.** For another view of the falls, take this steam train ride through Snoqualmie and North Bend. The restored depot is on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission: (425) 746-4025.
- **Snoqualmie Pass.** This is the entryway to the *Snoqualmie National Forest* and the beginning of many recreational choices. Skiing is the sport of choice in the winter, with hiking and mountain biking in the summer.

ROSLYN. This is the town where the series *Northern Exposure* was filmed. The *Roslyn Museum* displays historic documents and pioneer relics; Donations. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 674-5958.



Where to stay along the way:

CLE ELUM - Best Western Snowcap Lodge
(800) 238-7234

CLE ELUM. Meaning “swift water,” the town takes its name from the river that tumbles down from Lake Cle Elum. Begin your adventures in the *Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest*. One local favorite is a raft trip down a 16-mile stretch of the Yakima River. For fun, check out the *Telephone Museum*, (509) 674-5702. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 674-5958.



Stop to fish and create an unforgettable memory.

ELLENSBURG. Every Labor Day weekend the town celebrates its early days with an old time rodeo and Kittitas County Fair. Ellensburg is also a known center for the National Western Art Show and Auction. Kittitas County has plenty to do for those who also love the outdoors. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 925-3137



Where to stay along the way:

ELLENSBURG - Best Western Lincoln Inn & Suites
(866) 925-4288

- **Clymer Museum.** Features include changing exhibits of western themes. Admission: (509) 962-6416.
- **Children's Activity Museum.** Busy hands will find many opportunities for exploration. Information: (509) 925-6789.

YAKIMA. Drive 35 miles south on I-82 to Washington's wine country in the The Yakima Valley. Nearby *Zillah* begins your tour of four local wineries and the *El Ranchito* tortilla plant or come to the *Yakima Valley Museum* with two floors of artifacts. Admission: (509) 248-0747. Of interest to those with green thumbs, the *Yakima Area Arboretum* features 40 acres of natural riparian wetland and exotic plants. Free: (509) 248-7337. Yakima Visitor's Bureau: (800) 221-0751.



Where to stay along the way:

YAKIMA
Best Western Lincoln Inn (800) 834-1649
Best Western Ahtanum Inn (800) 348-9701

SUNNYSIDE. Enjoy sunny rural America at its best: agriculture, golf, hunting, fishing, and numerous other outdoor recreation activities. Taste Washington State's finest wines and partake of the abundance of the land. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 837-5939.



Where to stay along the way:

SUNNYSIDE - Best Western Grapevine Inn
(800) 238-7234

PROSSER. Venture farther into wine country along I-82 and discover tranquil vistas of the lower Yakima Valley, just south of town on S.R. 221. Come the last two weeks in September during harvest season in the vineyards. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 786-3177.



Where to stay along the way:

PROSSER
Best Western The Inn At Horse Heaven (800) 688-2192

- **Benton County Historical Museum.** See more than 20,000 artifacts including phonographs, a gown collection, a Victorian parlor, and cut glass and porcelain. Admission: (509) 786-3842.
- **Columbia Crest.** South on S.R. 221, is Washington's largest winemaking operation, with underground cellars, European antiques, a cobblestone courtyard and a sweeping view of the Columbia River. Free tours: (509) 875-2061.

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Just 25 miles east of Prosser on I-82, you enter the tri-cities area of Richland, Pasco and Kennewick. You'll delight in this area's orchards, history and water sports.

RICHLAND. Travel 25 miles east of Prosser on I-82 to the *Tri-Cities* area of Richland, Pasco and Kennewick along the Columbia River. In 1944, this small hamlet was designated as a development site for the atomic bomb. Today it is a center of technological industries, as well as the Hanford Works of the Department of Energy. It also offers water sports, orchards, and beautiful parks. Visitor's Bureau: (800) 254-5824.

- **Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology.** Interactive exhibits include scale models of nuclear reactors from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, and other technology. Admission: (509) 943-9000.
- **Plant 2 Visitor's Center.** At the Hanford Site, this center includes exhibits and displays describing the working of a nuclear power plant. Free: (509) 377-4558.
- **Three Rivers Children's Museum.** Great for ages 2 to 12, it offers educational activities and exhibits. Admission: (509) 946-5437.
- **Preston Winery.** Tour the state's largest family-owned and operated winery. Enjoy lunch on the lovely picnic grounds. (509) 545-1990.

PASCO. Located at the south entrance of the Columbia River Basin, Pasco was founded in the late 1800s and was a base camp for the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Visit *Sacajawea State Park*, (800) 254-5824. *Ice Harbor Dam* on lower Snake River offers tours of the dam, fish ladders, and powerhouse. Fee: (509) 547-7781. Visit *McNary National Wildlife Refuge*, a resting place for migrating waterfowl. Free: (509) 547-4942.



Where to stay along the way:

PASCO - Best Western Pasco Inn & Suites
(509) 543-7722 / (800) 238-7234

KENNEWICK. Near the confluence of the Columbia, Snake and Yakima Rivers, this "winter paradise" city is the departure point for boating and scenic cruises. *Lake Wallula* is a popular starting spot. Visitor's Bureau: (800) 254-5824.



Where to stay along the way:

KENNEWICK - Best Western Kennewick Inn
(509) 586-1332 / (800) 238-7234

- **East Benton County Historical Society Museum.** Learn about the area's agriculture and business through historical photos and displays. Admission: (509) 582-7704.
- **Oasis Waterworks.** Get wet and wild with waterslides, a river ride, swimming pools, spa, basketball, and more at this nine-acre amusement park. Admission: (509) 735-8442.

MARYHILL. Travel south on I-82 to Hwy 14 west for a drive overlooking the Columbia River. Just before town is the *John Day Dam*. Watch the fish ladders for migrating fish. Next is the *Maryhill Museum of Art*, home to a collection of Rodin sculptures. Admission: (509) 773-3733.



Images from the past can be found near Goldendale.

GOLDENDALE. Heading north on U.S. 97 is a valley with panoramas of Mount Hood and Mount Adams. The *Goldendale Observatory* features a 24.5 inch telescope for public viewing. Donations: (509) 773-3141. The *Presby Museum* displays a variety of pioneer items. Admission: (509) 773-4303.

TOPPENISH. Take U.S. 97 north 50 miles to the headquarters of the Yakima Indian Nation. Pow wows are held in June, July and September, and the public is welcome. Information: (509) 865-2800. The town features colorful painted murals sprawled across many buildings, depicting pioneer life in the area.



Where to stay along the way:

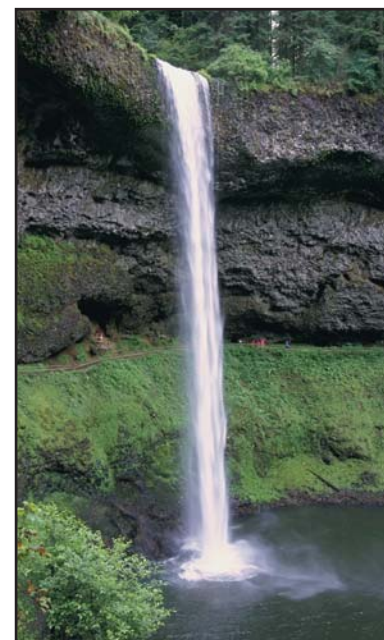
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- **Yakima Valley Rail & Steam Museum.** The authentic telegrapher's office displays vintage artifacts, including a special train potty. There's an excursion train departing from the museum on a limited schedule, August - October. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 865-3262.
- **Yakima National Cultural Center.** Dioramas, murals, exhibits and a 76-foot-high lodge act as storytellers for a culture rich in human drama. Admission: (509) 865-2800.

GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST.

From I-5 follow U.S. 12 east for another exciting scenic drive. Information: (360) 891-5001.

- **Clear Creek Falls.** Tumbling through a narrow canyon and plunging more than 300 feet, these spectacular falls make for thrilling photographs.
- **White Pass.** With a summit of 4,500 feet you'll enjoy a winter wonderland with downhill and cross-country trails. Summer offers mountain biking, fishing, and hiking along the Pacific Crest Trail.



Spectacular Silver Falls Park.

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- **The Palisades.** Nine miles west of White Pass on U.S. 12 is a magnificent viewpoint featuring this 486-foot-high canyon wall.

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK. Near the junction of Hwys 123 and 12, the *Ohanapecosh Visitor Center* is the perfect introduction to this area. It features exhibits on forest ecology and the history of the park. From Hwy 123, drive west on S.R. 706 to see views of towering *Mount Rainier*, a 14,411-foot ice-clad volcano. Information June through September: (360) 569-2211.



Mount Rainier National Park at sunset.

- **Longmire.** One of the National Park Service's oldest interpretive museums is here. There is also your choice of hiking trails from novice to advanced.
- **Nisqually-Paradise Road.** Once you reach Paradise you've climbed more than 3,000 feet from the Nisqually entrance. Stop by the *Kautz Mudflow* area and three waterfalls. The *Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center* features exhibits and an observation deck. This road is open year-round.
- **Stevens Canyon Road.** You'll have spectacular views of Mount Rainier, Mount Adams and the Tatoosh Range. Take the loop walk into the *Grove of the Patriarchs* to see old douglas fir, western hemlock and red cedar. The trail to picturesque *Silver Falls* starts here. (Closed winters)
- **Ohanapecosh Visitor Center.** Return to Hwy 123 and drive north to see the east side of the park. Hot springs well from this side of the mountain. Enjoy a loop walk to *Silver Falls*. (360) 569-2211, extension 2352.

- **Sunrise.** The road to Sunrise opens around July 1st and closes the first week of October. Sunrise Point has a great view of the Cascade Mountains. Serious hikers will want to try part of the 90-mile *Wonderland Trail* that encircles the mountain. Information: (360) 569-2211, extension 2357.
- **Crystal Mountain.** With a 3,000-foot vertical drop, Crystal is known for its excellent skiing. Ten chairlifts span 2,300 acres and the runs cater to novices as well as experts. Also open for the summer with hiking trails and operating ski lifts.

ENUMCLAW. Leaving Mount Rainier on Hwy 410 you will travel down a 40 mile descent into this pastureland area known for its horse-breeding, producing Thoroughbreds and Morgans. Stop by the Muckleshoot Casino - 9 miles. The Bingo Parlor is adjacent and the food is wonderful! Only 6 miles to top entertainment at the White River Amphitheater. Also shop the quaint little shops downtown. Chamber of Commerce: (360) 825-7666.

- **Mud Mountain Dam.** Relax in this park which overlooks a wading pool, hiking trails and a playground. Free: (360) 825-3211.

AUBURN. The Best Western Peppertree Auburn Inn is located right in the center of "More than you imagined." This community is just a few minutes from the water and 40 minutes to the mountains. Mount Rainier views, Muckleshoot Casino, Emerald Downs gaming, White River Amphitheater, concerts, Supermall shopping, Six Flags, Pacific Raceway, Washington National Golf Course, and more. Chamber of Commerce: (253) 833-0700.



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AUBURN - Best Western Peppertree Auburn Inn
(888) 624-4854

Continue back on HWY 410 west to the Tacoma/Seattle area to complete your circle.