Event: Yakima River Canyon Cruise

Location: Richland/Selah/Yakima River Canyon/Ellensburg

Date: Sunday, May 26

<u>Time:</u> Leave Richland Red Lion - 9:30 AM

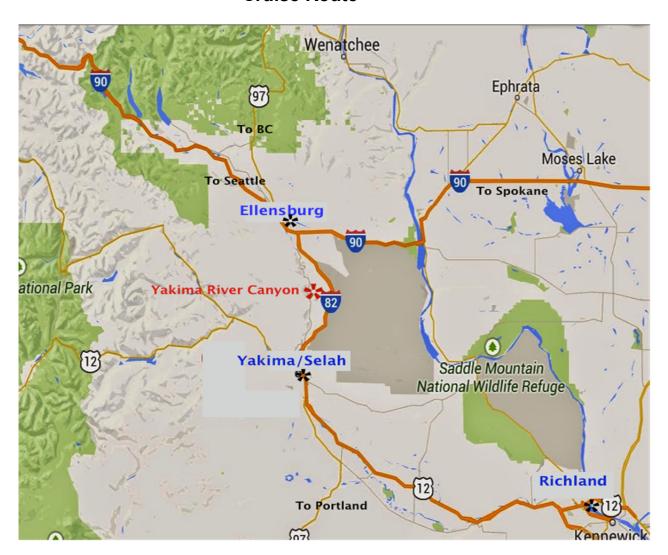
Arrive Selah, Playland Riverside Park – 11:00 AM Lunch @ Playland Riverside Park – Noon (Catered)

Leave Playland Riverside Park - 2:00 PM

Arrive Ellensburg - 3:00 PM

Fee (for Lunch): \$15.00

Cruise Route



On Sunday, May 26, join us on a day long cruise from Richland to Ellensburg. We will start the cruise around 9:30 AM at the Richland Red Lion where Pontiacs will line up and head towards Selah, WA. Selah is located just north of Yakima and at the entrance of the scenic Yakima River Canyon Highway. We will arrive in Selah at the Playland Riverside Park on the banks of the Yakima River around 11:00 AM. At noon, a BBQ lunch with beef brisket, pulled pork and several side dishes will be served, along with soft drinks and bottled water. The food is being provided by a local caterer. At 2:00 PM, the caravan will leave the Riverside Park and head north up the Yakima River Canyon.

The Yakima River Canyon Byway, known by locals as the Canyon Road, closely follows the Yakima River as it winds its way through the Yakima Canyon. This highway divides the hills of sage covered desert and connects the City of Selah at the south end to Ellensburg on the north. This meandering highway is a beautiful and scenic alternative to driving over Interstate 82 when you're coming to visit the Yakima Valley.

It is one of the most scenic roads you will ever drive, regardless of time of year. The basalt cliffs, some rising more than 2,000 feet, reveal a story of cataclysmic geologic events. The canyon is known for its year-round sport fishing and as a blue ribbon catch and release trout stream. The crevices and cliffs make a perfect home for the densest concentration of nesting hawks, eagles and falcons in the State.

The cruise will arrive in Ellensburg around 3:00 PM. For those who elect to stay in Ellensburg, we have rooms blocked at the Ellensburg Hampton Inn at a reasonable price. Reservations have been made (6:00 PM) for the group at a local restaurant for cocktails and dinner in a private room. For those that wish to go home, you can continue west on Interstate 90 to the west side of the Cascades. Some of our Canadian friends, may choose to head north out of Ellensburg on Highway 97.





Playland Riverside Park



