

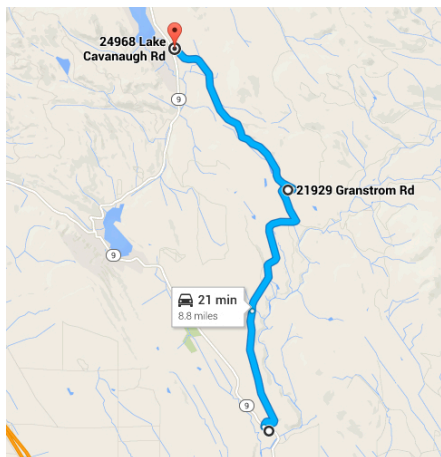
OK, here's a preliminary plan: Start at Rest Stop on Northbound I-5 at Smokey Point, just south of Hwy 530/Arlington.

Leg 1: (1.5 hours)

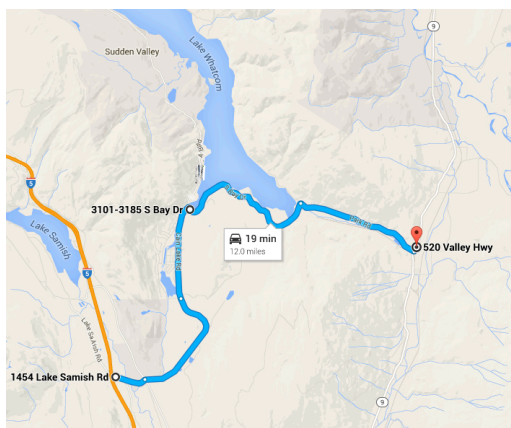
Two great twisty roads in between and only 13 miles of I-5. Avoids a lot of Hwy 9 (which is 45-50 mph behind farm trucks).

Stop at Acme General Store and Cafe for treats and bathrooms and an authentic taste of country. They serve breakfast all day. A nice brunch to tide us over until a late lunch may be a good idea here.

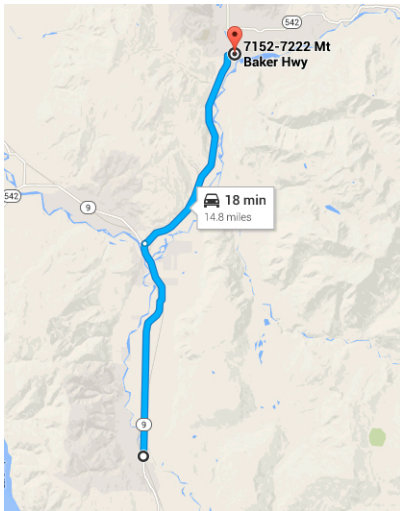
Time: Depart rest-stop ~9:30, arrive at Acme for brunch at 11:00. Depart for next stop at 11:30



Inset 1:
The first twisty back-road - a paved logging road off Hwy 9 called Finn Settlement Road. It rejoins Hwy 9 and we make our way to I-5 in Mt. Vernon.



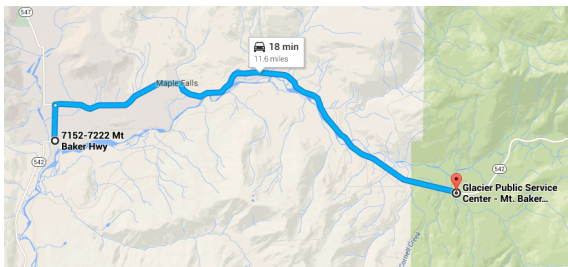
Inset 2:
The second twisty back-road - Lake Whatcom. We exit I-5 at Lake Samish Rd/ Alger Cain Rd. Lots of driving clubs will be out here going back and forth.



Leg 2: (15 minutes)

From the Cafe/General Store we go up the road for a photo op in front of a bucolic farm landscape. No facilities, just a quick picture if it works out. If not, we skip it.

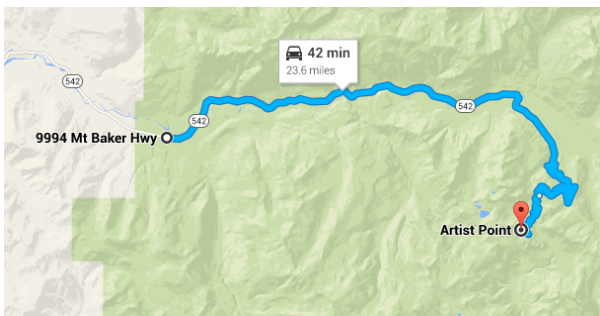
Arrive 11:45
Depart 11:50



Leg 3: (20 minutes)

From the photo stop we make our way to the public services center for bathrooms and a last break before the summit.

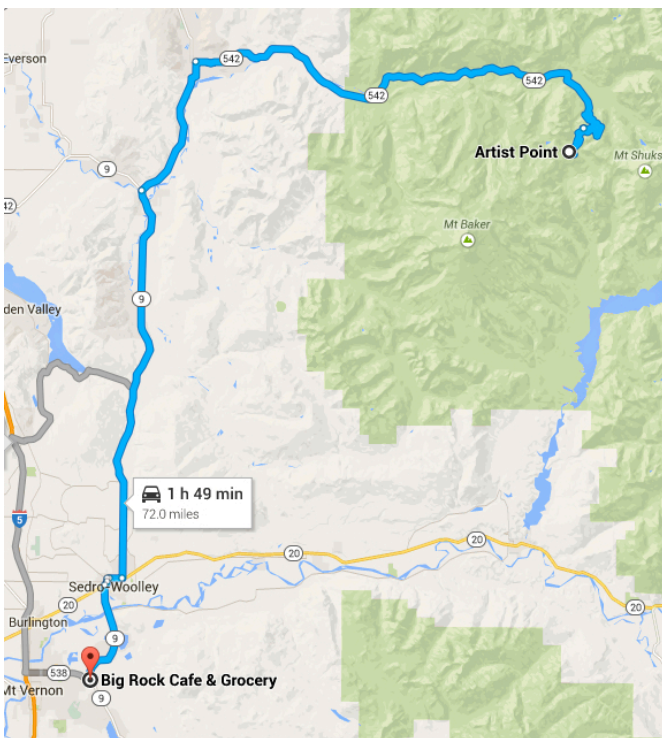
Arrive 12:10
Depart 12:20



Leg 4: (40 minutes)

Last leg to Artist Point

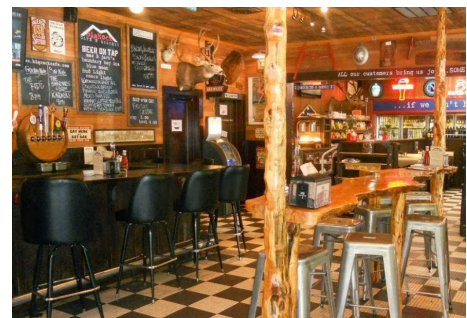
Arrive 1:00
Depart 1:30



Final Leg/Return (1.5 hours)

Take Hwy 9 back for a leisurely stroll to the Big Rock Cafe south of Sedro Woolley. Stop for gas or bathrooms anywhere along the way if we need to.

Arrive 3:00
Depart: no departure time. Final stop.



Some may choose to go back down through the twisty road, some may depart from here and go home.