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Pick the best times to travel this Memorial Day weekend

Are you planning a road trip this Memorial Day weekend? We can help. Our [travel graphs](#) can help you decide the best times to travel our highways around the state.

On average, 26,000 vehicles cross I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass everyday. On weekends and holidays like Memorial Day, that number can double to between 55,000 and 60,000 vehicles. To address the increasing traffic demand on I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass, we plan to add an extra lane in each direction from Hyak to Keechelus Dam. The [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East – Hyak to Keechelus Dam project](#) will begin construction in the spring of 2010, and is scheduled to be completed by 2015.

Travel reminders – [Chinook Pass](#) on SR 410 remains closed from milepost 57 near Crystal Mountain Boulevard, to milepost 74.5 near Morse Creek, due to late season snow and avalanche debris. [SR 123 on Cayuse Pass](#), connecting Chinook Pass and White Pass near the east end of Mount Rainier National Park, will open at noon on Friday. The Biggs Bridge on US 97 is open for the summer and previous load restrictions are lifted. A second closure begins after [Labor Day](#).

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WSDOT [is releasing](#) the latest version of the Washington state map in time for Memorial Day travel. WSDOT has produced hard copies since 1931. Anyone can get a free Washington State map by visiting the [WSDOT Web site](#), or by calling the map line at (360) 705-7279.

Burl the Squirrel learns how to check travel conditions

With extra traffic over the pass for Memorial Day weekend, find out how [Burl the Squirrel](#) gets the latest on traffic information.

WSDOT offers several ways to get up-to-date traffic and construction information before you leave your home or office, and on the road.

- 511 - This driver information phone line provides current traffic, incident and closure information. TTY users can call 1-800-833-6388.
- Drivers can see weather forecasts and road temperatures throughout the state at www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/weather.
- The color-coded map at www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/trafficalerts shows statewide traffic conditions, including construction delays and highway incidents.
- Drivers with web service on their cellular phones and PDAs can access small-screen I-90 pass

updates at www.wsdot.wa.gov/small by clicking on the "mountain pass reports" link.

- Overhead and roadside electronic signs provide emergency and incident alerts.
- Highway advisory radio - Yellow signs with flashing lights - alert drivers to tune into radio frequencies (AM 1610 and AM 530) airing construction updates.