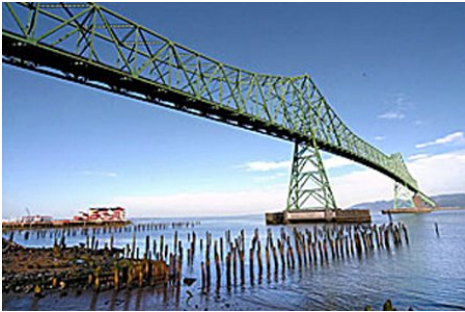




# Astoria Drive

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This drive will take you out Hwy. 26 past **Hillsboro** and then on up across the **Oregon Coast Range** on a "road less travelled". The pass is a fun curvy drive. In **Astoria** there are a lot of things to do and see. And, you have many choices for a scenic return to the **Portland** area.



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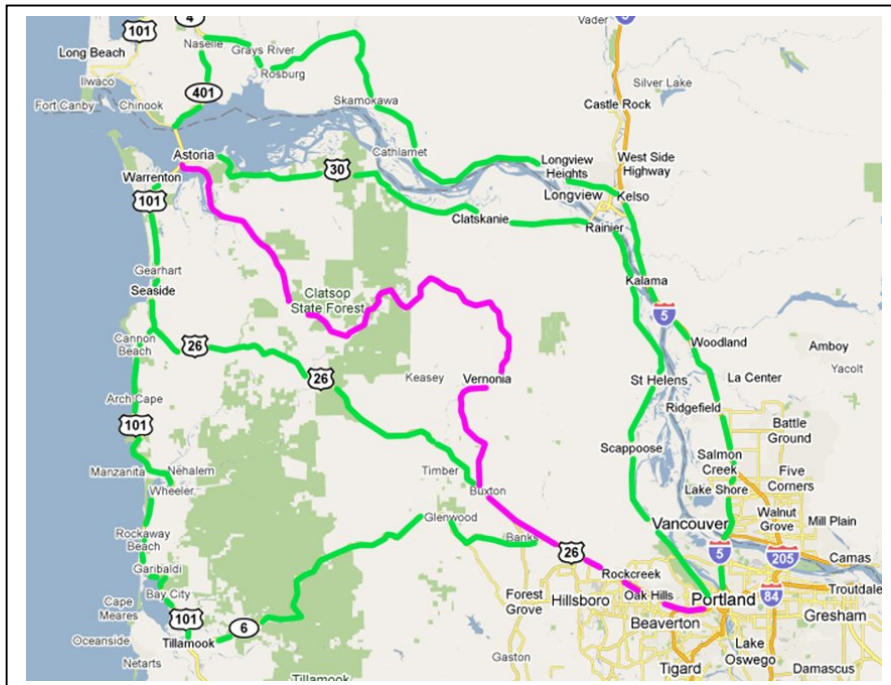
**Total Driving Time: 3.75 – 4.75 hrs. / 91 – 228 miles** (depending on your return route)

Head west on Hwy. 26 – the *Sunset Highway*.

**Portland to Astoria - Driving Time: 1 hr 45 mins / 91 miles**



**Zero your odometer trip gauge as you pass by the North Plains Exit – Exit #57** (the mileage points for the drive to Astoria are based on this).



Continue westward on Hwy. 26. Just past **Manning** (at **mile 12**) take the **Hwy 47 North** exit. This is where it starts getting fun! At **mile 26** you will pass through the quaint town of **Vernonia**. They are equally proud of their slow speed limit through town and their effective justice system.

Leaving **Vernonia**, you are off through some scenic areas with great curves. At **Mist (mile 43)** you will diverge to the **left** from Hwy 47 onto Hwy 202 to **Astoria**. (At roughly **mile 61** you will pass the County Sheriff's office on your **left**).

Finally you will reach your first pit-stop at **mile 61.8** – the **Jewell Meadows Wildlife Park** and elk viewpoint. It will be a **left** turn directly across from the brown **← ELK VIEWPOINT** sign.



There is a large old gray house here and the viewpoint entrance looks like a residential driveway. There is a nice parking area and **restrooms!** You might even be lucky enough to see some elk here.

From this point on over the mountains to **mile 73** the road is twisty, but a little rough. Fun twisties make it worthwhile!

You will approach **Astoria** from the southeast along **Youngs River**. At the *Hwy 101* roundabout (**mile 90**), you can go **left** into **Warrenton** and south on *Hwy. 101*, or turn **right** into downtown **Astoria**.

If you are looking for good seafood, continue into **Warrenton** and turn **right** at the first traffic light (**mile 92.8**). **Dooger's** will be on your **left**. (at the end of a strip mall). [**GPS: Dooger's** address is 103 Hwy. 101, Warrenton, OR 97146]



If you are looking a good brewery you can check out the **Rogue Public House** on *Hwy. 30*, just east of **Astoria**. It is out at the end of a pier in the **Columbia River**. [**GPS: Rogue Public House** address is 100 39th St. (Pier 39) Astoria, OR 97103]



If you are looking for “fine dining”, look no further than **Baked Alaska**. Local seafood is available and the restaurant looks out over the **Columbia River**. [GPS: **Baked Alaska** address is #1 12th St., Astoria, OR 97103]

There are many things to do and see in **Astoria** – the **Astoria Tower**, **Columbia River Maritime Museum**, etc.



Do a little research before you go. If you cross the **Columbia River**, turn left on *Hwy. 101* for a mile or so to **Fort Columbia State Park**. This is a former military base for the **Columbia River** entrance and still has gun emplacements in place. The old officer quarters are available for rent.

## ***Astoria to Portland -***

You have a number of choices for your return **to Portland**. You can:

1. Return the way you came. (**1 hr, 45 minutes driving time / 91 miles**)
2. Head east on **Oregon Hwy. 30** (along the **Columbia River** back to **Portland**). (**1 hr. 50 minutes driving time / 101 miles**)
3. Cross over to the **Washington** side, turn right and follow *Hwy. 401* to **Naselle** and then right on *Hwy. 4* along the north bank of the **Columbia** back to **Longview** and *I-5*. (**2 hrs, 20 minutes driving time / 123 miles**)
4. Or you can head south on *Hwy. 101*. If heading south, **at Seaside** you would head east on *Hwy. 26* back to **Portland**. If you continue on south to **Tillamook**, you would head east on *Hwy. 6* which returns you to *Hwy. 26* near **North Plains**. (**2 hrs, 50 minutes driving time / 137 miles**)

This is merely a suggested drive. You can shorten it – lengthen it – reverse it – modify it – deviate from it or just stay home and detail your car.

***Enjoy and Drive Safely!***

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***The fun starts here!***