



Blaine to Kelso

Interstate 5 - Washington

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 first part we will fly over Washington state, with its major cities such as Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia and national and state parks.

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:	3
Total distance:	193 nm
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Legs

Leg 1: 4W6 - KPAE

Departure: Blaine Mun (4W6)

Destination: Snohomish County (Paine Fld) (KPAE)

Distance: 72,2 nm



POI1-Bellingham



Distance: 18,0 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 18,0 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 54,3 nm

True Course: 144°

Magnetic Course: 128°

Take off from runway 33 then turn left to reverse course and intercept I-5 southbound.

Bellingham is situated on Bellingham Bay, which provides access to the San Juan Islands, and is surrounded by the beautiful North Cascades Mountains.

Bellingham is also home to Western Washington University, which attracts a diverse student population and contributes to the city's lively cultural scene.



POI2-Lake Samish



Distance: 6,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 24,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 47,8 nm
True Course: 145°
Magnetic Course: 129°

Continue south and reach Lake Samish, a freshwater lake located in Whatcom County.

This lake is approximately 4.5 miles long, and its area covers around 805 acres on an elevation of around 259 feet above sea level.

The lake is a popular spot for recreational activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, and picnicking.

It is also home to a variety of fish species, including rainbow trout, kokanee, and bass, making it a favored destination for anglers.

The area surrounding Lake Samish has several parks, hiking trails, and other attractions, making it a great location for families and outdoor enthusiasts to explore.

The lake has designated swimming areas at several locations around its perimeter, but visitors should be cautious of strong currents.

POI3-Mt Vernon



Distance: 14,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 38,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 33,5 nm
True Course: 174°
Magnetic Course: 159°

Fly down the valley to Mount Vernon, in the Skagit County of Washington. The city has a population of around 35,000 and is a major transportation hub for

the region.

Mount Vernon is known for its scenic beauty, including the neighboring Cascade Mountain Range, and its bustling downtown district featuring local shops and eateries.

It is also home to the well-known annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.



POI4-Skagit Wildlife Area



Distance: 5,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 44,5 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 27,7 nm
True Course: 178°
Magnetic Course: 162°

I-5 follows the Skagit River for a bit until the Skagit Wildlife, a vast wildlife area covering over 16,000 acres. It is managed by the Washington State

Department of Fish and Wildlife and offers visitors a wide range of recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

The Skagit River, which flows through the wildlife area, is home to an array of fish species such as salmon and steelhead, making the area an excellent destination for fishing enthusiasts.

The area is also home to a variety of wildlife species such as black bears, bald eagles, and deer, to name a few.

POI5-North Marysville



Distance: 15,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 59,8 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 12,4 nm
True Course: 154°
Magnetic Course: 139°

Turn slightly to the left. North Marysville is a census-designated place located in Snohomish County. It is a suburban community, situated just a few miles north

of the city of Marysville.

The community is primarily residential, with a mix of single-family homes, townhomes, and apartments.

There are a few small businesses and restaurants scattered throughout the area, but most residents commute to nearby cities for work.

Some of the popular attractions in the area include the Ebey Waterfront Trail, Lake Stevens, and the Tulalip Resort Casino.

KPAE-Snohomish County (Paine Fld)

Distance: 12,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 72,2 nm



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Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 202°
Magnetic Course: 186°

Prepare to land at Snohomish County Airport.

Snohomish County, also known as Paine Field, is a public airport located in Everett.

The airport is primarily used for general aviation and serves as a reliever airport for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Paine Field is known for being the location of the Boeing Everett Factory, where many of Boeing's commercial airplanes are assembled.

The airport has two runways and a number of fixed base operators providing services such as fueling, aircraft maintenance, and flight instruction.



Leg 2: KPAE - KGRF

Departure: Snohomish County (Paine Fld) (KPAE)

Destination: Gray AAF (KGRF)

Distance: 51,9 nm



POI6-Mountlake Terrace



Distance: 7,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 7,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 44,8 nm
True Course: 191°
Magnetic Course: 175°

After takeoff, head south. Located in Snohomish County, Mountlake Terrace is known for its suburban feel, diverse community, and access to outdoor

activities such as hiking and fishing.

The city is situated near major highways, making commuting to adjacent cities such as Seattle and Everett relatively easy.

Mountlake Terrace has a thriving business community, with several retail and restaurant options available to residents and visitors.



POI7-Seattle



Distance:	11,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	18,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	33,9 nm
True Course:	183°
Magnetic Course:	168°

Further on, after you fly over Green Lake, you are in sight of Seattle, a coastal seaport city and the largest city in the Pacific Northwest region of the United

States.

It is known for its beautiful natural surroundings, including mountains, forests, and waterways.

Seattle is home to a thriving tech industry, with companies like Microsoft, Amazon, and Starbucks headquartered in the area.

The city is also known for its vibrant music scene, which has produced famous names like Jimi Hendrix, Nirvana, and Macklemore.

Tourist attractions in Seattle include the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, and the Museum of Pop Culture.

Seattle has a reputation for being a liberal and socially progressive city, with a strong focus on environmental sustainability and social justice.

POI8-Tacoma



Distance:	23,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	41,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	10,8 nm
True Course:	191°
Magnetic Course:	176°

The journey continues in the direction of Tacoma, a mid-sized city located on the Puget Sound.

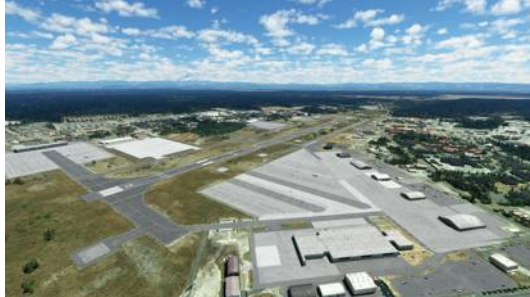
The city is known for its museums, parks and outdoor recreation. One of Tacoma's most popular attractions is the Museum of Glass, which showcases contemporary glass art and has a hot shop where visitors can watch glass blowing demonstrations.

Point Defiance Park is another popular destination, featuring gardens, beaches, hiking trails and a zoo and aquarium.



Tacoma has a rich history, with Native American communities inhabiting the area for thousands of years before European settlement.

KGRF-Gray AAF



Distance: 10,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 51,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 212°
Magnetic Course: 197°

Prepare to land at Fray AAF Airport.

Gray Army Airfield (AFF) is a military airport primarily used by the United States Army and Air Force for training exercises and military operations.

The airport has a single runway designated and a range of facilities to support the military aircraft operations, such as refuelling stations, maintenance hangars and cargo loading ramps.



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Leg 3: KGRF - KKLS

Departure: Gray AAF (KGRF)

Destination: Southwest Washington Rgnl (KKLS)

Distance: 69,0 nm



POI9-Olympia



Distance: 13,5 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 13,5 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 55,6 nm

True Course: 256°

Magnetic Course: 241°

After takeoff, fly eastward and reach Olympia. the capital city of the state of Washington. Olympia has a rich cultural and political history, with several

historical landmarks and museums that showcase the city's past.

The city is also known for its beautiful scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities, including hiking, boating, and fishing.

There are several parks and natural areas in the city, including the 3,700-acre Capitol State Forest and the 190-acre Priest Point Park.



Olympia is home to several colleges and universities, including The Evergreen State College, Saint Martin's University, and South Puget Sound Community College.

POI10-Grand Mound



Distance: 12,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 25,7 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 43,3 nm
True Course: 198°
Magnetic Course: 182°

Grand Mound is a small community located in Thurston County.

It is known for its significant archaeological site, which is a 6000-year-old burial site of the Indigenous people known as the Chehalis-Moxee Culture.

The site contains two burial mounds, the larger of which is over 40 feet high and 100 feet in diameter.

It is one of the largest Native American burial sites in the Pacific Northwest and has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

Today, the Grand Mound site is open to the public and serves as a place for cultural and educational opportunities to explore the heritage of the Chehalis people and learn about the archaeological discoveries made at the site.

POI11-Napavine



Distance: 15,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 40,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 28,2 nm
True Course: 164°
Magnetic Course: 149°

Napavine is a small town located in Lewis County with a population of approximately 2,000 people.

For those interested in history, the Napavine Historical Society offers a glimpse into the town's rich past, with exhibits and events highlighting the area's logging and railroad history.

POI12-Castle Rock

Distance: 18,3 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 59,2 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 9,8 nm
True Course: 181°
Magnetic Course: 166°



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Castle Rock is a small city located in Cowlitz County, named after the prominent volcanic plug, Castle Rock, located just south of the city.

It is a popular tourist destination, known for its natural beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities. Visitors can enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, and other outdoor activities in and around the city.

KKLS-Southwest Washington Rgnl



Distance:	9,8 nm
Dist. from Dept.:	69,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.:	0,0 nm
True Course:	179°
Magnetic Course:	164°

Southwest Washington Airport is located in Kelso and primarily serves the Lower Columbia Region.

The airport has a single runway and handles general aviation and cargo operations.

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