

Bridges: The Old Wenatchee Bridge was the first automobile bridge to cross the Columbia River

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Passing the popular Gorge Amphitheatre, the bridge continues on to Spokane, Washington. The Apple City of Wenatchee, Washington, is home to two crossings, the George Sellar Bridge, which carries State Route 285, and the Richard Odabashian Bridge, which carries U.S. Highway 2. The Old Wenatchee Bridge has the distinction of being the first automobile bridge to cross the Columbia. Today, it shares the span with a gigantic pipe supplying water to apple orchards on the east side, but no longer carries traffic.

Just upstream from Chelan Falls, U.S. Highway 97 crosses the river at Beebe, Washington. This bridge and the next one at Brewster, Washington, were built privately by apple companies and later sold to the state. Along this stretch, apple orchards cover the hills around the river. Both the Grand Coulee Bridge at Coulee City, Washington, and the Bridgeport Bridge, just north, were created to facilitate the construction of dams. Both offer some spectacular views.

Just two more bridges remain before the Columbia crosses into Canada. These are the Kettle Falls Bridges, once built to raise State Route 2, U.S. Highway 395 and the Kettle Falls International Railway from rising waters after the opening of Grand Coulee Dam.

As I roll into Northport, Washington, on the third night of my jaunt across the

Northwest, the last bridge of my journey looms over State Route 25. Northport shares one trait with Astoria: both were once boat building towns in their early days.

After my three day journey has come to an end, I am tired and ready for a stop. I am thirsty, hungry and sleep deprived when I

arrive at Kuk's Tavern in town. At 121 years old, the tavern is Northport's oldest building and retains a great deal of history. Here, I feel right at home as I attack a giant burger. An hour passes before the bartender taps me on the shoulder. "Hey pal, wake up, I gotta close this place," he said.

RIGHT: The Old Wenatchee Bridge.

BELOW: The Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge carries traffic near the Hood River marina.

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