OSCEOLA LOOP HERITAGE CORRIDOR

From I-405 toward Renton:

- Take SR 167 S toward Auburn
- Take the SR 18 E exit - Auburn
- Keep left to merge onto SR 18 E
- Exit onto SR 164 E toward Enumclaw
- Turn left at SR 164 E/Auburn Way S
- Continue to follow SR 164 E
- Turn right at 196th Ave SE

Corridor length: 7.2 miles
Begins: SE 448th Street at 196th Avenue SE
Ends: At Beginning – Loop

Highlights: Close-up views of Mount Rainier
Nearby: Enumclaw Plateau Historical Society
1837 Marion Street, Enumclaw

Osceola's third schoolhouse, 1914. Courtesy of Enumclaw Plateau Historical Society Museum, 2002.1.04-2

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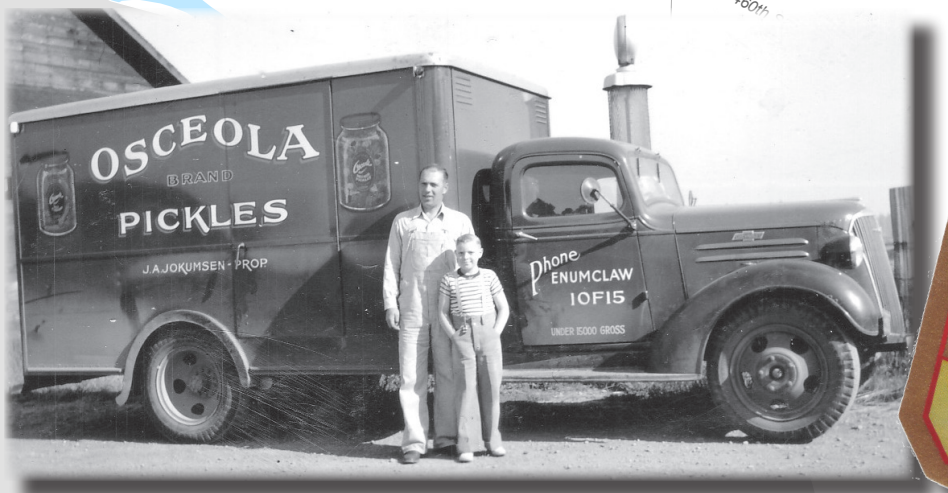
Corridor begins and ends



John Alfred Jokumsen II with his son John Alfred Jokumsen III and pickle label, ca., 1937. Images courtesy of Jeanne Jokumsen.

This flat fertile edge of the Enumclaw Plateau was originally known as "Porter's Prairie" named for Allen Porter who initially traveled the Oregon Trail and then north to the Puget Sound area to settle on a land claim on the White River. Roads have served as an important connection to this agricultural area–to markets, services and customers.

OSCEOLA LOOP MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residencies and property.

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- Begin by turning east off 196th Ave SE onto SE 448th Street. Views of Enumclaw Plateau, and Mt. Rainier in the distance.
- At mile 0.1 on the south is a 1920s plateau farmstead, the Lafe Wilson Dairy, the first of many on corridor.
- A turn-of-the-19th-century farmhouse with Victorian detailing is visible to northeast at mile 0.3.
- At 0.6 is the former Felchlin Dairy with its 1890s hay barn and early-day milk house where cans of fresh milk were kept cool until pick-up. Earlier this farm was associated with hop farming, prevalent on the Plateau before the rise of dairying.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0

- At mile 1.0 is the old Frank Minchler Farmstead, with a distinctive Tudor-style house, matching garage and hay barn.
- Note another massive dairy hay barn with that distinctive milk house addition, just across road at the old George Schuieckle Dairy.
- At mile 1.8 south of road are surviving wooden barns and sheds of old Osceola Pickle Factory. Three generations of the Jokumsen family grew and pickled cucumbers here from 1929-76.
- Across to the north is Killian's Patchwork Farm, a former dairy and poultry farm that still has a long, low chicken house standing just west of the old barn.

Mile 2.0 – 3.0

- Dairy farmsteads sprinkled along next mile, illustrating the farming district much as it was in early 20th century. Note diversity of hay barns with distinctive hay "hoods" overhanging big hayloft doors, tiny milk houses, and more modern tank houses.
- At mile 3.0, turn right (south) onto 244th Ave SE, and continue 0.5 mile to intersection of SE 456th Way.

SE 456th Way Mile 3.0 – 4.0

- Turn right (west) onto SE 456th Way.
- At mile 3.7 is historic Hans P. Nelson Farmstead north of road, complete with sturdy 1915 farmhouse, barns and a windmill.

Mile 4.0 – 5.0

- At mile 4.1 is F. Ronling House, one of oldest farmhouses on corridor. This two-story side-gable style is typical of late 19th century houses on plateau.
- At mile 4.2 is another historic farmstead–the former Andrew Holn Dairy–with large four-square farmhouse, and massive gambrel-roofed hay barn with milk house. Turn left to stay on 456th Way.
- At mile 4.6, is Melody Poultry Farm/Daniel Pederson Farm–once a poultry ranch with 20 chicken coops, three brooder houses, an egg house, and three mink shelters. Handsome Craftsman-style farmhouse dates to 1927.

Mile 5.0 – 6.0

- Continue west past a mule ranch. A variety of dairy operations visible to south.
- At mile 5.3 is historic Osceola Schoolhouse, now a private residence. Built in 1913, it served the community until consolidation with Enumclaw in 1935.
- Just behind schoolhouse to south, on 220th Ave SE, is "old" Osceola School, built mid-1890s. Served many years as Osceola Community Club.
- Road curves southwest, past gambrel-roofed dairy barns, milk houses and silos to the north.
- At mile 5.7, note old chicken house at the old VanHoof Dairy, recognizable by its long low profile.

Mile 6.0 – 7.0

- Pass a large modern horse ranch, across road is an example of gable-roofed dairy barn and milk house, and Craftsman-style farmhouse at the old Julius Ahman Dairy.
- Look north across plateau to see variety of commercial agricultural properties and historic farmsteads. Interesting mix of rural fence types separating properties from one another.
- Continue east past large Tom De Santo Greenhouses, a wholesale ornamental nursery operation with a series of greenhouses, bordered by white rail fencing.
- Road runs past historic farmsteads with views of Mt. Rainier and foothills to east. Road curves northwest near the banks of White River, crossing deep ravine of tributary steam. Continuing north, road becomes 196th Ave SE, to point of beginning.

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