



## Avenue of the Giants Drive

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This 2-day drive will take you down to **Northern California** and the **Avenue of the Giants**. You will have the opportunity to drive through the magnificent **Redwood Forest** as well as driving through a Redwood tree. You will overnight in the quaint seaside community of **Eureka**. Your return will be on the **Bigfoot Highway** back to **Oregon** and then up over the **Greensprings Highway** on your way back to **Portland**.



**Driving = 60% 1, 15% 3, 20% 4, and 5% 5**

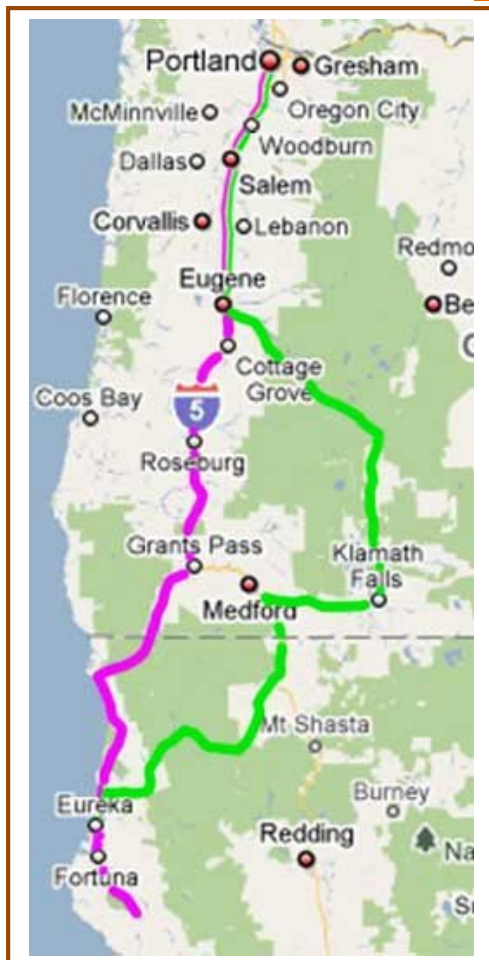


**Scenery = 3**

**Total Driving Time: 16 hrs. 40 mins. / 1115 miles**

A **7:00 am** departure from **Portland** will put you into **Eureka** at about **6:00 pm**, depending on your stops along the way. Find your way to **I-5** southbound.

**Portland to Eureka - Driving Time: 8 hrs. / 561 miles**




**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**.

At **Grants Pass** take **Exit #58** for **Hwy. 199 (mile 227)**. Continue through the downtown area of **Grants Pass**. Stay in the **right-center lane** through town. Continue on through town and cross the bridge over the **Rogue River**.



On the other side of the bridge, **Hwy. 99** curves to the **left**, however you will proceed directly forward to the junction with **Hwy. 199** – the **Redwood Highway** where you will turn **right** / west (**mile 230**).

Go **1/2 mile** to the **Chevron**  station on your **right (mile 230.6)**. You will need to refuel here. [GPS: **Chevron Minimart** address is 650 Redwood Hwy, Grants Pass, OR]

Continue west on **Hwy. 199** to **Cave Junction**. Turn **left (mile 258.4)** on the **Oregon Caves Highway**.

Now you aren't really going to visit the **Oregon Caves**, but it would be a shame to drive right by one of the most fun and twisty roads in Oregon - and not partake! It is 20 miles of great climbing turns. And the best part is that when you get to the parking lot at the top you get to turn around and do it again going back.

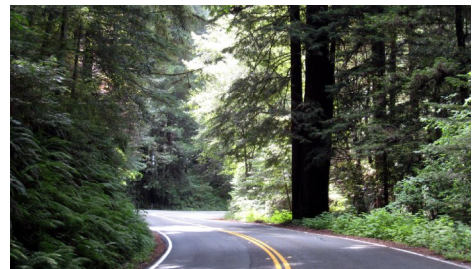


Arrive at the **Oregon Caves National Park** and **Chateau (mile 278.2)**. [**GPS**: *Oregon Caves Chateau* address is 20000 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction, OR] Turn around and head back down to **Cave Junction** and *Hwy. 199 (mile 298.2)*. This would be a good place and time to have lunch.

Continue south on *Hwy. 199* and go on into **California**. As you pass through **O'Brien** be sure to check out the vintage police car sitting by the highway. At the border you will breeze through the agricultural check station and then be in for some nice curves as you head west to the **Redwood Forest**.

At (**mile 342**) you will enter the **Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park** - the **Redwoods**. This is merely a taste of what you will see this afternoon further south. Continue on *Hwy. 199* until you come to the turn-off to *Hwy. 101 (mile 346.5)* Take the ramp to *Hwy. 101 south*. Continue south through **Crescent City** and **Eureka**.

At **Exit #674**, turn **left** onto *Hwy. 254 - the Avenue Of The Giants*. This two lane road parallels *Hwy. 101* and literally bobs and weaves through the Redwood forest.



At **Myers Flat (mile 487.3)** stop to drive through the **Shrine Drive-Thru Tree**.



Back on *Hwy. 254*, continue south to the south entrance of the **Avenue of the Giants (mile 500)**. Turn **right** onto *Hwy. 101 North*. Head north to **Eureka** and find your motel (**mile 560.8**). Refuel in **Eureka**.

**Eureka** is a picturesque small town and has a nice harbor with some good seafood restaurants.



## **Eureka to Portland** - **Driving Time: 9 hrs. / 554 miles**

A **7:00 am** departure from **Eureka** will put you into **Portland** at about **5:30 pm**, depending on your stops along the way. Find your way to *Hwy. 101* northbound.



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

At **Exit #716A** just past **Arcata**, turn **right** on *Hwy. 299 east (mile 9.3)*. This will take you up and over the scenic coast range. At **Willow Creek (mile 47.2)** turn **left** on *Hwy. 96 – The Bigfoot Scenic Highway*. This highway follows the **Klamath River** and has lots of twists and turns to keep you busy.

At **(mile 194.1)** take the ramp to *I-5 North*. Continue north into **Oregon**. Just after crossing the pass on **Mt. Ashland**, take **Exit #6 (mile 210.9)**. Turn **left** on *Hwy. 273*. Continue to *Hwy. 66* and turn **right (mile 217.6)**. This is the *Greensprings Highway* and it will treat you to some great twisties as you head up to **Klamath Falls**.



At **Klamath Falls (mile 273.4)**, take the exit to *Hwy. 97 North*. This would be a good place and time to have lunch. Refuel here as well.

Continue through **Klamath Falls** and north on *Hwy. 97*. Just north of **Chemult**, exit onto *Hwy. 58* toward **Eugene (mile 353.5)**.

Continue northwest on *Hwy. 58* over **Willamette Pass** and on down through **McCredie Springs, Oakridge** and **Dexter** on your way to *I-5* just south of **Eugene (mile 441)**.

Once on *I-5* just head north to **Portland (mile 554)**.

**Eureka Motel Information:** **\$48** to **\$185** per night

[www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) or:

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g32363-Eureka-California-Hotels.html>

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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