

This tour starts in the parking lot of a Target store located at 25925 SW. Heather Place in Wilsonville, Oregon.

Covered Bridges Tour Parade Portland 2006

General Information

Welcome to Parade Portland's Covered Bridges Tour. We will be visiting seven bridges. Most of these are single lane bridges and have very marginal parking. At most of the bridges we will actually be blocking our travel lane. When we stop please park as far to the right as the shoulder allows but there is no need to drop your passenger in the ditch. We will be walking on traveled roads to, on and from the bridges so please watch out for traffic

We have a very long cavalcade so please keep the cars to your immediate front and rear in sight. If you have to chose between front or rear. please slow down and keep the car **behind** you visible. If we all do that we won't lose anyone. We will be traveling through farm country so watch out for farm equipment. Large VERY slow moving vehicles are not uncommon. It is generally acceptable to pass these (when oncoming traffic and visibility allows) even if the center line indicates no passing. We will also cross several unregulated railroad crossings. Please use extra caution at these. They are used and the brakes on the freight trains are not nearly as good as yours. The speed limits range from 65 mph on I-5 to 20 mph in several towns. The "country" roads are 55 mph. I hope we will all refrain from "terrorizing the natives" too badly.

Odometer readings. The odometer readings below were made while driving. I have found differences of up to 0.5 mile when checking against computerized maps; the driving distance was generally longer then the map distance. Please check both the direction detail as well as the odometer on turns. We will be zeroing our trip meters / odometers several times to minimize variance.

Directions

Odometer Reading

	Leg length	Directions
0.0	0.0	Left out of Target Parking lot onto Scott Lane
0.2	0.2	Left onto Elligsen
0.5	0.3	Right onto I-5 South (to Salem)
8.3	7.8	Exit 278 Donald/Aurora
8.4	0.1	Left onto Ehlen Rd. to Aurora (Cross traffic does not stop, poor visibility to left)
10.2	1.8	Right at stoplight onto Wilsonville Hubbard Hwy #551
12.4	2.2	Straight at light onto Hwy 99E south (the E in 99E does not indicate direction of travel, there is also a Hwy 99W)
(13.7	1.3	Entering Hubbard)
14.5	0.8	Left onto Whiskey Hill Rd. (small sign on left, past flashing yellow light)
17.6	3.1	Right onto Meridian Rd. (after crossing creek)
23.4	5.8	Right on Barrow Rd into town of Monitor
23.5	0.1	Left onto Meridian Rd. (to Mt. Angel / Silverton)
(27.7	4.2	Bend right, continuing on Meridian Rd.)
28.2	0.5	Straight at "Y" onto Downs Rd (main road goes left, we don't)

(30.4 2.2 Crossing Hwy 214. There is an unregulated railroad crossing just past the Hwy; please take care crossing.)

31.1 0.7 Left onto Gallon House Rd. (Oak St. to right)

31.9 0.8 Gallon House Bridge

We will all be parking north of the bridge. Please pull as far forward and right as possible. We will spend about 20 minutes at the bridge, driving across when we leave.

32.4 0.5 Left onto Hobart Rd.

33.0 0.6 Right onto Hwy 214 just past a stop crossing the RR tracks again

(33.7 0.7 Entering Silverton)

33.9 0.2 Right onto "C" St. (the road bends left then becomes Westfield after a stoplight)

34.9 1.0 Right onto Main St. (Cascade Hwy)

(45.1 10.2 Cross Hwy 214 after stop sign. (Cross traffic does not stop)

(47.2 2.1 Entering Sublimity)

(48.5 1.3 Entering Stayton)

49.8 1.3 Left onto Washington St. at stop light

50.0 0.2 Continue straight across 6th Ave. (main road jogs left)

50.0 0.0 Right onto N. 7th Ave.

50.1 0.1 Left just past small parking lot into Park

50.2 0.1 Jordan Bridge

We will be parallel parking on both sides of the short road into the park (please avoid the handicapped spaces) and filling up the parking lot as well. We may need to do some "double parking" on the unpaved side of the road. The bridge is in a park with rest rooms. We will spend about 30 minutes at this bridge

Please zero your odometers/trip meters for the next leg of the tour.

0.0 0.0 Right out of park onto 7th Ave.

0.1 0.1 Left onto Washington St.

0.4 0.3 Left onto N. 1st Ave. at stop light.

1.3 1.0 Left onto Kingston Jordan Dr. (first left across river) We will follow Kingston Jordan Rd through several bends to Hwy 226. (Don't be fooled by Kingston *Lyons* Rd.)

9.1 7.8 Right onto Hwy 226

9.7 0.6 Left onto Jordon Rd. (to Jordan / Camp Morrison)

10.7 1.0 Right onto Camp Morrison Rd.

12.1 1.4 Hanna Bridge

We will park on the shoulder approaching the bridge. There is room for a few cars in a gravel pull off near the bridge on the left side of the road. This is another one lane bridge and we will be managing traffic so please park as close as you can to the car in front and as far to the right as the shoulder allows. We well spend about 20 minutes at Hanna Bridge then continue across the bridge.

12.1 0.0 Left onto Hwy 226. (at stop sign)

16.7 4.6 Right onto Richardson Gap Rd. (poorly marked crossroad, Shimanek Bridge visible from turn.)

17.6 0.9 Shimanek Bridge

We will NOT be stopping at this bridge. This is a two lane bridge on a 55 mph road. We will slow down and idle through so you can look it over. (It will be possible to stop here on your own on the return leg of the tour. See mile 19.0 Entering Scio on pg. 5)

- (18.7 1.1 Bend left; road becomes Cole School Rd.)
- 21.9 3.2 Left onto Stayton Scio Rd.
- (27.7 5.8 Entering Scio)
- 28.0 0.3 Left at stop sign onto N. Main
- 28.2 0.2 Right onto N.W. 1st Ave. (becomes Robinson Dr.)
- 31.0 2.8 Left onto Goar Rd.
- 32.0 1.0 Gilkey Bridge

We will be parking at both ends of this bridge. About half of the group will drive across, so if you are in the middle please watch for directions as to whether to cross or pull over. We will spend about 20 minutes here then head to the last bridge before lunch.

- 32.4 0.4 Left onto Gilkey Rd.
- 35.9 3.5 Right onto Hwy 226, at stop sign
- 40.8 4.9 Left onto Fish Hatchery Rd. (turn is not obvious; about ¼ mile past Beaver Creek
- 47.4 6.6 Left at stop sign; still on Fish Hatchery Rd.
- 47.6 0.2 Larwood Bridge

There is wide grassy shoulder on the right as we approach the bridge. Across the bridge there is a small park and access to Crabtree creek. If you would rather not stop some of us can go on to Roaring River Park (Lunch stop) which is only about ½ mile further.

- 47.7 0.1 Right turn when across bridge continuing on Fish Hatchery Rd.
- 48.2 0.5 Right into Roaring River Park
- 48.2 0.0 Right at the intersection then left into the far end of the parking lot that you drive past

We will be backing into a diagonal parking arrangement on both sides of the parking lot; gravel on the left, pavement on the right. The remainder will line up parallel in the middle. We will have about 90 minutes for lunch so feel free to stretch your legs on the paths in the park. Please help us leave the park as clean as we find it.

- 0.1 0.1 Left onto Fish Hatchery Rd.
- 0.6 0.5 Straight at the yield sign, onto Larwood Dr. past (not across) Larwood Bridge on the left
- 5.5 4.9 Right onto Richardson Gap Rd.
- 5.7 0.2 Left onto Montgomery Dr.
- 7.8 2.1 Left onto Hwy 226 (Sign "Crabtree 5")
- 8.3 0.5 Right onto Hungry Hill Dr.
- 10.6 2.3 Hoffman Bridge

We will be parking on both ends of the bridge and blocking our lane of the road. Please watch for directions. We will spend about 20 minutes at this bridge.

- (11.5 0.9 RR crossing)
- 12.2 0.7 Left onto Crabtree Dr.
- 12.9 0.7 Left onto Hwy 226 (Sign "Scio 7 miles)

(19.0 6.1 Entering Scio To re-visit Shimanek Bridge take Hwy 226 to the right as we enter Scio, after visiting the bridge you can come back through Scio or continue through the bridge and north as we did earlier. See mile 17.6 on pg. 4; then turn right onto Stayton Scio Rd.)

19.6 0.6 Right at "T" onto NW 4th Ave. Sign "Stayton"

(27.2 7.6 Entering Stayton)

27.8 0.6 Right onto Washington St. at stop light

We are heading back to same bridge that was our second stop this morning. There is almost adequate parking and rest rooms that we can use to prepare for the final run into Portland.

28.0 0.2 Continue straight across 6th Ave. (main road jogs left)

28.0 0.0 Right onto N 7th Ave.

28.1 0.1 Left just past small parking lot to Jordan Bridge

This is our final gathering before heading back to Portland. We have two return routes for you to choose from; The freeway route that will take about 1 ½ hours or the Silver Falls route that will take about 2 hours. We will be leading the Silver Falls route since it is more complex and the freeway route is quite straightforward and... well freeway. Both routes end up driving through Portland rush hour traffic that can be quite slow so if you are concerned about returning on time the freeway route back will be more likely to accomplish that. The Silver Falls route has taken me as much as 2 ½ hours driving time.

0.0 0.0 Right out of park onto 7th Ave.

0.1 0.1 Left onto Washington St. (oncoming traffic and traffic from right does not stop)

0.4 0.3 Right onto N. 1st Ave. at stop light

(1.6 1.2 For Freeway route Right loop to stop sign then onto Hwy 22; after passing under overpass. About 12 miles to I-5; Follow signs to Portland Exit 308)

5.0 3.4 Right onto Hwy 214 (sign seen as you stop can be misleading; turn rt.)

(14.7 11.3 S Falls Park entrance. \$3 fee; Hours of hiking around the waterfalls. Beautiful if you have the time)

(16.5 1.8 N. Falls View Point we may stop here if we have time)

(20.8 4.3 Bend left at apparent "Y")

(29.1 8.3 Entering Silverton)

30.6 1.5 Right onto Lewis. (entering one way grid; Stay in right lane)

30.7 0.1 Left onto 1st (one block; both lanes turn; no stop)

30.8 0.1 Right onto Hwy 213 (two blocks, Stop sign at each)

Hwy 213 takes us from small town residential, through farmland and several small towns and returns us to suburbia.

61.1 30.3 Continue onto I-205 N. Portland (Hwy 213 leads two lanes onto freeway)

72.1 11.0 Right at Exit 21B Hwy 84 west

77.0 4.9 Sign informs of "Y" we will go Right from right or center lanes. Right lane will become exit lane after entering I-5 so will need to move left))

84.2 7.2 Take Exit 308 Welcome to the Red Lion

Thank you all for joining us. I hope you have enjoyed driving in Oregon as much as I do.