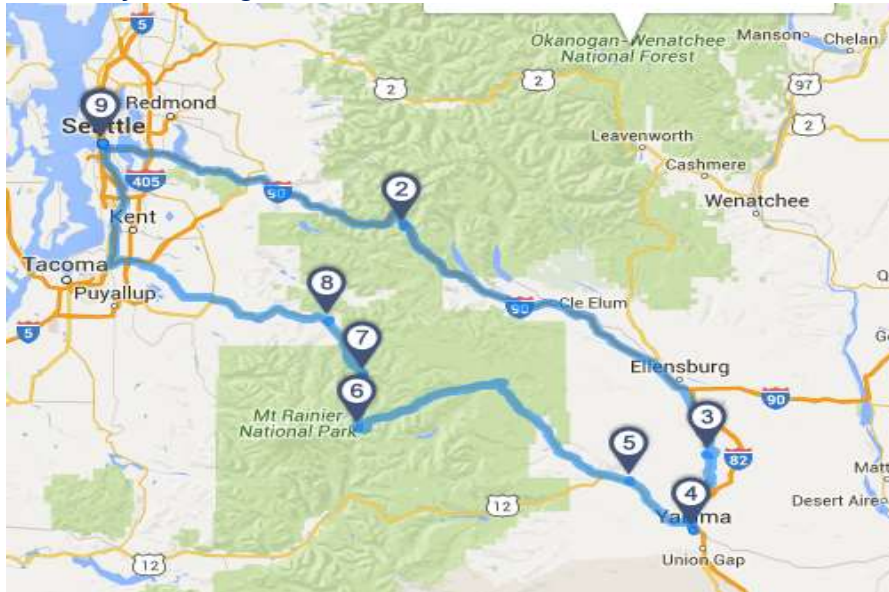




## Seattle Southeast: The Road to Washington's Wine Country

*A Taste of Washington's Great Outdoors*



### HIGHLIGHTS

Headed to the Yakima Valley Wine Region? "Taste" some of the best of the Central Washington Cascades along the way, including iconic Mt. Rainier, the state's tallest peak.

### KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Mt. Rainier National Park
- Two National Forests
- A Historic Lodge
- Tribal Cultural Center
- Wildlife Viewing
- Scenic Byways

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### Across the Cascade Crest

Begin your journey headed southeast on the [Mountains to Sound Greenway Scenic Byway](#) (Interstate 90) through the [Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest](#), taking in [Snoqualmie Falls](#), [Alpental Ski Area](#), and Kachess and Cle Elum Lakes along the way. Just before Ellensburg, turn south onto the [Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway](#), enjoying view of the Yakima River from [Umtanum Creek Recreation Area](#) and the [Roza Recreation Area](#).



Snoqualmie Tunnel along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, Mountains to Sound Greenway



Yakima River Canyon, Bureau of Land Management

### Mt. Adams and the Homeland of the Yakama Nation

Continue south to Toppenish, gateway to the [Yakama Reservation](#) and the [Yakama Nation Cultural Center](#). Learn about the ancestral and modern-day ties this tribe has with Mt. Adams which looms to the west.



Mt. Adams, Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Yakama Reservation

### Chinook Pass and Mt. Rainier National Park

On your return to Seattle, head west to Naches and the [Chinook Pass All American Road](#), stopping at the [Oak Creek State Wildlife Area](#) to view the resident herd of elk and other wildlife. Then climb to Chinook Pass, pausing at Tipsoo Lake for one of the most photographed images of Mt. Rainier. During the summer months, visit the National Park's [Sunrise District](#) visitor center and lodge for spectacular views of the peak's north flank.



Bighorn Sheep,  
Oak Creek State Wildlife Area



View of Sunrise on Mt. Rainier from Sunrise District,  
Mt. Rainier National Park

### Adventures along the Chinook Pass All American Road

As you make your return to Seattle, stop at [Crystal Mountain Ski Resort](#) for year-round outdoor adventure. Washington largest mountain resort features winter skiing and a gondola to alpine hiking and mountain biking in the summer. Conclude your trip with a stop at [Federation Forest State Park](#) to take in the beautiful old growth forest along the 12 miles (19.3 km) of hiking trails including 3 miles (4.8 km) that are family friendly.



Photo Opportunity from Summit House,  
Crystal Mountain Ski Resort



Boardwalk Trail at Federal Forest State Park,  
Washington State Parks