ISSAQUAH-FALL CITY ROAD HERITAGE CORRIDOR

From I-90 Eastbound:

- Take exit 17 for Front Street toward E Lake Sammamish/Parkway SE
- Turn left at Front Street N
- Continue onto E Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE
- Turn right at SE Issaquah Fall City Road

Corridor length: 4.8 miles

Begins: SE Duthie Hill Road
Ends: 328th Avenue SE – Fall City
Highlights: Winding forest road
Nearby: Grand Ridge Park

Ferry crossing at Fall City. Photo courtesy of Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum. PO 75-454enh

Corridor begins

Corridor ends

Shortly after its settlement near the base of Snoqualmie Falls in 1869, "Falls City" became an important river shipping point for flat-bottomed steam boats hauling produce raised on the prairie above the falls. Once this road was established by following the route of one of the oldest wagon road into the Snoqualmie Valley, this corridor helped valley farmers bring their products to market more consistently. Coal mining, hop production and dairy farming were also important industries that benefited from the road.

Horse racing on main road, Fall City. Photo courtesy of Snoqualmie Vally Historical Museum. PO 135-8

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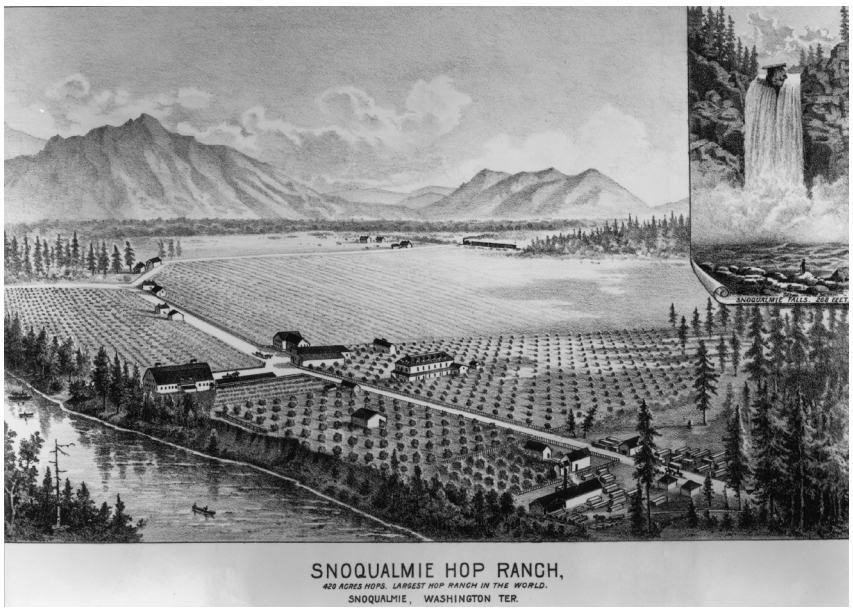
ISSAQUAH-FALL CITY ROAD MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residencies and property.

Issaquah-Fall City Road Heritage Corridor follows the route of the oldest wagon road into the Snoqualmie Valley, pre-dating the arrival of the railroad. This farm-to-market route linked Fall City to Issaquah from as early as 1883. The evocative central segment over the forested ridge retains some of the most intact roadway design elements of any in the Heritage Corridor system.



Snoqualmie Hop Ranch 1889–promotional image. Photo courtesy of Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum.

Mile 0.0 – 1.0

- Corridor begins at mile 0.0, where SE Issaquah-Fall City Road veers right off arterial that continues as Duthie Hill Road. Landscape suddenly becomes more natural, forest is denser and built environment more hidden.
- Access to Grand Ridge Park, a 1200-acre King County forested trail system, is located to the southeast.
- Road continues to drop in elevation; curves and rolls with lay of land, has very little crown.
- Mix of residential construction.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0

- At mile 1.4 is entrance to Cleveland Memorial Forest. Road curves east again and distant views of the Cascade Mountains peek through the treetops.

Mile 2.0 – 3.0

- Vegetation growing close to road, with some branches overhanging, imparts sense of place. Distant views of the Cascades; road dips and climbs with topography.
- At mile 2.6, visible across fields to the northeast, is historic J.M. Butler Farm/Jackson Poultry Ranch. Two unusually large, square chicken coops made this early dairy into one of largest poultry farms in the area by the 1950s.
- Turn right to continue on Issaquah-Fall City Road.

Mile 3.0 – 4.0

- Road descends into Snoqualmie Valley. Horse and hobby farms visible from roadway.

Mile 4.0 – 5.0

- Mid-range and distant views open up across the valley floor–to the north, east and south.
- Large fields on both sides of road overgrown with grasses and blackberry bushes. Road follows its original path and contour.
- At mile 4.4 is old Kinnear-Ambold Farm with its rare silo, aging farmhouse, horse and hay barns. Early 160-acre spread first owned by R.M. Kinnear in the early 1900s, and was one of first farmsteads on this corridor.
- At mile 4.8 is another early corridor farmhouse, home to W.J.B. Kirkpatrick, one of Fall City's first sheriffs.
- Road ends in a developed, older edge neighborhood of Fall City.

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