



Ashland to San Diego

Interstate 5 - California

In this new nature excursion we will follow the route marked by Interstate 5, often abbreviated as I-5, a major highway in the United States of America that stretches from the Canadian border at Blaine, Washington state, to the Mexican border at San Ysidro, California.

The highway runs through three states, Washington, Oregon, and California, for a total length of about 2,000 miles.

Built in the 1950s and 1960s as part of the Interstate Highway System, the highway is six lanes in most urban areas and four lanes in rural areas.

Although it can be subject to traffic congestion, the highway remains an important transportation artery for the Pacific Northwest region.



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In this last part we will fly over California state, with its major cities such as Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego.

FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS

The route is very simple. You only have to follow the course of I-5, which is always clearly visible from above. In any case, you can follow the route via the GPS of your new Cessna Grand Caravan, painted in Perfect Flight colors.

Enjoy your flight!

No. of Legs: 8

Total distance: 687 nm



Legs

Leg 1: S03 - KRDD

Departure: Ashland Mun-Parker (S03)

Destination: Redding Muni (KRDD)

Distance: 107,0 nm



POI1-Emigrant Lake



Distance: 3,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 3,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 103,9 nm
True Course: 161°
Magnetic Course: 146°

After takeoff you head south and reach Emigrant Lake.

Quickly climb to 7000 feet to overcome mountainous relief.

Emigrant Lake is a popular recreational area. It spans over 800 acres and offers a wide range of activities for visitors, including fishing, boating, swimming, hiking, and camping.

The lake is stocked with rainbow trout and bass, making it a great spot for anglers.



The park surrounding the lake has several picnic areas, a playground, and a disc golf course.

The campground at Emigrant Lake has over 140 sites for tents and RVs, with amenities including showers, restrooms, and a camp store.

POI2-Hornbrook



Distance: 13,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 16,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 90,2 nm
True Course: 168°
Magnetic Course: 154°

Continue toward the Oregon-California border, then fly over the Hornbrook.

Hornbrook is a small town located in Siskiyou County, along the Klamath River and is surrounded by forested hills and mountains.

YREKA-Yreka



Distance: 10,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 27,3 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 79,8 nm
True Course: 191°
Magnetic Course: 177°

A little further on you will reach Yreka.

Yreka, located in Siskiyou County, is known for its historic downtown area, which features a number of Victorian buildings and shops.

The city is also home to the Siskiyou County Museum, which showcases the history and culture of the region.

Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate Yreka's proximity to the Klamath National Forest.

The nearby Shasta-Trinity National Forest is also a popular destination for outdoor recreation.

POI3-Lake Shastina

Distance: 16,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 44,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 63,1 nm
True Course: 155°
Magnetic Course: 141°



After passing the village of Grenada you are in sight of Lake Shastina.

It is a man-made lake that was created in the 1970s as a part of the Shastina Development Project.

The lake is surrounded by beautiful mountains and offers a picturesque view to visitors.

The lake is known for its clear blue waters and serene environment and also serves as a source of irrigation for the nearby agricultural lands and for generating hydroelectric power.

POI4-Mt Shasta



Distance: 12,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 56,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 50,8 nm
True Course: 150°
Magnetic Course: 136°

Straight ahead. On your left you can see Mt Shasta.

The majestic mountain is considered a spiritual destination, with many people believing that it has mystical and healing powers.

Mt. Shasta is part of the Cascade Range of mountains and is the second highest peak in the range, standing at 14,179 feet tall.

The mountain is home to several glaciers, including the Whitney Glacier, which is the largest in California.

The mountain has a rich history, with Native American tribes considering it a sacred site for thousands of years.

POI5-Pollard Flat

Distance: 19,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 75,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 31,1 nm
True Course: 192°
Magnetic Course: 178°



After Dunsuir Airport, turn slightly right. Pass the towns of Dunsuir and Castella to fly over Pollard Flat.

It is situated along the Sacramento River and is known for its historical significance as an important transportation hub during the gold rush era.

The town served as a stop for stagecoaches and later as a railway station on the Central Pacific Railroad.

The railroad played a pivotal role in the development of California and the West Coast, and Pollard Flat was an important stop along the way.

POI6-Shasta Lake



Distance:	13,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	88,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	18,1 nm
True Course:	160°
Magnetic Course:	146°

Continue in the direction of the Shasta Lake.

The reservoir was created by the construction of Shasta Dam on the Sacramento River.

It is the largest reservoir in California and the third largest in the United States.

The lake is a popular destination for boating, fishing, water sports, camping, and hiking.

It is an important source of water for agriculture and urban areas in California, as well as a key component of the state's hydroelectric power system.

However, the lake has experienced significant fluctuations in water levels due to drought and water management practices, which have impacted both the environment and recreational opportunities.

POI7-Redding

Distance:	12,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	101,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	6,0 nm
True Course:	189°
Magnetic Course:	175°



Past the lake, you are already in the suburbs of Redding.

Redding is the county seat of Shasta County. With a population of approximately 92,000 people.

Redding boasts a vibrant downtown area with plenty of shops, restaurants, and entertainment options.

The city is also home to several museums, including the Turtle Bay Exploration Park and the Shasta Historical Society Museum.

These museums offer a great opportunity to learn about the area's history and culture.

KRDD-Redding Muni



Distance:	6,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	107,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	0,0 nm
True Course:	149°
Magnetic Course:	135°

Prepare to land at Redding Municipal.

Located in Redding, the airport serves the North State region.

It is a small airport with a single terminal building and one runway.

The airport primarily provides commercial air service to San Francisco and Portland, but it also accommodates general aviation and military aircraft.

The airport is known for its friendly staff and efficient service, and it has received positive reviews from passengers who appreciate its convenience and ease of use.



Leg 2: KRDD - CN12

Departure: Redding Muni (KRDD)

Destination: Williams (CN12)

Distance: 81,4 nm



POI8-Cottonwood



Distance: 7,1 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 7,1 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 74,3 nm

True Course: 177°

Magnetic Course: 163°

Leave Redding, cross the Sacramento River and pick up I-5 to Cottonwood.

The town is situated at the foothills of the Cascade Range, and is surrounded by beautiful natural scenery.

It is also known for its annual rodeo, which draws visitors from all over the region.

The nearby Sacramento River is a popular spot for boating and fishing, and the Lassen Volcanic National Park is just a short drive away.



POI9-Red Bluff



Distance: 12,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 20,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 61,3 nm
True Course: 171°
Magnetic Course: 157°

Continue south and reach Red Bluff, in Tehama.

The city is situated along the Sacramento and hosts several annual events, such as the Red Bluff Round-Up, a popular rodeo that has been held since 1921, and the Red Bluff Art Association's Art Walk, which showcases local artists and their work.

The city is home to St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, which is one of the largest employers in the area.

POI10-Corning



Distance: 15,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 35,3 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 46,1 nm
True Course: 173°
Magnetic Course: 159°

Our next reporting point is the small town of Corning.

The city is situated in the northern part of the Sacramento Valley and is surrounded by agricultural land and rolling hills.

Corning is known for its olive production, with many olive orchards and olive oil producers located in the area.

The city also has a rich history in the railroad industry and was once a major hub for shipping goods around the country.

The Corning Museum showcases the city's history and offers exhibits on local industries and community events.

POI11-Orland

Distance: 9,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 45,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 36,4 nm
True Course: 181°
Magnetic Course: 168°



Continue straight to Orland, in Glenn County.

It is situated in the northern region of the Sacramento Valley and is known for its agricultural production, particularly almonds and walnuts.

The city has a population of around 8,000 people and is home to several parks and recreational areas such as the East Park Reservoir and Black Butte Lake.

Orland hosts several annual events such as the Glenn County Fair and the Almond Festival.

POI12-Willows



Distance:	14,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	59,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	22,0 nm
True Course:	178°
Magnetic Course:	165°

After about 15 miles you are in sight of Willows.

It has a population of approximately 6,000 residents and is known for its charming small-town atmosphere.

The city is situated Glenn County and is surrounded by beautiful natural scenery, including the Sacramento River and the Mendocino National Forest.

The city is also home to several parks and recreational facilities, including Willows Memorial Park and the Willows Community Center.

POI13-Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge



Distance:	7,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	66,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	14,9 nm
True Course:	180°
Magnetic Course:	166°

At Willows, stay on course and fly over Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.

It is a protected area that covers over 10,000 acres of wetlands, grasslands, and forests.



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The refuge is home to a diverse array of wildlife species, including migratory birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. It is an important breeding ground and stopover point for a variety of bird species, making it a popular destination for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts.

There are also guided tours and educational programs available for visitors who want to learn more about the wildlife and ecosystems of the refuge.

CN12-Williams



Distance: 14,9 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 81,4 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm

True Course: 169°

Magnetic Course: 155°

Prepare to land at Williams Airport.

It is a privately owned airport with a single runway, primarily used for general aviation purposes.

The airport is situated in a convenient location, with easy access to nearby attractions such as the Sacramento River and the Colusa National Wildlife Refuge.

It is also a popular destination for pilots who enjoy flying in the beautiful Northern California region.



Leg 3: CN12 - KSCK

Departure: Williams (CN12)

Destination: Stockton Metropolitan (KSCK)

Distance: 93,2 nm



POI14-Arbuckle



Distance: 8,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 8,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 84,3 nm
True Course: 159°
Magnetic Course: 146°

After takeoff, resume following I-5 toward the nearby Arbuckle.

Arbuckle is a small town located in Colusa County.

It is known for its agricultural industry, particularly its almond and walnut production.

The town has a quiet and rural feel and home of several parks and recreational areas, including the Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area and the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area.



POI15-Zamora



Distance: 15,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 24,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 68,5 nm
True Course: 148°
Magnetic Course: 135°

Pass the towns of Harrington, Horshey and Dunningam and reach Zamora.

It is a small town located in Yolo County with a population of around 2000 people and is situated between the cities of Woodland and Davis.

The town is known for its agricultural production, particularly for growing tomatoes, almonds, and walnuts.

Despite its small size, there are several recreational activities available in and around Zamora.

The town hosts an annual festival called the Zamora Sausage Festival, where visitors can enjoy live music, food, and drinks.

POI16-Woodland



Distance: 9,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 33,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 59,5 nm
True Course: 137°
Magnetic Course: 124°

After about 10 miles you are at Woodland, in Yolo County.

It has a population of about 60,000 and is known for its historic downtown, agricultural industry and proximity to Sacramento.

Woodland was originally founded in 1853 as a hub for the California Pacific Railroad and quickly grew into a thriving agricultural community.

Today the city is home to a wide range of businesses, including manufacturing, retail and health care.

One of Woodland's strengths is its historic downtown.



Visitors can explore the Woodland Opera House, which dates back to 1885, or stroll through Heritage Plaza, a park that celebrates the city's agricultural heritage.

POI17-Creekside



Distance: 9,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 43,6 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 49,5 nm
True Course: 97°
Magnetic Course: 84°

Turn left to stay on I-5 and fly over Creekside, in the heart of Sonoma County.

It is known for its beautiful creekside setting and scenic views of the surrounding hills and vineyards.

The community is home to a number of local businesses. Visitors can enjoy hiking and biking along the nearby trails, fishing in the local creeks and rivers, or simply relaxing in the peaceful surroundings.

The community is also conveniently located within easy driving distance of many of the area's top attractions, including the Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley, and the city of Santa Rosa.

POI18-Sacramento



Distance: 6,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 50,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 43,0 nm
True Course: 167°
Magnetic Course: 153°

Turn right, cross the Sacramento River and you are in Sacramento, the capital city of the state of California.

It is the sixth largest city in California with population of over 500,000 people.

Sacramento is known for its rich history, cultural diversity, and outdoor recreational activities.

It is home to several museums, theaters, and galleries, including the Crocker Art Museum and the California State Railroad Museum.

The city also boasts a vibrant food and drink scene, with a variety of restaurants, bars, and breweries.



Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy hiking, biking, and water activities on the American River, which flows through the city.

Sacramento is also a hub for government and politics, as it is home to the California State Capitol and many government offices.

POI19-Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge



Distance: 11,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 61,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 31,3 nm
True Course: 171°
Magnetic Course: 158°

I-5 flows following the Sacramento River. Fly over Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

It is a protected area home to a diverse range of native wildlife, plants, and habitats.

The refuge covers over 17,000 acres and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is an important habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl, including the endangered Swainson's hawk and the greater sandhill crane.

It also provides a home for native species such as the California red-legged frog and the western pond turtle.

POI20-Thornton



Distance: 8,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 70,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 22,3 nm
True Course: 166°
Magnetic Course: 153°

Continue for 9 miles to Thornton, in the northern part of California's Central Valley.

It is situated in San Joaquin County, between the cities of Lodi and Stockton.

Despite its size, Thornton is a bustling community that is home to a diverse population of residents.



The area's agricultural industry is a key contributor to the local economy, with crops such as grapes, almonds, and cherries being grown in the surrounding fields.

Thornton is also known for its proximity to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a popular destination for boating, fishing, and other water sports.

POI21-Stockton



Distance: 13,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 83,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 9,3 nm
True Course: 165°
Magnetic Course: 151°

After passing the closed Kingdon airport you are at Stockton.

With a population of over 300,000 residents, it is one of the largest cities in the state.

Stockton has a rich history as a major transportation hub and agricultural center.

It is also home to several colleges and universities, including the University of the Pacific.

KSCK-Stockton Metropolitan



Distance: 9,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 93,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 143°
Magnetic Course: 129°

Prepare to land at Stockton Metropolitan Airport.

It offers commercial flights to Las Vegas and Phoenix through Allegiant Air.

The airport also serves as a hub for general aviation activities, including private and business flights, flight training, and aircraft maintenance.

In addition, the airport is home to the University of the Pacific's flight training program.



Leg 4: KSCK - M90

Departure: Stockton Metropolitan (KSCK)

Destination: Mendota (M90)

Distance: 92,8 nm



POI22-Oakwood Lake



Distance: 7,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 7,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 85,6 nm
True Course: 206°
Magnetic Course: 192°

After takeoff turn south and reach Oakwood Lake.

It is a beautiful freshwater lake surrounded by lush greenery and offers a range of recreational activities for visitors to enjoy.

Fishing is a popular activity at Oakwood Lake as it is home to a variety of fish species, including largemouth bass, bluegill, and catfish.

Oakwood Lake is a popular spot for birdwatchers, with a wide variety of birds calling the area home.



POI23-Vernalis Plant



Distance: 9,6 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 16,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 76,0 nm
True Course: 191°
Magnetic Course: 178°

Pass Skydive California Airport and fly over Vernalis Plant.

POI24-Patterson



Distance: 12,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 29,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 63,6 nm
True Course: 142°
Magnetic Course: 129°

Turns slightly to the left and skirts the mountain ranges along which I-5 flows out to Patterson.

Patterson is located in the eastern part of Stanislaus County with a population of approximately 22,000 people

It is known for its agricultural industry, particularly its almond production.

The city is also home to several parks and recreational areas.

Patterson hosts the Patterson Apricot Fiesta, an annual event that celebrates the city's apricot harvest.

POI25-Newman



Distance: 10,6 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 39,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 53,0 nm
True Course: 149°
Magnetic Course: 136°

Continue straight ahead and past the closed NASA Crow Landing airport to reach Newman, in Stanislaus County.

The city is situated in the Central Valley region of California and is surrounded by agricultural lands and natural scenery.



The city has a population of around 11,000 people and is known for its small-town charm and friendly community.

POI26-O'Neill Forebay



Distance: 13,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 53,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 39,7 nm
True Course: 172°
Magnetic Course: 159°

After about 12 miles, skirts the reservoir O'Neill Forebay.

This man-made lake is situated in the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area and serves as a forebay to the much larger San Luis Reservoir.

The lake is open to the public year-round, with the summer months being the busiest. Visitors can expect to pay a small entrance fee and can rent equipment such as boats and kayaks from local vendors.

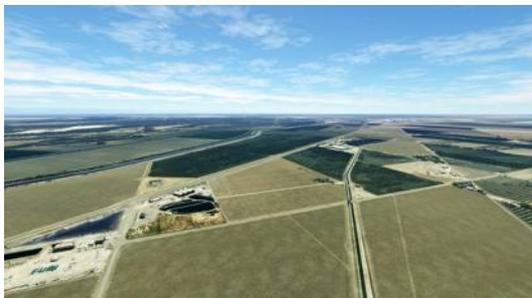
POI27-Hamburg Farms



Distance: 17,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 70,6 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 22,3 nm
True Course: 139°
Magnetic Course: 126°

Continue along the plain and reach Hamburg Farms, located in Merced County.

POI28-Benito



Distance: 17,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 88,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 4,9 nm
True Course: 101°
Magnetic Course: 88°

We leave I-5 to reach our next stop. Turn left toward the interior of the plain, following the river that will take you to Benito.

Benito is a small city located in San Benito County.

It has a population of around 4,000 people and is known for its historic downtown area and its proximity to Pinnacles National Park.



The city is also home to several vineyards and wineries, making it a popular destination for wine lovers.

M90-Mendota



Distance: 4,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 92,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 140°
Magnetic Course: 127°

Prepare to land at Mendota Airport.

Mendota is a public-use airport and has one runway designated 15/33 with a concrete surface measuring 3,486 feet.

It serves as a general aviation facility and is home to several small aircraft.

The airport is owned and operated by the City of Mendota and is open to the public 24 hours a day.

The airport offers basic services such as fueling and tie-downs, and there are no commercial passenger services available



Leg 5: M90 - L62

Departure: Mendota (M90)

Destination: Elk Hills-Buttonwillow (L62)

Distance: 96,9 nm



POI29-Cantua Creek



Distance: 15,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 15,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 81,4 nm
True Course: 172°
Magnetic Course: 159°

Fly south to the mountain ranges and fly over Cantua Creek, in Fresno County.

The small town is situated in the San Joaquin Valley with a predominantly an agricultural community with being the main source of income its residents.

The town is known for its almond and pistachio orchards, as well as its vineyards,

POI30-Harris Ranch

Distance: 15,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 30,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 66,0 nm



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True Course: 165°

Magnetic Course: 153°

Continuing south you can regain visual contact with I-5 and fly over Harris Ranch airport, in Fresno County.

The airport is not open to the public and requires prior permission to use the facility.

POI31-Kettleman City



Distance: 19,7 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 50,6 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 46,3 nm

True Course: 140°

Magnetic Course: 127°

Our next destination will be in the vicinity of Kettleman City.

It is situated in the western part of Kings County and is known for its agriculture and oil industries.

Kettleman City is also home to the largest hazardous waste landfill in the western United States.

This landfill has been a source of controversy and concern for the town's residents, who fear that it may be causing health problems and environmental damage.

POI32-Lost Hills



Distance: 26,8 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 77,4 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 19,5 nm

True Course: 145°

Magnetic Course: 133°

Continue straight for about 27 miles to the Lost Hills airport area. There are no intermediate reporting points.

Despite its small size, the town is an important hub for agriculture and transportation.

The area is known for its almond, pistachio, and grape crops, which are major contributors to the state's economy.

POI33-Spicer City

Distance: 8,7 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 86,1 nm



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Dist. to Dest.: 10,8 nm
 True Course: 158°
 Magnetic Course: 146°

Spencer City is about 9 miles further on.

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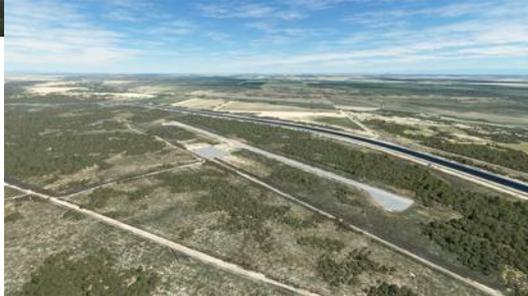
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Dist. from Dept.: 96,9 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm

True Course: 146°

Magnetic Course: 134°



Distance:

Prepare to land at Elk-Hills- Buttonwillow

Airport.

The airport has a single runway measuring 3,259 feet in length. The airport is primarily used for recreational and private aviation purposes.

Despite its small size, Elk Hills Buttonwillow Airport provides various services to its users.

The airport has a pilot's lounge, restroom facilities, and a small parking area for aircraft. Additionally, there are hangars available for rent for those who wish to store their aircraft on site.



Leg 6: L62 - KWHP

Departure: Elk Hills-Buttonwillow (L62)

Destination: Whiteman (KWHP)

Distance: 86,8 nm



POI34-Tuke Elk Reserve



Distance: 5,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 5,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 81,1 nm
True Course: 103°
Magnetic Course: 91°

Leave the airport and head for the nearby Tuke Elk Reserve.

The Tule Elk Reserve is a protected area established in the 1970s to protect the Tule Elk, a subspecies of elk that is endemic to California.

The reserve covers an area of about 2,000 acres and is managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Tule Elk Reserve is a popular destination for wildlife enthusiasts . Visitors can observe the elk in their natural habitat and learn about their behavior, diet, and requirements.



In addition the reserve is home to a variety of other wildlife species, including coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, and various bird species.

POI35-Buena Vista Recreational Area



Distance: 8,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 14,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 72,7 nm
True Course: 134°
Magnetic Course: 122°

Continue on to the nearby Buena Vista Recreational Area, in Kern County.

The area is known for its diverse range of recreational activities, including hiking, fishing, boating, and camping.

Visitors can explore the scenic trails, take a dip in the refreshing reservoir, or relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

The area is also home to various wildlife, such as deer, elk, and eagles, making it an ideal spot for wildlife watching.

The Buena Vista Recreational Area is open year-round, and visitors can enjoy the different seasonal activities available.

During the summer months, the reservoir is open for boating and swimming, while winter brings the opportunity for ice fishing and snowshoeing.

POI36-Mettler



Distance: 15,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 29,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 57,0 nm
True Course: 131°
Magnetic Course: 119°

Our journey continues along the path traced by I-5. It passes the Skydive San Joaquin Valley airport area and skirts the small town of Mettler.

POI37-Castac Lake

Distance: 15,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 45,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 41,9 nm



True Course: 153°

Magnetic Course: 141°

Turn slightly right toward the mountain ranges and continue toward Castac Lake.

It is a small, man-made reservoir located in the Tehachapi Mountains.

It was created in the early 20th century to provide water for the nearby town of Lebec.

The lake is stocked with a variety of fish, including bass, catfish, and trout. It also has a small beach area where visitors can swim and relax.

POI38-Pyramid Lake



Distance: 10,6 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 55,5 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 31,3 nm

True Course: 156°

Magnetic Course: 144°

After about 10 miles of flying through the mountains you will reach another small reservoir, Pyramid Lake.

The lake is popular for boating, fishing, and other water activities.

It is surrounded by beautiful scenery and is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike.

The lake is also known for its abundant wildlife, including bald eagles, ospreys, otters, and more.

POI39-Castaic Lake



Distance: 10,7 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 66,2 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 20,6 nm

True Course: 142°

Magnetic Course: 131°

This mountainous area is rich in natural reservoirs. The next one planned by our route is Castaic Lake.

POI40-Castaic Junction

Distance: 5,9 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 72,0 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 14,8 nm



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True Course: 162°
Magnetic Course: 150°

Immediately after Castaic Lake you will see Castaic Lagon, a smaller reservoir, on the left. Continue toward Castaic Junction.

It is a freeway interchange located in Castaic. It connects Interstate 5 with State Route 126, providing a crucial link between the San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

POI41-Santa Clarita



Distance: 4,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 76,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 10,7 nm
True Course: 150°
Magnetic Course: 138°

You should already see the urban agglomeration of Santa Clarita, our next reporting point.

Santa Clarita is the third-largest city in the county and has a population of approximately 210,000 people.

The city is known for its beautiful natural landscapes, including the Santa Clarita Valley and the Angeles National Forest.

The Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park is a popular destination for thrill-seekers, while the Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park offers stunning rock formations and hiking trails.

KWHP-Whiteman



Distance: 10,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 86,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 134°
Magnetic Course: 122°

Prepare to land at Whiteman Airport.

It is a general aviation airport located in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles.

It was established in 1946 and is named after its founder, pilot and aviation enthusiast Paul Whiteman.



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The airport has two runways and serves as a hub for various aviation activities such as flight training, aircraft maintenance and repair, and air taxi services.

It also hosts a number of aviation events throughout the year, including airshows and fly-ins.



Leg 7: KWHP - KSNA

Departure: Whiteman (KWHP)

Destination: John Wayne Airport-Orange County Airport (KSNA)

Distance: 46,1 nm



POI42-Los Angeles



Distance: 15,5 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 15,5 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 30,6 nm

True Course: 140°

Magnetic Course: 129°

After takeoff, take time for a scenic tour over the city of Los Angeles!

It is the second-most populous city in the United States and is known for its diverse culture, entertainment industry, and beautiful beaches.

The city is home to numerous attractions, including Hollywood, Beverly Hills, the Getty Center, and Disneyland.

The climate in Los Angeles is generally mild, with warm temperatures and plenty of sunshine throughout the year. However, the city is also prone to occasional wildfires and droughts.



Los Angeles has a bustling economy and is a hub for the entertainment, fashion, and technology industries.

It is also home to several prestigious universities, including the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Southern California.

POI43-Anaheim



Distance: 19,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 35,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 11,1 nm
True Course: 134°
Magnetic Course: 122°

At your discretion, resume the journey. Trace I-5 toward the southwest and it will lead you to Anaheim.

Anaheim is located in Orange County. It is commonly known as the home of the Disneyland Resort, which is a major tourist attraction and an economic driver for the region.

In addition to Disneyland, Anaheim is also home to the Anaheim Convention Center, which hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including trade shows, conferences, and concerts.

Anaheim has a population of approximately 350,000 people and is the 10th largest city in California.

POI44-Santa Ana



Distance: 6,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 41,3 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 4,8 nm
True Course: 139°
Magnetic Course: 127°

A little further on you are on the township of Santa Ana.

It is the second-most populous city in Orange County. The city is known for its vibrant downtown area, which includes restaurants, bars, and shops.

Santa Ana is also home to several museums, including the Bowers Museum and the Santa Ana Zoo.



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The city has a diverse population, with a large Hispanic community, and is known for its cultural events, such as the annual Fiestas Patrias parade and festival.

KSNA-John Wayne Airport-Orange County Airport



Distance:	4,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	46,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	0,0 nm
True Course:	189°
Magnetic Course:	178°

Prepare to land at John Wayne Airport.

The airport is named after the famous American actor John Wayne, who lived in the area for many years.

It serves as a major gateway to Southern California and is a hub for many airlines such as American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines.

The airport offers a range of services and facilities to travelers, including shops, restaurants, and lounges.



Leg 8: KSNA - KSDM

Departure: John Wayne Airport-Orange County Airport (KSNA)

Destination: Brown Field Muni (KSDM)

Distance: 82,5 nm



POI45-Laguna Woods



Distance: 8,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 8,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 73,6 nm
True Course: 115°
Magnetic Course: 104°

After takeoff make straight southwest and reach Laguna Woods.

It is a retirement community with a population of around 16,000.

The city was incorporated in 1999 and was previously known as Leisure World before changing its name to Laguna Woods in 2005.

The city has a Mediterranean climate with mild temperatures throughout the year, making it an ideal place to live for retirees looking for a comfortable and peaceful lifestyle.



The city has an active community with numerous social clubs and organizations, providing residents with opportunities to stay engaged and connected with others.

POI46-San Clemente



Distance: 11,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 20,3 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 62,3 nm
True Course: 158°
Magnetic Course: 146°

At this point I-5 takes the direction toward the coast. Follow it until San Clemente, a beautiful coastal city.

It is known for its scenic beaches and Spanish Colonial architecture. City boasts a mild climate year-round, making it a popular destination for tourists and residents alike.

San Clemente is home to several popular attractions, including the San Clemente Pier, which offers stunning ocean views and is a popular spot for fishing and surfing.

The Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens is a popular destination for art exhibits, concerts, and events.

The city also hosts several festivals throughout the year, including the San Clemente Ocean Festival and the San Clemente Fiesta.

POI47-San Onofre Beach



Distance: 8,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 28,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 54,1 nm
True Course: 136°
Magnetic Course: 124°

Continue along the coast and fly over San Onofre Beach.

It is known for its incredible surf breaks and beautiful scenery, making it a popular destination for surfers, beachgoers, and nature lovers alike.

With its pristine coastline, stunning views, and endless opportunities for outdoor recreation, it is no surprise that this beach is a favorite among locals and visitors alike.

POI48-Carlsbad

Distance: 12,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 40,5 nm



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Dist. to Dest.: 42,0 nm
True Course: 141°
Magnetic Course: 130°

After about 12 miles you are in the vicinity of Carlsbad.

It is a beautiful coastal city located with a population of approximately 115,000 people.

Carlsbad has become a popular place to live and visit due to its great weather, stunning beaches, and abundance of recreational activities.

One of the most popular attractions in Carlsbad is Legoland California, a theme park that features interactive exhibits, rides, and shows all centered around the famous toy bricks.

The city is also home to several other family-friendly attractions such as the Flower Fields, SEA LIFE Aquarium, and the Museum of Making Music.

POI49-Batiquitos Lagoon



Distance: 6,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 46,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 35,8 nm
True Course: 154°
Magnetic Course: 142°

Still flying along the coast you now reach Batiquitos Lagoon.

It is a beautiful and ecologically diverse lagoon, popular spot for birdwatching, hiking, and nature walks.

The lagoon is home to a variety of bird species, including egrets, herons, and shorebirds, as well as several species of fish and other marine life.

POI50-Solana Beach



Distance: 6,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 52,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 29,6 nm
True Course: 165°
Magnetic Course: 154°

A little further on you should see Solana Beach.



It is a beautiful coastal community known for its stunning beaches, excellent surfing, and laidback lifestyle.

There are plenty of recreational opportunities available in Solana Beach, including hiking, biking, golfing, and fishing.

The area is also rich in natural beauty, with pristine beaches, rugged cliffs, and stunning ocean views.

POI51-San Diego



Distance: 15,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 68,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 13,8 nm
True Course: 160°
Magnetic Course: 149°

Fly now over the city of San Diego, our last destination.

Known for its beautiful beaches, mild climate, and diverse culture, San Diego is a popular tourist destination a great place to live.

The city has a thriving economy driven by industries such as biotechnology, defense, and tourism.

It is home to several major universities and research institutions, as well as numerous tech startups and small businesses.

San Diego is also known for its rich history and cultural attractions, including the famous San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, and the USS Midway Museum.

The city offers a variety of outdoor activities such as surfing, hiking, and sailing, making it a great place to enjoy the sunny California weather.

KSDM-Brown Field Muni



Distance: 13,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 82,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 138°
Magnetic Course: 127°

Prepare to land at Brown Field Municipal Airport, where this fascinating journey ends.



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It serves as a major general aviation airport in the region and is also used for military training purposes. The airport has a single runway and handles around 300000 aircraft operations per year.

Brown Field Municipal Airport provides a range of aviation services, including aircraft rental and maintenance, flight training, and fueling.

It also has a number of facilities for passengers, such as a restaurant, car rental services, and a pilot lounge.

The airport is strategically located near the US-Mexico border, making it a popular choice for international flights. It also serves as a gateway to various destinations in Southern California, including San Diego, Tijuana, and Baja California.

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