



Kelso to Ashland

Interstate 5 - Oregon

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 second part we will fly over Oregon state, with its major cities such as Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford.

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: **4**

Total distance: **273 nm**



Legs

Leg 1: KKLS - KUAO

Departure: Southwest Washington Rgnl (KKLS)

Destination: Aurora State (KUAO)

Distance: 55,0 nm



POI1-Paradise Point State Park



Distance: 17,1 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 17,1 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 37,9 nm

True Course: 152°

Magnetic Course: 137°

After takeoff, we resume our journey south.

Reach Paradise Point State Park, a beautiful and serene park known for its stunning natural beauty, offering visitors the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in a peaceful environment.

The park covers more than 101 acres and offers visitors a variety of activities, including hiking, fishing, birdwatching and more.

One of the park's strengths is its location along the banks of the Columbia River.



Paradise Point State Park also offers numerous services to visitors.

The park has picnic areas, restrooms and even a children's playground. It is also crisscrossed by numerous trails that allow visitors to explore the area and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.

POI2-Vancouver Lake Regional Park



Distance: 12,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 29,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 26,0 nm
True Course: 172°
Magnetic Course: 157°

Continuing on, you will see to your right Vancouver Lake Regional Park

The park has a large lake that is perfect for swimming, paddleboarding, and kayaking. It also has a number of picnic areas and playgrounds for families to enjoy.

One of the main attractions of Vancouver Lake Regional Park is the wildlife that can be found there.

The park is home to a variety of birds, including bald eagles, ospreys, and great blue herons. Visitors can also see beavers, otters, and other animals that live in and around the lake.

POI3-Portland



Distance: 7,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 36,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 18,1 nm
True Course: 181°
Magnetic Course: 166°

As you push further you should already see the suburbs of Portland.

It is the largest city in the state of Oregon and has a population of approximately 650,000 people. Portland is known for its environmentally conscious culture, diverse neighborhoods, and thriving arts and food scenes.

One of the most popular attractions in Portland is the International Rose Test Garden, which features over 10,000 rose bushes.



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The city is also home to many parks and outdoor spaces, including Forest Park, which is one of the largest urban forests in the United States.

The city is also known for its craft beer and has been called the 'beer capital of the world.'

POI4-Oswego Lake



Distance: 8,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 45,6 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 9,4 nm
True Course: 201°
Magnetic Course: 186°

A bridge leads Interstate 5 to the opposite bank of the Willamette River. Continue to Oswego Lake.

It is a beautiful lake located in Clackamas County, surrounded by stunning homes and parks, providing a picturesque view for visitors and residents.

Oswego Lake is also known for its clean and clear water, making it a perfect spot for water sports and fishing.

The lake is private and accessible only to residents of Lake Oswego, Oregon. However, non-residents can access the lake by obtaining a guest pass from a resident.

KUAO-Aurora State



Distance: 9,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 55,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 187°
Magnetic Course: 172°

Prepare to land at Aurora State Airport.

It has one runway designated 17/35 with a length of 5,004 feet and serves general aviation aircraft and offers various services including fueling, maintenance and a flight training school for aspiring pilots.

The airport is known for hosting various events throughout the year, including fly-ins, airshows, and aviation festivals.



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Leg 2: KUAO - KEUG

Departure: Aurora State (KUAO)

Destination: Mahlon Sweet Field (KEUG)

Distance: 72,1 nm



POI5-Woodburn



Distance: 7,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 7,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 64,9 nm
True Course: 219°
Magnetic Course: 204°

After takeoff, turn slightly right to follow I-5. Our next reporting point will be Woodburn.

Woodburn is located in Marion County, about 20 miles south of Portland and it is known for its rich agricultural heritage and is home to the Woodburn Premium Outlets, which are a popular shopping destination for both locals and tourists.

The city also hosts the annual Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana, which celebrates the Hispanic culture and traditions of the area.



SALEM-Salem



Distance: 12,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 20,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 52,0 nm
True Course: 202°
Magnetic Course: 187°

Keep going straight and you will soon reach Salem, the capital city of the state of Oregon.

With a population of over 170,000 people, Salem is the second-largest city in the state after Portland.

The city is situated in the heart of the Willamette Valley, which is known for its fertile farmland and scenic beauty.

Salem is also home to a number of historic landmarks, including the Oregon State Capitol building, which is open for public tours.

Additionally, the city has a thriving arts and culture scene, with several museums, galleries, and performance venues showcasing local and regional talent.

POI6-Enchanted Forest



Distance: 7,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 27,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 44,7 nm
True Course: 186°
Magnetic Course: 171°

Prepare to fly over a special park! The Enchanted Forest is a popular theme park located in Turner.

It offers a variety of rides and attractions suitable for all ages. The park is known for its unique fairy tale and storybook theme, which creates a magical and enchanting atmosphere for visitors.

In addition to the rides, the park also features a water park, live entertainment, and food options.

Visitors can ride on a giant slide, a log flume, or even a roller coaster. There are also several attractions for younger children, such as a train ride and a petting zoo.

POI7-Albany

Distance: 10,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 38,2 nm



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Dist. to Dest.: 33,9 nm
True Course: 192°
Magnetic Course: 177°

Reach now Albany. It is the county seat of Linn County and has a population of approximately 57,000 residents.

Albany is known for its historic downtown area, which features a variety of shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions.

The city is also home to several parks and recreational areas, including the Talking Water Gardens and Monteith Riverpark.

Albany is home to a diverse range of businesses, including manufacturing, healthcare, and technology companies.

POI8-Tangent



Distance: 6,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 44,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 27,8 nm
True Course: 181°
Magnetic Course: 166°

Overpass Albany Municipal Airport and fly to Tangent, a small city located in Linn County.

It is situated in the Willamette Valley and is surrounded by farmland.

Tangent is known for its annual farm festival, which celebrates the agricultural heritage of the area. The festival features a parade, live music, food vendors, and a variety of family-friendly activities.

POI9-Harrisburg



Distance: 16,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 60,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 11,7 nm
True Course: 180°
Magnetic Course: 165°

Fly over a large flat area and reach Harrisburg, a small town located in Linn County.

The town is known for its agricultural industry, with crops such as hazelnuts, grass seed, and vegetables being grown in the area.



In terms of attractions and activities, Harrisburg is a great place for outdoor enthusiasts. The town is surrounded by beautiful natural scenery, including nearby forests, rivers, and parks.

KEUG-Mahlon Sweet Field



Distance: 11,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 72,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 213°
Magnetic Course: 199°

Turn slightly to the right and prepare to land at Mahlon Sweet Field, located in Eugene

The airport is named after Mahlon Sweet, a Eugene businessman who played a major role in the development of aviation in the region during the 1920s and 1930s.

Mahlon Sweet Field has two runways and a passenger terminal with several airlines offering flights to several domestic destinations.

The airport also has a general aviation terminal and facilities for private and corporate aircraft.



Leg 3: KEUG - KRBG

Departure: Mahlon Sweet Field (KEUG)

Destination: Roseburg Regl (KRBG)

Distance: 60,4 nm



POI10-Eugene



Distance: 7,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 7,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 52,5 nm
True Course: 118°
Magnetic Course: 103°

Leave the airport and turn left to overfly Eugene.

Eugene known for its natural beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities.

It is situated at the southern end of the Willamette Valley, surrounded by mountains, forests, and rivers.

The city is home to the University of Oregon and its renowned athletic programs, and is also an important cultural center for the region, with a thriving arts scene and numerous festivals and events throughout the year.



POI11-Cottage Grove Lake



Distance: 18,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 25,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 34,5 nm
True Course: 184°
Magnetic Course: 169°

Continuing on you can admire on your left Cottage Grove Lake.

Cottage Grove Lake is a beautiful reservoir located in the southern part of the Willamette Valley.

It is a popular destination for fishing, boating, hiking, and camping. The lake is surrounded by lush green forests that offer a serene and peaceful environment to the visitors.

Cottage Grove Lake is also a popular camping spot. The campgrounds offer a range of amenities, including showers, restrooms, fire pits, and picnic tables.

POI12-Yoncalla



Distance: 12,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 38,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 21,7 nm
True Course: 216°
Magnetic Course: 201°

Yoncalla is a small town located in Douglas County.

The nearby Umpqua River offers excellent fishing and water sports.

The town also has a number of historic sites and landmarks, including the Yoncalla Pioneer Cemetery, which dates back to the mid-1800s.

Yoncalla is a close-knit community, where residents enjoy a high quality of life and a relaxed pace of living.

It is a great place to visit or live if you are looking for a peaceful and picturesque setting in the heart of Oregon.

POI13-Sutherlin

Distance: 12,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 51,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 8,9 nm



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True Course: 197°

Magnetic Course: 183°

A little further south we fly over Sutherlin, a small town surrounded by forests.

Sutherlin has a diverse economy, with industries such as agriculture, manufacturing, and retail contributing

to its growth.

KRBG-Roseburg Regl



Distance: 8,9 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 60,4 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm

True Course: 185°

Magnetic Course: 171°

Prepare to land at Roseburg Airport.

The airport is primarily used for general aviation, although it does offer commercial flights through Boutique Air.

The airport has one runway, which 4,994 feet long. It also has a terminal building that offers basic amenities such as restrooms, vending machines, and a waiting area.

Roseburg Regional Airport is an important transportation hub for the region, providing access to business, medical services, and recreation.



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Leg 4: KRBG - S03

Departure: Roseburg Regl (KRBG)

Destination: Ashland Mun-Parker (S03)

Distance: 85,1 nm



GREEN-Green



Distance: 5,6 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 5,6 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 79,5 nm
True Course: 184°
Magnetic Course: 170°

After takeoff, cross the South Umpqua River and continue in the direction of the nearby Green.

It is a small town part of the Roseburg micropolitan area.

POI14-Myrtle Creek

Distance: 7,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 13,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 71,6 nm
True Course: 158°
Magnetic Course: 143°



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Continue southward. Pass Round Prairie and reach Myrtle Creek, another small town in Douglas County, Oregon, in the United States.

Myrtle Creek has a rich history dating back to the mid-1800s, when it was founded as a mining and lumber town.

The town hosts several annual events and festivals, including the Myrtle Creek Summer Festival and the Myrtle Creek-Tri City Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

POI15-Canyonville



Distance:	5,6 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	19,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	65,9 nm
True Course:	173°
Magnetic Course:	159°

After about 5 miles you are on Canyonville.

The city is close to the Umpqua National Forest and is home of some popular attractions, such as Seven Feathers Casino Resort, which offers gaming, entertainment and dining options.

Other notable landmark in the area is the Canyonville Pioneer Museum and the historic Myrtle Creek Covered Bridge.

AZELA-Azela



Distance:	8,2 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	27,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	57,7 nm
True Course:	173°
Magnetic Course:	158°

A little further on you will meet Azela.

The community hosts an annual Azalea Festival in May, which features a parade, live music, and various other activities.

POI16-Cow Creek

Distance:	5,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	33,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	51,9 nm
True Course:	240°
Magnetic Course:	226°



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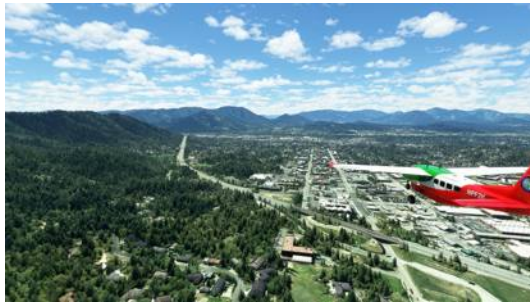
Turn right and reach Cow Creek, a small community located in Douglas County, near the town of Riddle.

The Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians also has a reservation in the area.

One of the main attractions in Cow Creek is the Cow Creek Trail, which offers a scenic hike through the forest and along the creek.

The trail is well-maintained and offers a moderate level of difficulty, making it accessible to hikers of all skill levels.

POI17-Grants Pass



Distance:	17,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	50,6 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	34,5 nm
True Course:	172°
Magnetic Course:	157°

Continue southward over Sunny Valley, heading for Grants Pass, seat of Josephine County.

The city is situated on the Rogue River. Grants Pass has a historic downtown area with shops, restaurants, and art galleries.

The city is home to Rogue Community College and the Grants Pass School District.

POI18-Rogue River



Distance:	6,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	57,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	28,0 nm
True Course:	104°
Magnetic Course:	90°

Turn left. I-5 follows the course of the Rogue River for a while.

POI19-Medford

Distance:	12,9 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	70,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	15,1 nm
True Course:	107°
Magnetic Course:	92°



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Continue flying through the narrow valley and reach Medford, nestled in the Rogue Valley.

It is the fourth-largest city in Oregon and is known for its beautiful natural scenery, mild climate, and vibrant cultural scene.

Medford is home to a number of parks and recreational areas, including the Bear Creek Greenway, which offers a scenic trail for walkers, joggers, and bikers.

S03-Ashland Mun-Parker



Distance:	15,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	85,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	0,0 nm
True Course:	136°
Magnetic Course:	122°

Turn slightly to the right and prepare to land at Ashland Municipal Airport, our final destination.

The airport has a single runway and offers services such as fueling, aircraft maintenance, and hangar rentals.

It is primarily used for general aviation purposes, including private and corporate flights, as well as flight training and recreational flying. The airport is operated by the City of Ashland and has a small terminal building with limited amenities.

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