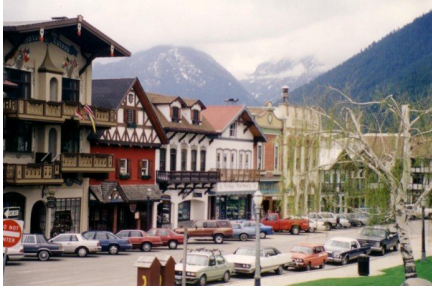




Leavenworth / Chelan / Grand Coulee Drive

The Oregon S2000 Owner's Forum: [HTTP://OREGON.S2KI.COM](http://OREGON.S2KI.COM)

This 2-day drive will take you up to **Washington** for lunch in **Leavenworth** before heading on over to **Lake Chelan** for a nice afternoon and evening in a beautiful high **Cascades** valley. The next morning will find you on your way to **Grand Coulee Dam** before heading south down the **Dry Coulee** and on back to **Portland**.



This is no small drive. Due to the distances, it is two long days with early (**7:00 am**) starts.



Driving = 40% 1, 40% 2, 10% 3 and 10% 4

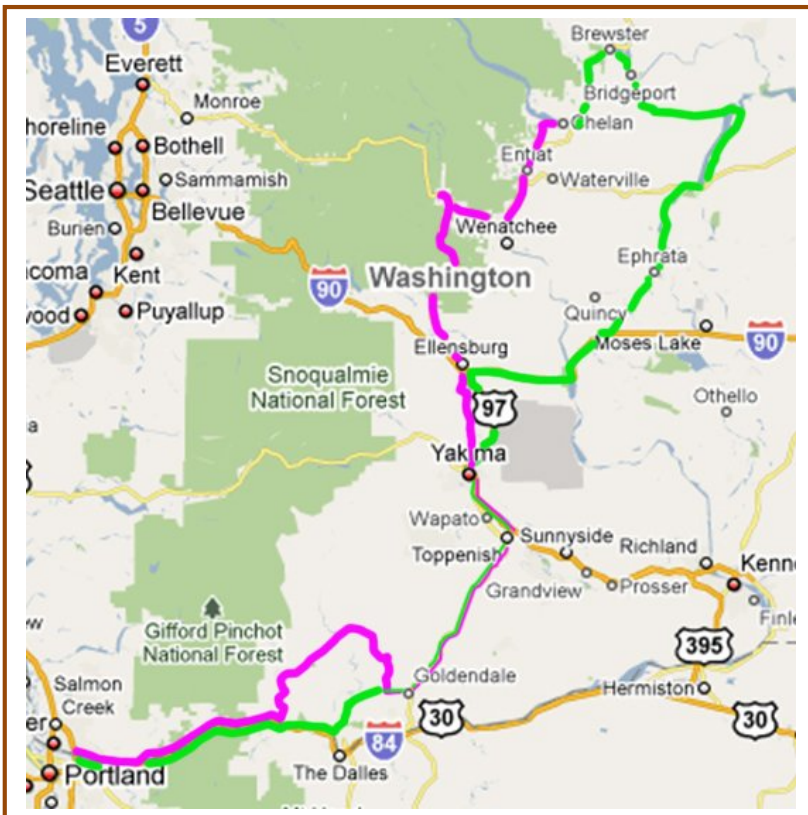


Scenery = 4

Total Driving Time: 18 hrs. 45 mins. / 767 miles

Find your way to *Washington Hwy. 14* eastbound.

Portland to Lake Chelan - Driving Time: 9 hrs. / 342 miles



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you pass by the **I-205/Hwy. 14**

interchange (the mileage points are based on this).

Proceed east on **Washington Hwy. 14** through **Camas, Washougal** and **Stevenson**. At **mile 51.6** is **Drano Lake** on your left. It is highly recommended that you stop here for a pit-stop as there just isn't anything further on. This rest stop is a "Day-Use" fee area for fishermen. However, we have never been bothered to just stop and use the facilities.

Just before entering **Bingen**, you will cross the **White Salmon River** and turn **left** / north on **Hwy. 141 Alternate (MILE 57.8)**. This winding road takes you up out of the **Gorge** to the top of the plain.

At **B Z Corner [GPS: 1255 Highway 141, White Salmon]** you will turn **right** on **BZ-Glenwood Highway** toward **Glenwood (MILE 67.9)**. At **(MILE 88.3)** you will enter **Glenwood** and turn **right** on **Glenwood-Goldendale Hwy.** [You will be in for some great climbing twisties on this section!]

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As you approach *Hwy. 142*, you will turn **left** / east (**MILE 112.6**). Proceed on to **Goldendale** and turn **left** / north on *Hwy. 97* (**MILE 122.9**). At **Toppenish** follow *Hwy. 22* and the signs to *I-82 North*. Head north on *I-82* through **Yakima**. Take **Exit #26**. At the end of the off-ramp is a **Shell** 🛢️ Station (**MILE 198.1**). You will want to refuel here.

Rather than proceeding on *I-82*, when you leave the station, cross over *I-82* and turn **right** on **Washington Hwy. 821**. This will take you up some winding roads and through the **Yakima River Canyon** and into **Ellensburg** (**MILE 228**).

Hwy. 821 will become *Canyon Road* which will become *Main Street* as you enter **Ellensburg**. Continue through the downtown area and then turn **left** on *University Way* which becomes *West Cascade Way*. At *Reecer Creek Road* turn **right** and then immediately **left** on *Dry Creek Conn.* Just past **Ellensburg** turn **right** again heading north on *Hwy. 97* (**MILE 232.2**).

Just outside of **Leavenworth** follow the signs to *Hwy. 2 West* - turn **left** on *Hwy. 2* (**MILE 280.7**) for the last few of miles into **Leavenworth**. If you left **Vancouver** at **7:00 am** you should arrive in Leavenworth at about **1:30 pm** (**MILE 285.4**). [**GPS:** *Downtown Leavenworth* address is 800 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA]



There are many fine German restaurants in **Leavenworth** – **Christa's Café**, **King Leopold's**, etc. And lots of touristy shops. Save your money and time and head to **Lake Chelan** after lunch.

Leave **Leavenworth** the way you came in – head southeast on *Hwy. 2*. Once in **Wenatchee** follow the signs to *Hwy. 97 Alternate* (**MILE 305.2**). This will take you up the **Columbia River** on the west side. Just past **Winesap** take a tight **left** turn onto *Hwy. 971* (**MILE 328.5**).



This will take you over some ridges and then will swoop down to **Chelan Lake** (**MILE 337**). Turn **right** and continue along *Lakeshore Road* into **Chelan**.

Two good places to stay in **Chelan** are the **Best Western** just outside of **Chelan** on *Lakeshore Road*: <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=48136>

[**GPS**: *Best Western Lakeside Lodge* address is 2312 West Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA]

Best Western Lakeside Lodge




Campbell's Resort



and **Campbell's Resort** which is right downtown: <http://www.campbellsresort.com/>

[**GPS**: *Campbell's Resort* address is 104 West Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA]

There is a car wash and a **Chevron**  station on the main street (*E. Woodin*). You will need to refuel here. [**GPS**: *Chelan Chevron* address is 232 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA]

Chelan has many restaurants and things to see. Drive around the north side of the lake to **Manson**. Try a drive up the hillsides to see the many apple orchards and outstanding lake view.

Lake Chelan to Portland - **Driving Time: 9 hrs. 45 mins. / 425 miles**

In the morning get a bright and early start.



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you leave **Chelan** (the mileage points are based on this).

Leave **Chelan** on *E. Woodin Ave. / Hwy. 97 Alternate* and then head north to re-join *Hwy. 97*. Turn **left**. After passing **Brewster**, turn **right** on *Hwy. 17 East (MILE 30.5)*. Just past **Bridgeport** make a brief pit-stop at the **Chief Joseph Dam** lookout (**MILE 39.6**)– don't pass it up! Continue on *Hwy. 17 East* to **Leahy** and there turn **left** on *Hwy. 174 East (MILE 54.8)*. This will be some pretty desolate country you pass through! Just prior to **Grand Coulee**, turn left at *Crown Point Road (MILE 75.7)* and drive on down to the lookout – bear **right**. From here you will have a commanding view of **Grand Coulee Dam** and a shelter that doubles as a sundial.



Head back to *Hwy. 174* and into the city of **Grand Coulee**. Here, bear **right** onto *Hwy. 155 South* through **Electric City** and on south.




Make a stop at **Steamboat Rock State Park (MILE 89.1)**. Get a close-up view of the rock and use the restroom facilities there. Then continue south on *Hwy. 155*, following the lake – lined with sheer basalt cliffs on both sides.



Just past **Coulee City** you will cross the end of the lake and turn **left** / south on *Hwy. 17 South (MILE 114.9)*. In about a mile you will come to the **Dry Falls Observatory** where you will want to stop for a view of the former falls. There is an enclosed building here with an interpretive center and gift shop.



Leaving **Dry Falls**, continue south on *Hwy. 17*. At **Soap Lake** bear **right** onto *Hwy. 28 / 283 South (MILE 136.4)*. Make a stop at **Ephrata** for fuel and possibly lunch (**MILE 141.8**). There is a **Chevron**  station on the main street. [GPS: Ephrata Chevron address is 203 Basin St Nw, Ephrata, WA]

Leaving *Ephrata*, continue south to **George Washington** where you will join *I-90 West (MILE 162.1)*. Just after crossing the bridge over the **Columbia River**, take the exit to the **Ginkgo Forest State Park (MILE 177.4)**. From here you can look over at the **Columbia River**, or check out the various petrified trees. Do NOT wander off through the grass to look at petrified wood – this area has rattlesnakes! There are lots of samples of petrified wood that you can view right in the parking lot. This place may be windy!



Leave **Ginkgo** and return to *I-90 West*. At **Ellensburg** take **Exit #110** and follow the signs to *I-82 / Hwy. 97 South (MILE 205.1)*. You will head south through **Yakima** and basically retrace your route of yesterday. South of **Yakima** at **Exit #50 (MILE 256)** turn **right** on *Hwy. 22* into **Toppenish** and then *Hwy.97 South (MILE 259.4)* and follow that to **Goldendale**.

At **Goldendale (MILE 307.7)** exit and take *Hwy. 142 West* down to **Klickitat** and **Lyle** on *Hwy. 14 (MILE 343)*.



Turn **right** / west on *Hwy. 14*. Just 2 miles past **Lyle** you might want to make a stop at the **Chamberlain Rest Stop (MILE 343)** on your **left**.

You can return to **Portland** by way of *Hwy. 14*, or cross over to **Hood River** and go back on *I-84*.



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! S2Ki Oregon -  The fun starts here!

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