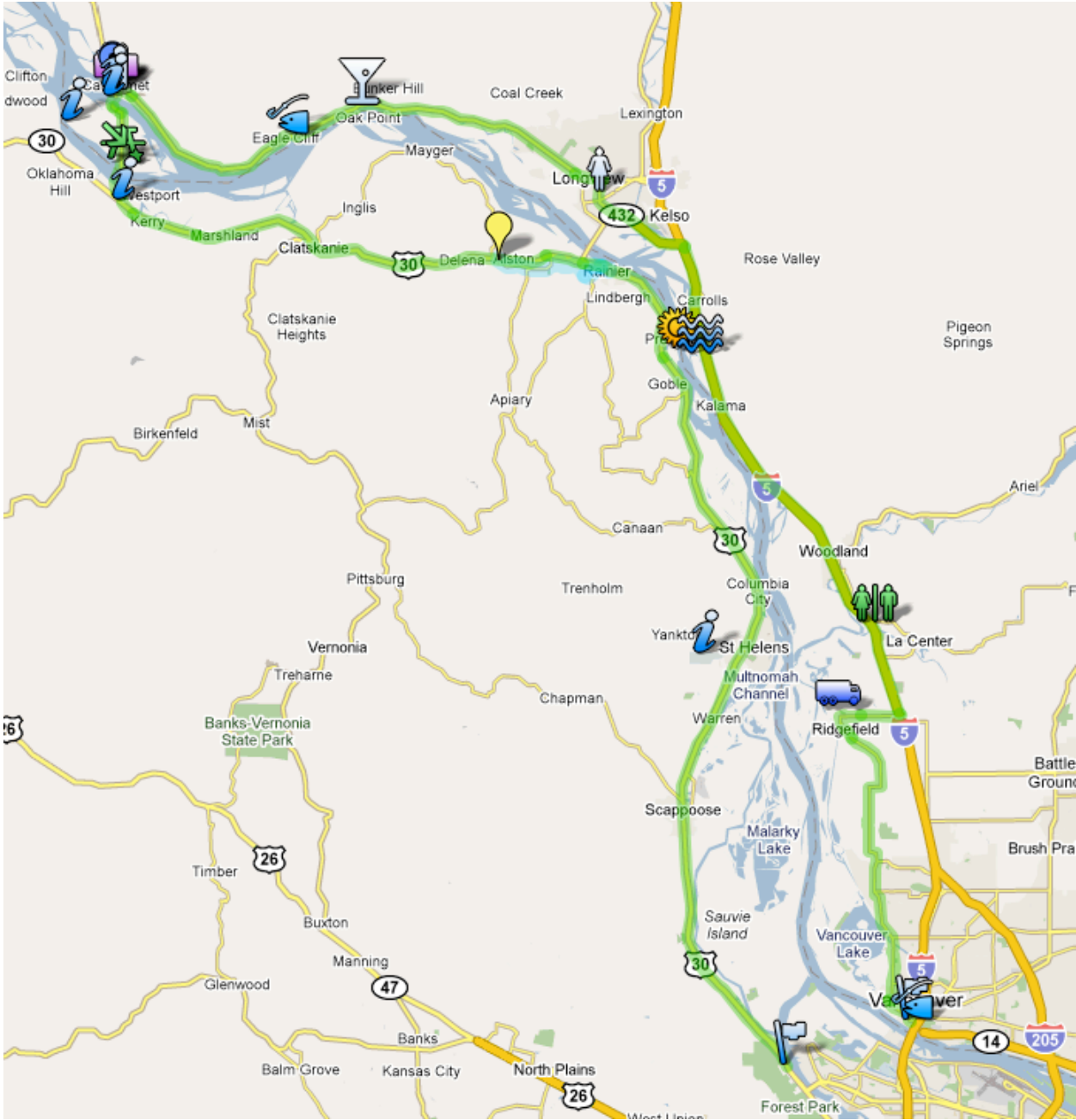


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Start on the west side of the oldest public park on the west coast, then left-right and away we go. ([Esther Short Park](#))

- 1 Head **north** on **Esther St** toward **W 8th St** - go **249 ft**
- 2 Turn **left** at **W 8th St** - go **279 ft**
- 3 Turn **right** at **Franklin St** - go **0.4 mi**
- 4 Turn **left** at **W 16th St** - go **0.2 mi**
- 5 Turn **left** at **Kauffman Ave** - go **190 ft**
- 6 Turn **right** at **W Mill Plain Blvd/WA-501** - go **0.9 mi**
- 7 Turn **right** at **W Fourth Plain Blvd/WA-501** - go **0.1 mi**
- 8 Turn **left** at **Fruit Valley Rd/WA-501** - go **9.8 mi**
Continue to follow WA-501

You won't have to spend a franklin to get your Levi's button flies, just drive it, Don't get into a hough, just go west, young man, on a plain mill. You're all right for the fourth plain, then left into the fruit valley, keep your jeans on.

- 9 Slight **right** at **NW 41st Ave/WA-501** - go **4.3 mi**
Continue to follow WA-501
- 10 Turn **right** at **NW 269th St/Pioneer St/WA-501** - go **2.7 mi**
Drive through all the [fields on the ridge](#) until you feel like a pioneer, but don't go to the library. Pretty soon it's time [U haul](#) yourself to the highway

- 11 Turn **left** to merge onto **I-5 N** toward **Seattle** - go **22.3 mi**
and hit the road, Jack, right past Paradise. I mean, what's the point? Unless you really need a pit stop. (Pit toilets at Paradise Point picnic area, under the freeway.)

Put the cruise control on and relax until you get to [the town that was named for the river that was named for the Hawaiian](#). There used to be a Columbia River ferry there, but only for the [railroad](#). We keep on cruising.

- 12 Take exit **36** to merge onto **WA-432 W** toward **WA-4/Long Beach/Longview** - go **5.4 mi**
When you want to get off, its as easy as one 2, 3, 4, or the reverse, you've got to take the long view. If you hear a Texas Playboy, you've gone too far this time (in old Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys tunes you can frequently hear the cry "Ah, Kelso"), so jump off (WA) 4 ever, you're as old as Jack Benny (exit 39). Go see Sacajawea, and her lake. Stay close to the lake,

- 13 Slight **right** at **NE Nichols Blvd** - go **0.2 mi**
- 14 Slight **left** to stay on **NE Nichols Blvd** - go **112 ft**
- 15 Turn **left** at **Ocean Beach Hwy/WA-4** - go **24.1 mi**
Continue to follow WA-4
then take the Highway to the Beach and Ocean, [Stella](#) (historic Washington town)!

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You may want a [drink](#) by now, but it's on the other side of the river in the [POSH](#) area, we'll get to that later. Right now we're passing the [first salmon cannery](#) in the Northwest, or what remains of it after a gross number of years.

So now we're in the [smallest Washington county](#) and almost ready to cruise some more.

16 Turn left at Una Ave - go 0.2 mi

17 Una Ave turns left and becomes River St - go 0.1 mi

18 Turn left at Broadway - go 75 ft

The pause that refreshes with Earl & Shirley. If we're early, we may watch the [bald eagles](#) or linger at an old car show, just for contrast.

19 Turn right at Main St/WA-409 - go 0.3 mi

Continue to follow WA-409

Time to get the spray cleaner.

Keep looking right and you'll see the [rusty roof](#) of one of the last canneries still standing, but it's only 140.

Whee! [Up in the air we go](#) in honor of the first [woman](#) simultaneously elected to two sessions of Congress. Don't look now, [deer](#), but I see your white tail.

20 Take the Puget Sound - Cathlamet/WA-409 ferry - go 0.5 mi

21 Continue straight to stay on Puget Sound - Cathlamet/WA-409 - go 0.5 mi

22 Turn right to stay on Puget Sound - Cathlamet/WA-409 - go 2.3 mi

As the [hour](#) approaches (service on the hour, but frequently more), the nine (max) prepare to embark for a [west port](#). It's the only one there is hereabouts, so get your queer money ready.

23 Take the Clatskanie-Cathlamet ferry to Clatskanie - go 1.3 mi

Entering Oregon

Ten minutes and a little over a mile later, with zero gas use in our cars, we're ready to roll again.

You've got to admire a [Scottsman](#) who exports salmon back home, gets the town named after him, and whose name is still used on canned goods all over the world. Did I mention he exported lumber to Australia seven score years ago? And served in the Oregon legislature?

24 Continue straight onto Westport Ferry Rd - go 0.4 mi

25 Turn left at Columbia River Hwy/OR-30/US-30 - go 61.1 mi

Continue to follow US-30

Now we're heading east through the unincorporated Marshland to the [river](#) named for the Tlatskanai, who got there before West, then on to the [town](#) which takes its name from the river. If you want adventure, at Alston look for Victorian treasure and take the old road, but then you'll miss the [bridge](#)

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Lewis and Clark wish they had going back to the fast track. On the other hand, you could go south to the [bee hive](#).

A little further on, [something's missing](#): bundled, removed, and buried. It's not cool, or cooling, anymore, in fact, some parts are hot.

Scoot on south to the [county](#) seat, which includes a square mile of water in the [city](#). No wonder it was a bigger port than the upstart we're heading toward. It's 130 years old but established 10 years before Oregon statehood. If you want to go to a [rodeo](#), you're in luck.

Further along we get to a [gravelly plain](#), famous for potatoes, pickles, a big candle, and, yes, gravel.

If you live in Hillsboro or Beaverton, up ahead you can pass on the right, [Cornelius](#), which goes past [where](#) we had our April meeting. A few miles later, you can take the [new bridge](#) to the old [Wapato Island](#).

Yep, you know where you are now, [Linnton](#)! Go home.