

WEST SNOQUALMIE RIVER ROAD HERITAGE CORRIDOR

From 520 Eastbound:

- Take the SR 202 E exit
- Turn right at SR 202 E/Redmond Way
- Continue to follow SR 202 E
- Slight left at NE Tolt Hill Road
- Turn left to stay on NE Tolt Hill Road

Length: 5.8 miles

Begins: Tolt Hill Road near Carnation

Ends: SR 202

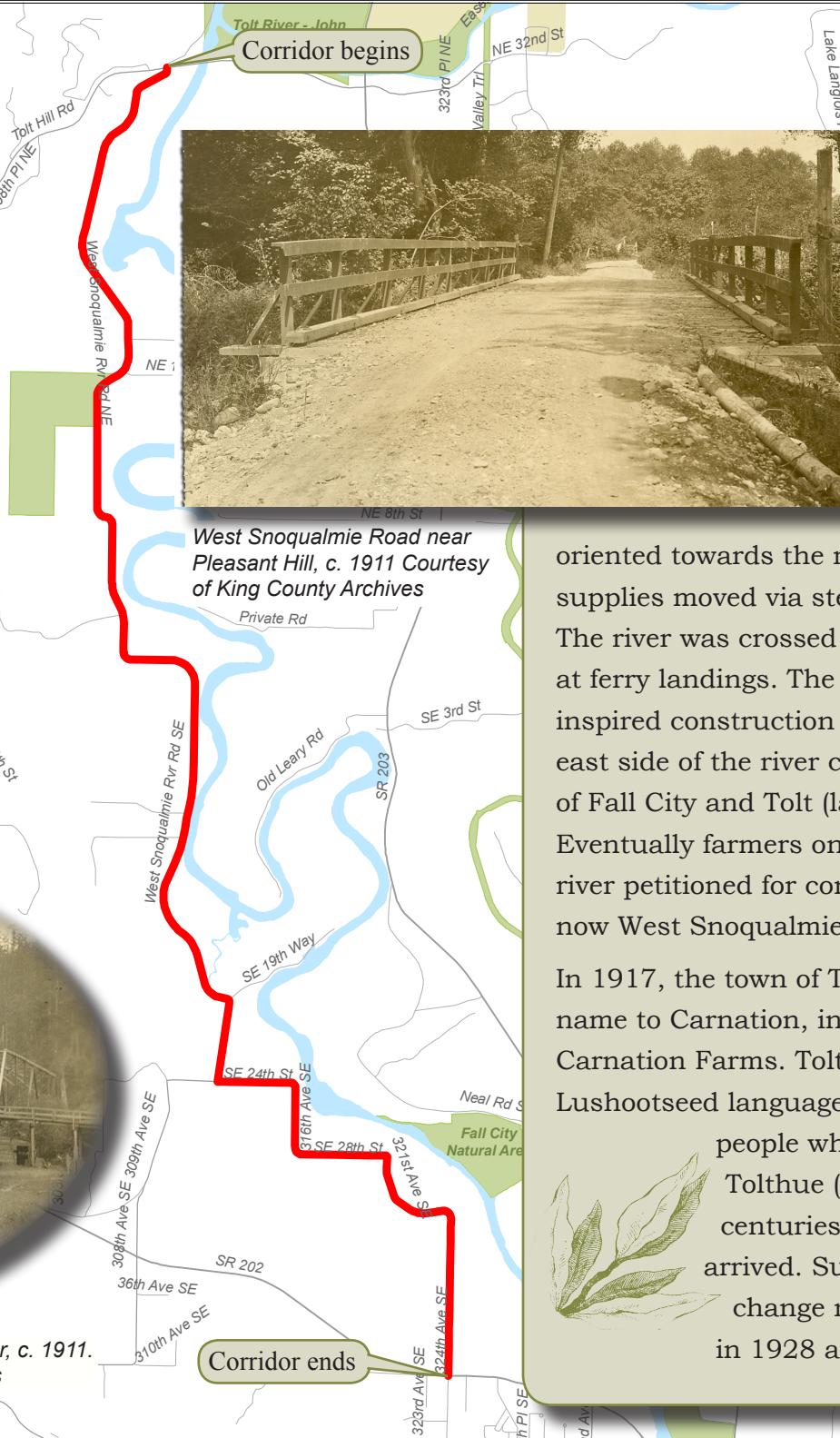
Highlights: Rural farm and river views

Nearby: Tolt River, Tolt-MacDonald

Park—the location of a major ferry crossing before bridges spanned the river.



Tolt Bridge over Snoqualmie River, c. 1911.
Courtesy of King County Archives



During settlement, most farms along this section of the river were

oriented towards the river, as products and supplies moved via steam boats to markets. The river was crossed in personal boats or at ferry landings. The coming of the railroad inspired construction of wagon roads on the east side of the river connecting the villages of Fall City and Tolt (later Carnation).

Eventually farmers on the west side of the river petitioned for construction of what is now West Snoqualmie River Road.

In 1917, the town of Tolt changed its name to Carnation, in honor of nearby Carnation Farms. Tolt has its origins in the Lushootseed language of the Snoqualmie

people who called the river Tolhue (river of swift waters) centuries before settlers arrived. Subsequent attempts to change names back occurred in 1928 and 1951.



WEST SNOQUALMIE RIVER ROAD MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residences and property.

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- Corridor begins just west of new Tolt Bridge, turn south off Tolt Hill Road. W. Snoqualmie River Road winds through forested pockets past occasional residence and pastures.
- Note built-up bed of road, and houses raised above flood line.
- At 0.5 miles begins the King County Carnation Marsh Wetlands Area, signed on both sides of the road; natural setting dominates.

- Grasslands with sparse fir trees (many dead) stretch west to foothills, road crossing streams and sloughs throughout.
- At 0.9 miles is concrete bridge with wooden side rails crossing creek.

Mile 1.0 - 2.0

- Vegetation thickens just north of entrance to Carnation Golf Course at mile 1.0, a public course east of road. Fairways are visible, but clubhouse hidden behind screen of trees.
- Small farmsteads become visible and older residences set closer to the road, open pastures on the east, mix of tree types along banks of Snoqualmie River.

- Marshland continues west of road.
- At 1.5 miles on east side is interesting old dairy barn—the Ira Smith barn—with outbuildings. Waning evidence of dominance of dairy farming during first half of 20th century.
- At 1.6 miles are flower farms where the graceful old Faulds barn used to stand on east side of road; Carnation Marshland ends at gravel turnout just across road at mile 1.8.

- Beyond that fencing encloses variety of flower fields and pasture lands.

Mile 2.0 - 3.0

- Historic Pete and Rose Angerer Dairy, now Jubilee Farm, is at mile 2.1 on the east side of road. This is an active Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm; members buy fresh organic produce from the fertile fields where cows used to graze.
- At mile 2.3 road turns into the oddly named E. Main Street, continues due east for .2 miles, then turns south and becomes W. Snoqualmie River Road again.

- Note mature shade trees along the road, framing distant views across pastures to wooded riverbank and far edges of valley.

- At mile 2.9 against backdrop of poplar trees to the west is old Crable-Kendall barn built in 1927, once a dairy but now leased to Hmong flower and vegetable growers. Fields bright with color in spring and summer.

Mile 3.0 - 4.0

- At mile 3.0, see an old Gothic-arch (bow-truss) barn across river to the east.
- Tall Chief Golf Course, with formal entrance, shaded poplar trees at mile 3.1. Views of the fairways and greens continue to mile 3.5.
- Road bears southeast, then crosses stream at mile 3.8, just before veering due south at old Hance and Nancy Moore Farmstead, first settled in the 1870s. Aging shed and little red milk house stand close to the road as well as a large handsome dairy barn, two silos, and big chicken house now long gone. In 1850s, this farm was site of Fort Patterson, one of four log forts built along Snoqualmie River during the Indian unrest.

Mile 4.0 - 5.0

- Turn left on SE 24th Street, then follow road in segments running east and south to SR 202.
- Grassy pastures, fields of flowers, and fence lines overgrown with blackberry bushes are typical. Large trees mark the riverbank off to the east.
- At mile 4.8 is historic Josie and Fred Gebhart Farm, with picturesque Western-style barn and an extremely rare wood silo—one of dozens that used to dot the valley.
- Expansive views open out across the valley.
- At mile 4.9 the road bears south and southeast, past fields of livestock and informally landscaped farmhouses. East across Snoqualmie River is Fall City Natural Area, identified by thickets of vegetation and trees around a natural oxbow.

Mile 5.0 - 6.0

- Continuing south, at mile 5.6 off to the west is old Ira Smith barn and shed, unaltered reminders of rich dairy farming culture along this corridor.
- Corridor ends at mile 5.8 at junction with SR 202.



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