

Hit The Highway

Seattle Southside’s Most Popular Day Trips

When you have a day to explore the region, there really are endless choices of opportunities. Once you decide whether you want to see the mountains, the ocean, the islands, or just the beautiful Northwest scenery, you can pick a route and be on your way. Listed here are the most popular day trips from Seattle Southside, how long it takes to get there, and the easiest route to take by car. Please note that all times are estimates and routes are subject to road construction and closure. If you have any questions about routing your day trip from the Southside, don’t hesitate to contact the Visitor Center at 1 (877) 885-9452.

The Mountains

Mt. Rainier National Park	1.5 hours	Take I-5 South to SR-7 towards Mt. Rainier Bear Left onto SR-706 which turns into Paradise Road. Arrive at Paradise Visitor Center.
Snoqualmie Falls	45 minutes	Merge onto I-90 East. Take exit 25. Turn Left onto SR-18. Road name changes to SE Snoqualmie Pkwy. Turn Left onto SR-202. Follow sign to Snoqualmie Falls.
Leavenworth	2 hours	Merge onto I-90 East. Take exit 85. Turn Left onto SR-970. Keep straight onto US-97. Turn Left onto US 2. Arrive in Leavenworth.
Mt. St. Helens	3.5 hours	Take I-5 South. Take exit 63 to SR-505. Follow SR-505 on local roads. Turn Left onto SR-504 also known as Spirit Lake Memorial Hwy.



The Beach

Long Beach	3 hours	Take I-5 South. At exit 104, turn Right onto US-101. Keep Left onto SR-8. Road name changes to US-12. Turn Left onto SR-107. Turn Left back onto US-101. Turn Right onto SR-103. Arrive at Long Beach.
Ocean Shores	2 hours	Take I-5 South. At exit 104, turn Right onto US-101. Keep Left onto SR-8. Road name changes to US-12. Keep straight back onto US-101. Turn Left onto SR-109. Turn Left onto SR-115. Arrive at Ocean Shores.

The Islands

Bainbridge Island	1 hour	Arrive at Pier 52 on Seattle's Waterfront. Take the Bainbridge Island ferry.
Whidbey Island /Deception Pass	2 hours	Take I-5 North. Take exit 230. Turn Left onto SR 20. Stay on SR-20. Pass over Deception Pass. Arrive at Whidbey Island.
San Juan Islands	3 hours	Take I-5 North. Take exit 230. Turn Left onto SR 20. Follow signs to Anacortes Ferry Dock. Catch Ferry to San Juan Island of your choice.

British Columbia

Vancouver	2 hours	Take I-5 North to Canadian Border at Blaine. Cross Border and continue North. Road name changes to Hwy-99. Follow Hwy 99 past Richmond and over bridge into Vancouver. At exit 41-A you are in Vancouver.
Victoria	4 hours	Take I-5 North. Take exit 177 and take ramp onto SR-104 [NE 205 th St]. Turn Left onto

Main Street. Arrive at Edmonds Ferry Dock. Take ferry to Kingston. Exit ferry to SR-104. Follow SR-104 on local roads then keep straight onto US-101. Keep straight onto E Front Street. Turn Right onto N Laurel Street. Arrive at Port Angeles Ferry Dock. Take ferry to Victoria.

Whistler

3.5 hours

From Vancouver, continue on Hwy-99 North [Sea to Sky Hwy]. Nearing Whistler, follow signs into town.

Be sure to stop by the Visitor Center and pick up a map to help you reach your destination. Whether you are headed to Long Beach or Leavenworth, a good map is sure to get you there stress free! We have plenty of area maps too if you would rather stay local and experience the sights and sounds of Seattle Southside.

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