



Alsea Falls Back Country Byway Loop

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This drive will take you on a scenic drive down the **Willamette Valley** and then over some little-traveled twisties on the way to the coast. Then it is up to **Newport** for lunch and back to **Portland**. This drive has less than 30 miles of freeway driving!



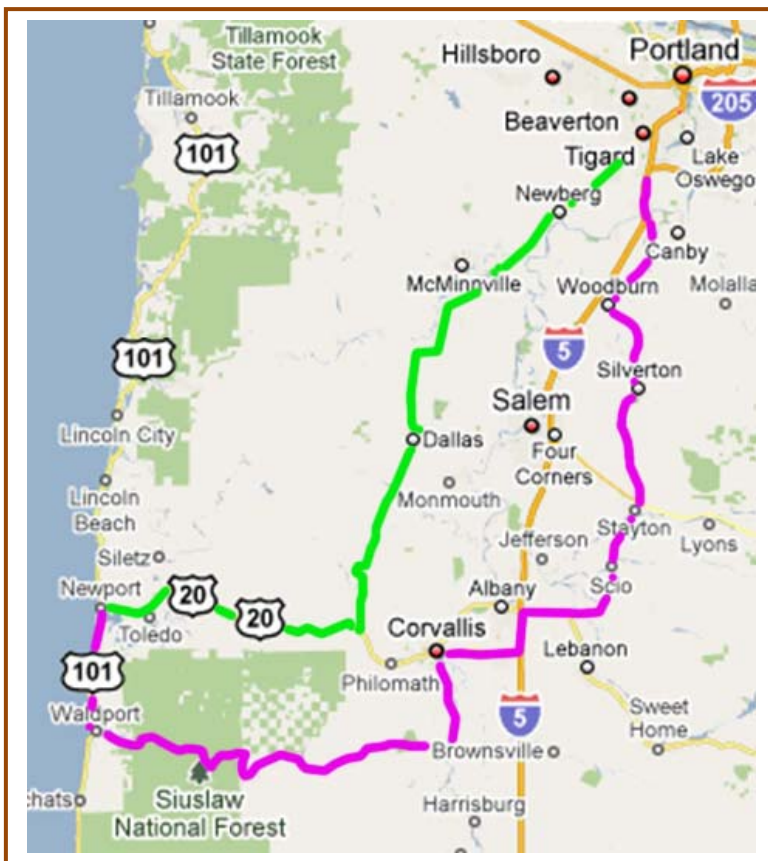
Driving = 10% 1, 40% 2, 30% 3 and 20% 4



Scenery = 3

Total Driving Time: 5 hrs. 30 mins. / 300 miles

Portland to Newport - Driving Time: 3 hrs. / 183 miles



Find your way to I-5 southbound.



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you pass by the **Wilsonville/I-5 exit (Exit #283)** (the mileage points are based on this).

Proceed south on I-5 to the **Aurora Exit #278 (Mile 5.5)**. Turn **left** / east on **Ehlen Road** – under the freeway. At **Aurora**, turn **right** / south on **Hwy. 99E (Mile 8.5)**. At **Woodburn**, turn **left** / east on **Hwy. 214 / Young St (Mile 16.4)**. Continue through **Mt. Angel**.

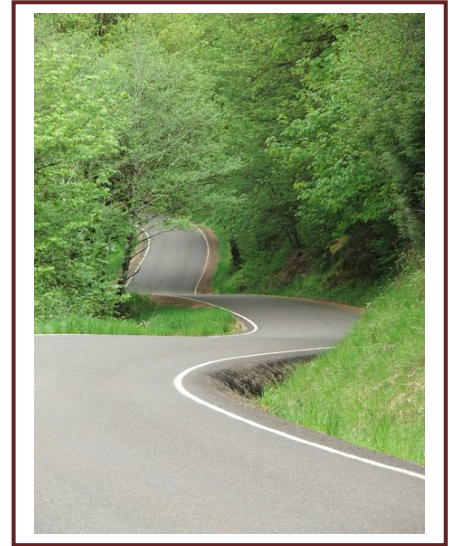
At **Silverton**, turn **right** / west on **Hwy. 213 (Mile 27.7)**. Continue west on **Main Street / Cascade Hwy**. At **Stayton (Mile 43.3)**, the highway becomes the **Stayton-Scio Road**.

At **Scio**, turn **left** / south on **N. Main Street / Hwy. 226 (Mile 50.8)**. At **Hwy. 20 (Mile 60.5)** turn **right** / west. At I-5 follow the signs to **I-5 South (Mile 66.1)**.

Continue south on I-5 to **Exit #228 (Mile 71.0)**. Take the exit and head west on **Hwy. 34** toward **Corvallis**. At **Corvallis**, turn **left** / south on **Hwy. 34 Bypass / Corvallis – Newport Highway (Mile 80.9)**. Take the ramp to **Hwy. 99 W. (Mile 81.6)**. At **Alpine Junction**, turn **right** / west on **Alpine Road (Mile 97.2)**.

Alpine Road will take you on some great twisties as you head up into the **Coast Range**.

At **Mile 104.5** *Alpine Road* becomes *BLM South Fork Road* and then later *Alsea – Deadwood Highway*. Now you are in for some great twists and turns!



Stop at the **Alsea Falls Recreation Site (Mile 111.6)**. Enjoy the falls and use the facilities here.



At *Hwy. 34*, turn **left** / west (**Mile 121.2**). At **Waldport**, turn **right** / north on *Hwy. 101 (Mile 160.7)*.



Enjoy your scenic drive up the **Oregon Coast**. Don't forget to stop and enjoy the views of the ocean.



At **Newport (Mile 175.8)** you will cross over the high bridge and enter the downtown area.



You can either find lunch at one of the many fine seafood restaurants or just stop by a deli and pick up some sandwiches. Just north of **Newport** at **Agate Beach (mile 179)** is the **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**:



This is at a day-use park but has terrific views and is a great place to enjoy that picnic lunch.

There are hourly tours of the lighthouse and trails down the beach.



Newport to Portland - Driving Time: 3 hrs. / 167 miles



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

Near the center of town is *Hwy. 20 / Corvallis – Newport Highway*. Head east on *Hwy. 20* which will take you through **Toledo** and **Eddyville**. If you need a pit-stop (there's nothing else ahead) stop at the **Elmaker State Park (mile 179)**.

At **Wren (mile 179)** turn **left** / north on *Hwy. 223*. Follow *Hwy. 223* through **Dallas**. At **Rickreal (mile 179)** turn **left** / north on *Hwy. 99W*. At **mile 179** keep **right** onto *Hwy. 233 / Amity – Dayton Highway*. This will route you around downtown **McMinnville**. At **mile 179** turn **right** / east on *Hwy. 18 / Hwy. 233* which becomes *Hwy. 99W*. In **Tigard**, take the ramp to *I-5 north (mile 179)*.

Alsea Falls Recreation Site:

http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?siteid=220

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!