

The “straight down I-5” approach. Travel time from Seattle to Willows is 10 hours without traffic.

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- Informational

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- Weather warning
- Snow zone
- Weather stations

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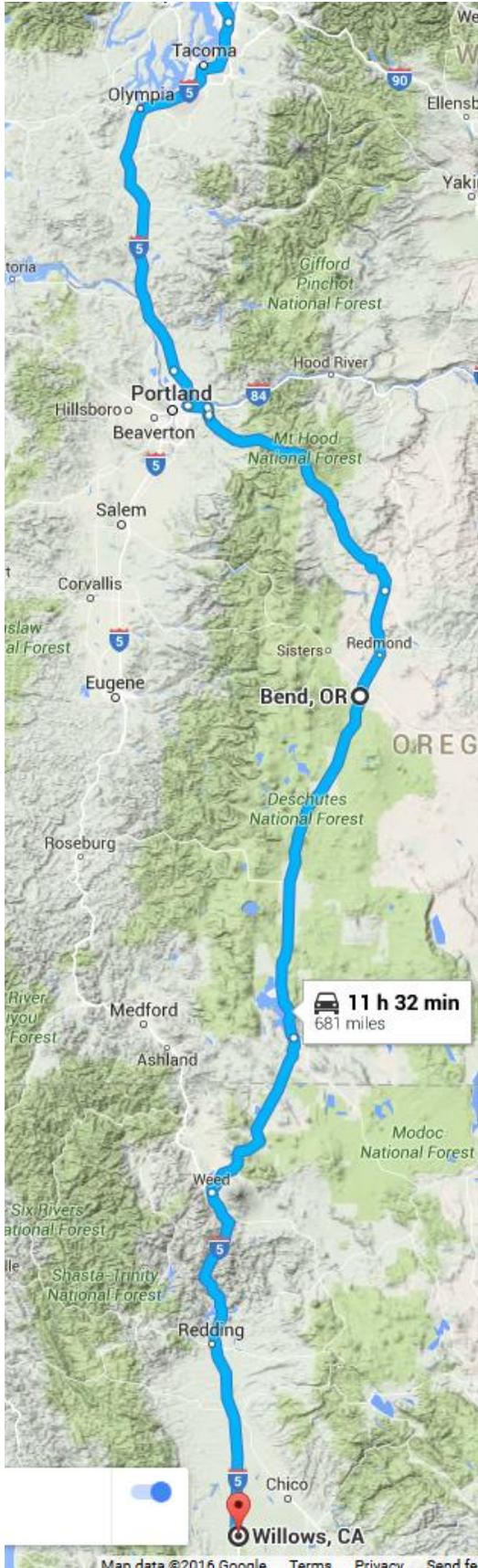
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<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/display.php?page=i5> (I-5 in Mtns)



The “Get over to US-97” approach. Travel time from Seattle to Willows is 11.5 hours without traffic.

Highway 26 in the Mt. Hood area is often challenging. Can divert farther East to The Dalles before heading South, but adds time.

In my experience, it can be challenging to “make time” on 97 South of Bend as there are relatively few passing zones on this two-lane highway.

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The “I-5 to Eugene, then get over to US-97” approach. Travel time from Seattle to Willows is 11 hours without traffic.

Highway 58 over Willamette Pass (South-East from Eugene) is often challenging.

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The “I-5 to Grants Pass, then head for the coast” approach. Travel time from Seattle to Willows is 14 hours without traffic.

If I-5 has been good to you, but conditions are going to hell at Grants Pass, you can head to Crescent City, CA from there. Check US 199 for conditions between Grants Pass and the coast. It’s still a mountain highway, but it’s descending into warmer air and generally clearer than going over I-5 into Cali.

Bonus in that this is pretty country on 101.

This particular routing crosses back East on CA-36 from Fortuna to Red Bluff, CA. Check conditions for CA-36 on the CalTrans site below. CA-36 is 140 miles of twistys, an epic road, not recommended for trailers.

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The “I-5 to Grants Pass, then head for the coast and stay there” approach. Travel time from Seattle to Willows is 14.5 hours without traffic.

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If CA-36 from Fortuna to Red Bluff is not passable / not desirable, keep heading down to Willits, CA, then East on CA-20. I have never driven CA-20, but it appears to be tamer than CA-36 and adds 30 minutes.

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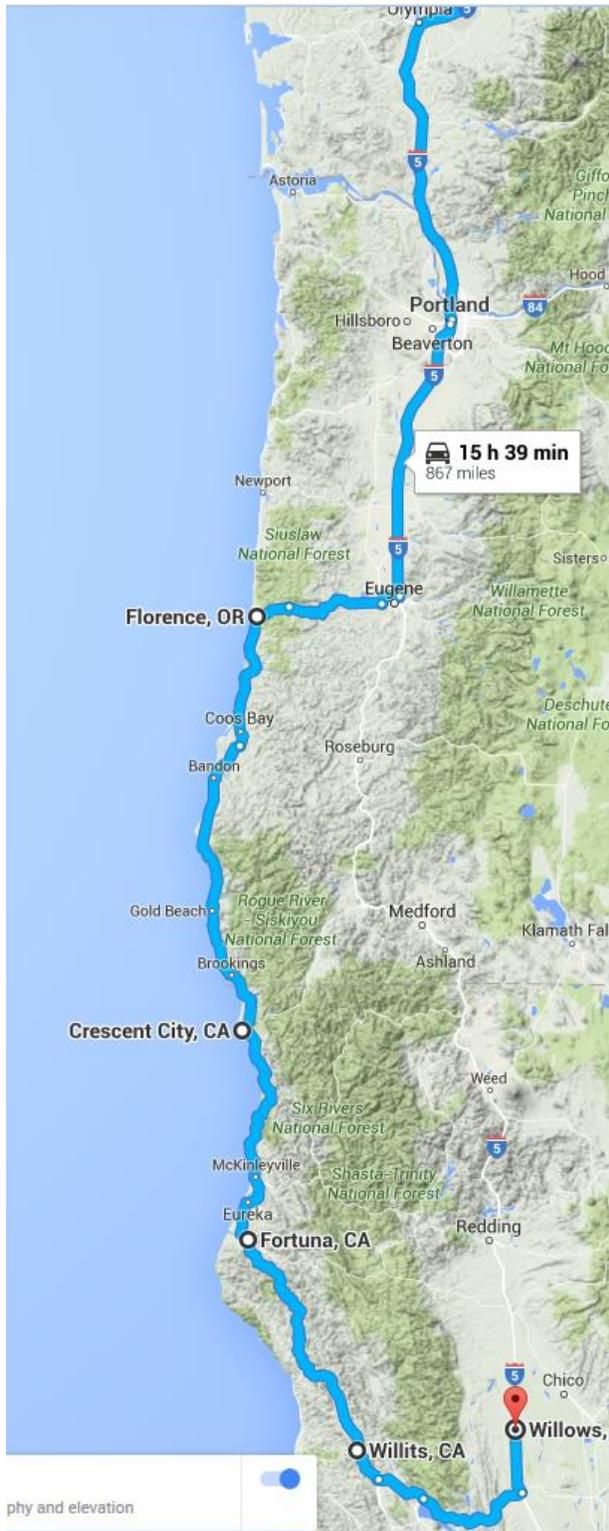
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The “I-5 to Eugene, then head for the coast and stay there” approach. Travel time from Seattle to Willows is 15.5 hours without traffic.

If I-5 has been good to you, but conditions are going to hell at Eugene, you can head to Florence, OR from there. Check US 36 (if you bailed to 99 early) or US 126 for conditions between Eugene and the coast. It’s still a mountain highway, but it’s descending into warmer air and generally clearer than going over I-5 into Cali.

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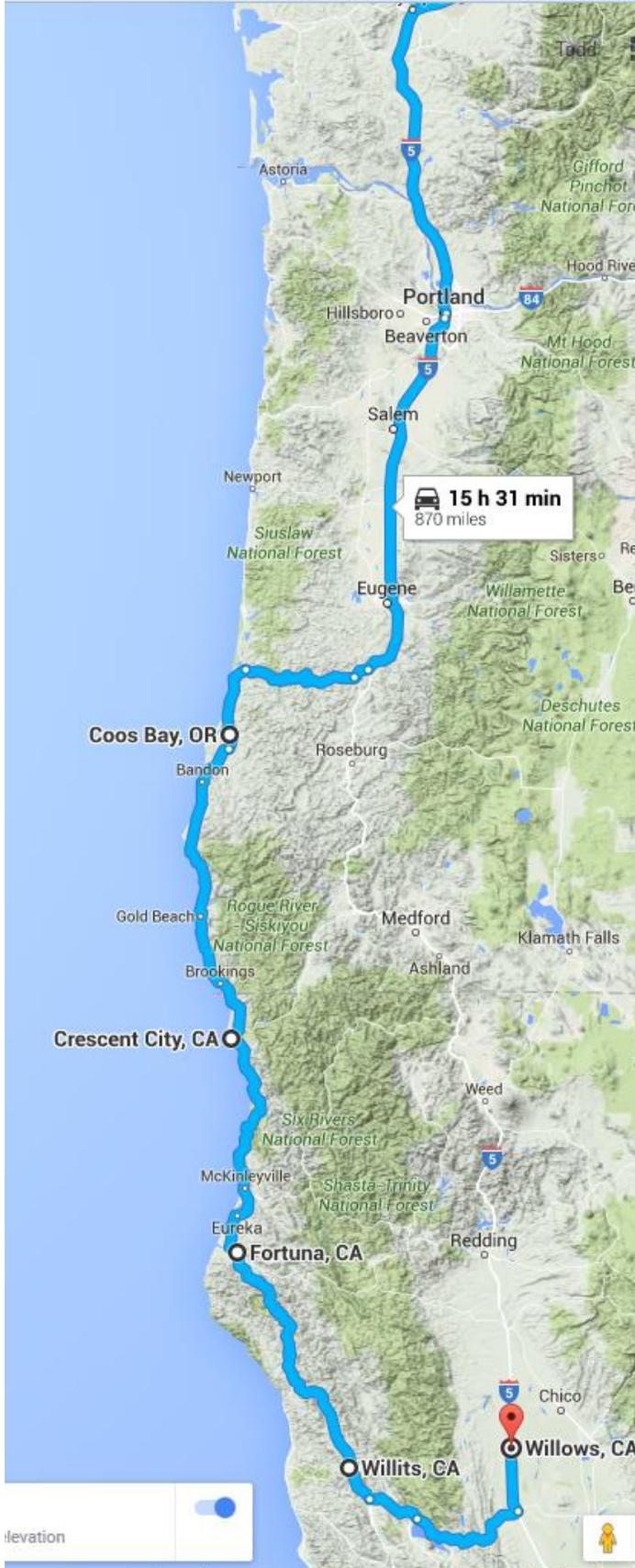
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Variations on Coast routings:

