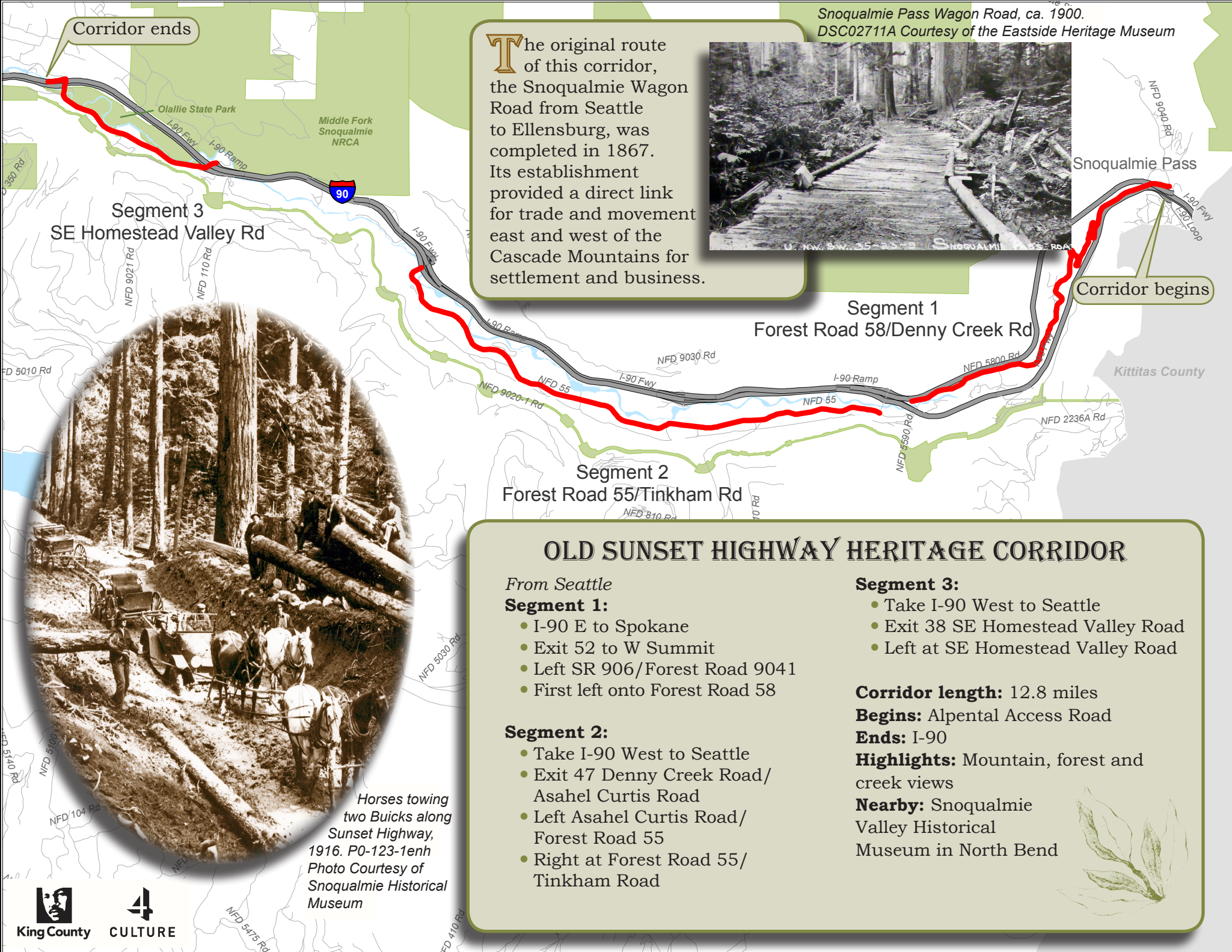


Snoqualmie Pass Wagon Road, ca. 1900.
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The original route of this corridor, the Snoqualmie Wagon Road from Seattle to Ellensburg, was completed in 1867. Its establishment provided a direct link for trade and movement east and west of the Cascade Mountains for settlement and business.



Horses towing two Buicks along Sunset Highway, 1916. P0-123-1enh
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OLD SUNSET HIGHWAY HERITAGE CORRIDOR

From Seattle

Segment 1:

- I-90 E to Spokane
- Exit 52 to W Summit
- Left SR 906/Forest Road 9041
- First left onto Forest Road 58

Segment 2:

- Take I-90 West to Seattle
- Exit 47 Denny Creek Road/Asahel Curtis Road
- Left Asahel Curtis Road/Forest Road 55
- Right at Forest Road 55/Tinkham Road

Segment 3:

- Take I-90 West to Seattle
- Exit 38 SE Homestead Valley Road
- Left at SE Homestead Valley Road

Corridor length: 12.8 miles

Begins: Apental Access Road

Ends: I-90

Highlights: Mountain, forest and creek views

Nearby: Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum in North Bend



OLD SUNSET HIGHWAY MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residences and property.

SEGMENT 1 Forest Rd 58/Denny Creek Road

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- Segment 1 off Alpentel Road, paralleling I-90. On north side is a low masonry wall of flat-topped ashlar rock. Falls of South Fork Snoqualmie River visible below.

Mile 1.0 - 2.0

- Mile 1.1, 1915 switchbacks through boulder field.
 - Mile 1.5, on southeast edge of road is an old radiator water fill. Concrete trough, about 5' long, 2' wide, now nearly buried with vegetation.
 - Road has no shoulders or centerline.
- ### Mile 2.0 - 3.0
- Mile 2.0, road runs along Franklin Falls Trail No. 1036, visible by its log railings.
 - Springboard cuts in old growth stumps on either side of road.
 - Mile 2.5 is turn off to Forest Road 5830. Opposite is a small interpretive sign marking access to hikeable, one-mile section of old Snoqualmie Pass Wagon Road.
 - Mile 2.7 Entrance to Denny Creek Campground, with 32 campsites and access to Franklin Falls.

Mile 3.0 - 4.0

- Mile 3.0, before bridge crossing, is former site of Granite Mountain Lodge. Between road and river are remnants of foundations, a stone chimney and other features.
- New Forest Service bridge over South Fork Snoqualmie, built with rust-finished steel frame, and wood decking in the spirit of original 1914 bridge.
- Across bridge, at northwest side of road is Yellowstone Trail marker--a painted yellow arrow within black circle points east, marking the 1910 route made by Yellowstone Trail Association.

Mile 4.0 - 5.0

- Mile 4.4, is a large grove of cedar trees, some show signs of bark striped for use in native basketry.

SEGMENT 2 Forest Rd 55/Tinkham Road

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- South over I-90, cross a modern concrete bridge over the river. At mile 0.0, go right, west onto Tinkham Road.
- Gravel road follows old route of Snoqualmie Wagon Road along south bank of river--this is not part of Sunset Highway alignment.

Mile 1.0 - 2.0

- At mile 1.2 bear right to continue on Tinkham Road. Left is a turn off onto Forest Road 5510, not part of the historic corridor.

Mile 2.0 - 3.0

- Mile 2.3 cross over Hansen Creek.
- Road has a built-up roadbed and deep ditches on either side.
- Mile 2.9 is an older wood-decked span over Carter Creek.

Mile 4.0 - 5.0

- Mile 4.4 is entrance to Tinkham Campground with restrooms, campsites and picnic tables.
- Mile 4.6 is a modern concrete ford through Harris Creek.
- Mile 4.9, site of recent wash-out repairs.

Mile 5.0 - 6.0

- Mile 5.0 is a narrow ford over Rock Creek.
- Mile 5.8 Tinkham Road becomes paved.

Mile 6.0 - 7.0

- At mile 6.0 is Washington State Department of Transportation maintenance facility.
- Tinkham Road crosses over the river and I-90; enter westbound I-90 to reach corridor segment No. 3.

SEGMENT 3 SE Homestead Valley Road

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- West on I-90 to exit 38. Left under freeway, to beginning of SE Homestead Valley Road.
- Road follows both Snoqualmie Wagon Road and later Sunset Highway alignments.
- Olallie Dam is at mile 0.5--no public access.
- Mile 0.9 1930s-style concrete pour panel pavement.

Mile 1.0 - 2.0

- Mile 1.2 is Olallie State Park. This day-use park features Twin Falls Natural Area trails, a fish wier and small hydroelectric station at Weeks Falls, and old-growth trees.
- At mile 1.2 begins parallel highway alignments--one is paved with early 1930s-style concrete pour panels.
- Concrete bridges over Change Creek illustrate two eras. Earlier bridge date stamped 1953.
- Mile 1.7 begins a rock wall, date uncertain. To northwest is entrance to Twin Falls/Iron Horse Trail.
- Mile 1.8 road crosses a modern bridge. Road continues under I-90, and reconnects to westbound freeway.

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