

# Side Trip Itineraries along the Stevens Pass Greenway

Sky Valley adventures can take many forms. Visitors from all around the world enjoy trail riding, shooting the rapids, climbing shear granite cliffs and or simply enjoying the cool beauty of a waterfall spray. These treasure are the secrets of the Valley. We are pleased to share our Sky Valley secrets and adventures with you.



For those of you who are into scenic driving trips, you've stumbled upon one of the federally recognized scenic byways in Washington State. The Stevens Pass Greenway is magical with many little side trips that create a one of a kind journey for you and your family.

The Sky Valley is full of roads designed to help you have a good time, not necessarily to make good time. Get off the beaten path and truly experience one of the most beautiful areas in Washington State.

The following Mini Trips are designed to give you a "jumping off point" to create your own Sky Valley Adventures.

## Monroe to Sultan via Old Owen Rd

We suggest the first stop along your Sky Valley Adventure be at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds & Western Heritage Museum. There Fairgrounds host various events and the Heritage Museum is a fun-FREE educational opportunity for folks of all ages. Racecar buffs will want to check out the Evergreen Speedway!

Head east up the Old Owen Road to play golf at the picturesque 9 hole Blue Boy West Golf Course. Or, go up the hill a little further to Pasado's Safe Haven where you can tour one of the most loving shelters for abused animals you'll ever experience.



Continue on to Sultan, where you can find lodging or enjoy a meal at one of the many area restaurants or bakeries. Get a great cup of coffee or a gourmet chocolate.

## Monroe to Sultan via Ben Howard Rd

Veer off the beaten path from Monroe to Sultan along the Ben Howard Road. On that winding little river road you could stop by Thunderbird Leisure Time Resort for some R & R after spending a day fishing the Skykomish River. The Skykomish is said to be one of the top four steelhead rivers in the world.

Or plan a trip to the Alderleaf Wilderness College where you can learn wilderness survival skills, animal tracking, how to forage for food, how to create an emergency shelter. They also have classes in permaculture, which is gardening with nature. It's a fascinating study! Or skip on down the road a little to go on a trail ride with Stillwater Ranch or SonRise Stables.



## Sultan to Startup via Basin Rd to Kellogg Lake Rd

Turn left off of Highway 2 onto the Sultan Basin Road in East Sultan to begin the trek into one of the most popular mushroom hunting spots around.



Continue on up the road to Spada Lake and the Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project. The Jackson Project is available for tours by calling 425-783-8668. Spada Lake provides the drinking water for about 80% of Snohomish County's population.

Besides providing pristine drinking water it also provides great recreational opportunities including amazing kayaking and fishing. Contact Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife for special fishing regulations on the lake.

When you're done playing at the Lake continue on to the Kellogg Lake Rd and back to Highway 2 at Startup.

## Gold Bar to Index via First Street—May Creek

Enter Gold Bar on First Street off of Highway 2. Follow the signs to Wallace Falls State Park. Wallace Falls is one of the best loved hikes in Western Washington for year round hiking. Wallace Falls offers a hiking experience for all fitness levels.



When you're done at Wallace Falls, turn left onto May Creek Rd and continue until you come to the Old Index Road. Go left on the Old Index Road. This beautiful road is great for bicycling or motorcycles.

## Index Only One Mile off Highway Two

People come from all around to scale the world famous rock climbing wall located along the North Fork of the Skykomish River. Index is a hub of outdoor recreation



including rafting, kayaking, biking, hiking, etc. The equipment you need to enjoy these sports is available for rent at the River House at Index.

Additionally, Index is a VERY photogenic place! There are many lodging options located between Index and Skykomish, including campgrounds, cabins and lodges for rent.

## Highway 2 to Iron Goat Trails Interpretive via the Old Cascade HWY

A few miles past Skykomish you'll see the Old Cascade Highway, a seven mile scenic detour into the most beautiful stretch of forest you'll ever see. You can almost feel the pioneers who came this way before you.

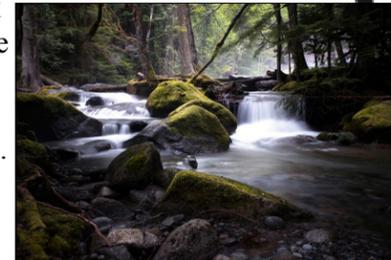


This short detour will bring you directly into the parking lot of the Iron Goat Trail. This hike follows the old route of the Great Northern Railroad and details all of

man's attempts at beating back nature.

Nature won every time so they finally gave up and just put a nine mile tunnel through the Cascade Mountains to avoid the problems they kept encountering along that section of the mountain. Even today, this site is still home of the worst train accident in US history (The Wellington Disaster).

A short back track along Highway 2 will take you to one of the most amazing locations along the route, Deception Falls. This gem is an easy hike located immediately off Highway 2.



You will feel like you're in the middle of a magical hobbit forest as you feel the spray of the mountain water on your face and feel the thundering rapids below you as you stand on one of the many footbridges while marveling at the rock formations and the sheer beauty of the area.

- Stevens Pass Greenway**  
425-293-1937 or [www.stevenspassgreenway.org](http://www.stevenspassgreenway.org)
- Cascade Loop Association**  
509-662-3888 or [www.cascadeloopassociation.com](http://www.cascadeloopassociation.com)
- Evergreen State Fairgrounds**  
360-805-6700 or [www.evergreenfair.org](http://www.evergreenfair.org)
- Western Heritage Center**  
425-232-3493 or [www.westernheritagecenter.org](http://www.westernheritagecenter.org)
- Evergreen Speedway**  
360-805-6100 or [www.evergreenspeedway.com](http://www.evergreenspeedway.com)
- Blue Boy West Golf Course**  
360-793-2378
- Pasado's Safe Haven**  
253-466-3722 [www.pasadosafehaven.org](http://www.pasadosafehaven.org)
- Alderleaf Wilderness College**  
360-793-8709 or [www.wildernesscollege.com](http://www.wildernesscollege.com)
- Thunderbird Leisure Park**  
(360) 902-2200 or [www.1000trails.com](http://www.1000trails.com)
- Stillwater Ranch**  
425-239-7270 or [www.stillwaterranch.com](http://www.stillwaterranch.com)
- SonRise Stables**  
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- Spada Lake & Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project**  
425-783-8668 or [www.snopud.com](http://www.snopud.com)
- Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife**  
360-902-2200 or [www.wdsw.wa.gov](http://www.wdsw.wa.gov)
- Wallace Falls State Park**  
360-793-0420 or [www.parks.wa.gov](http://www.parks.wa.gov)
- Outdoor Adventure Center**  
800-282-4043 or [www.outdoorAdventurecenter.com](http://www.outdoorAdventurecenter.com)
- Iron Goat Trail**  
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