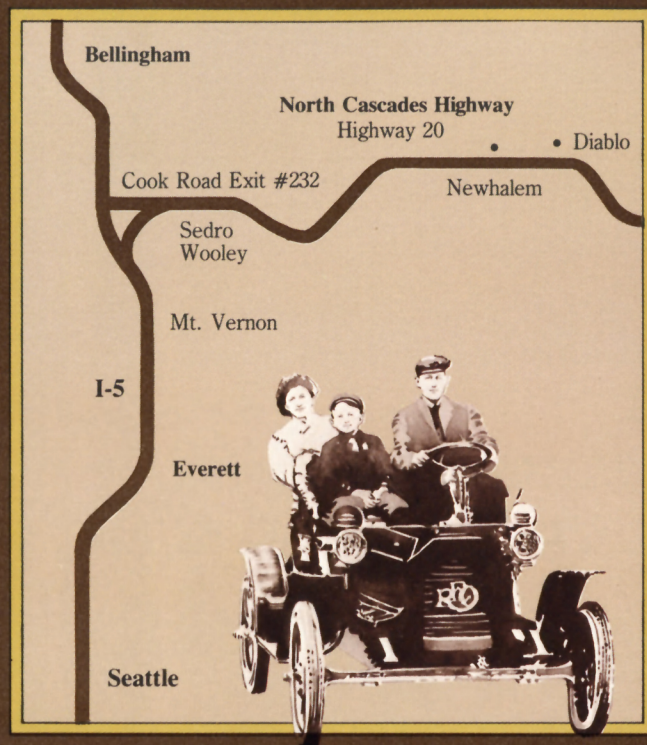




How To Get There

A drive of approximately 3½ hours takes you the 140 miles from Seattle to the Skagit Tour Center in Diablo. Take I-5 from Seattle. About 4 miles north of Mount Vernon take exit #232 to Cook Road. Follow State Route 20, the North Cascades Highway, 70 miles east through the scenic Skagit Valley to Diablo. Signs in Diablo will direct you to the Tour Center.

For Additional Information

For tour reservations and year 'round information, contact the Skagit Tour desk at Seattle City Light, 1015 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104. Telephone (206) 625-3030. During the tour season from early June to late August, complete information is also available at the Skagit Project.



Fifty Years Of Skagit Tours

From the beginning, while others scoffed, James D. Ross, "Father of City Light," envisioned a day when the waters of the Skagit River would be harnessed by a series of three dams.

His goal to develop the Skagit started years before he received an official go-ahead from the federal government in 1918.

A host of problems confronted him as he developed a plan for a dam at Gorge Creek and a powerhouse at Newhalem.

Getting to the site was the biggest problem. So, City Light went into the railroad business and built a 22-mile line from Rockport to Diablo.

Forest fires, railroad washouts, strikes and, ironically, a lack of the very commodity they were trying to manufacture—electricity—all caused construction lags.

Still, in September of 1924, President Coolidge pressed a gold key in the

White House, and Gorge generators began sending electricity to Seattle.

Ross got a go-ahead in 1927 for construction of the next Skagit dam and, one year later, an outside contractor began work on Diablo.

By 1936, two-thirds of Ross's vision had materialized, providing Seattle with nearly 190,000 kilowatts of Skagit electricity, transmitted over a distance of some 130 miles.

Before Diablo began sending electricity to Seattle, Ross had his eye on the site of his third dam—six miles upstream from Diablo at Ruby Creek.

What started as Ruby Dam in 1936 was completed as Ross Dam in 1949. All four of its 90,000 kilowatt generators were in operation by 1956.

Today, Ross, Diablo and Gorge work together to form the Skagit Project. It is the core of City Light's

water storage and generating facilities, and the subject of City Light's Skagit Tours.

The Skagit Tours were an offshoot of the development of the Skagit Project. Back in 1928, members of the Seattle City Women's Club were the first organized group to tour the Skagit grounds. Thirty-five women, guided by J. D. Ross himself, toured the



Newhalem construction camp, Gorge Dam and Powerhouse.

City Light, a municipal utility owned by the people of Seattle, felt that its customer-owners should have the opportunity to see

first-hand how the city's electricity was produced.

Public interest in the construction project was high. Regular tours were quickly introduced in the fall of 1928. They were later expanded to include two-day tours, three days a week, for groups of 600 people.

At this time, visitors drove to Rockport where they boarded the train for the 1½-hour ride up to Diablo. Full fare in 1934 was \$4.05 per person which covered direct costs, such as meals, bus, train and boat fares.

Since that time, as the number of hydroelectric facilities along the Skagit River has grown, so has the popularity of the tours.

Today the tours annually play host to thousands of visitors who come from all over the country to see first-hand the results of man's ingenuity working in harmony with nature's beauty.



Skagit Tours

Venture into the heart of the North Cascades for an unforgettable experience.

Spend a day at Seattle City Light's Skagit Project...

Touring the mammoth generating facilities which produce electric power for Seattle's half-million residents.

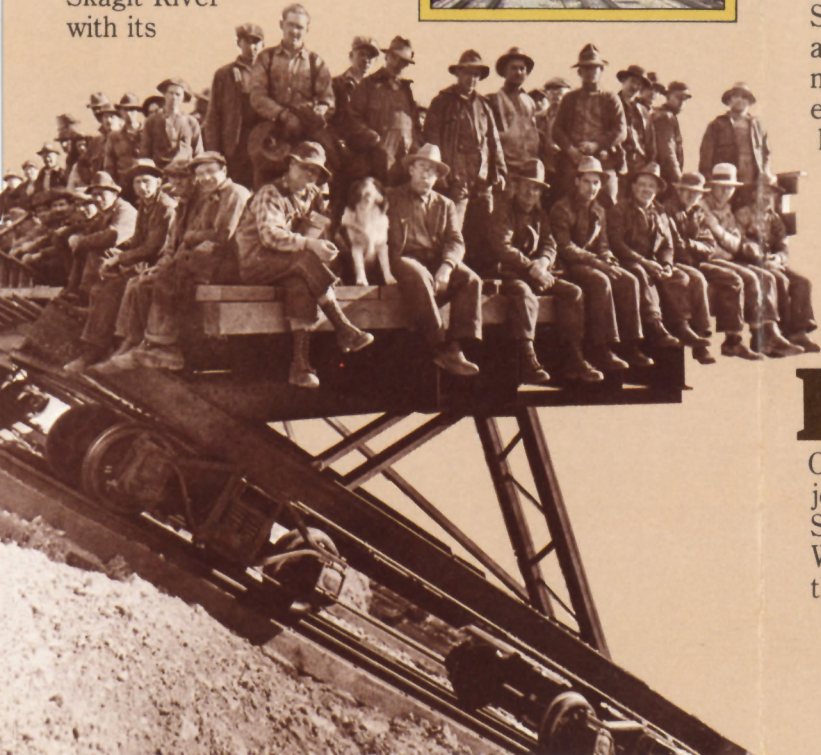
Cruising the emerald-green waters of Diablo Lake aboard the Alice Ross II or the Cascadian.

Gazing at the unparalleled natural beauty of the upper Skagit River with its

rugged snow-capped mountains, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife.

Riding a 51 year-old incline railway—one of the last of its kind in the country—560 feet up the side of Sourdough Mountain.

Strolling through woodland trails, nature walks and beautiful gardens.



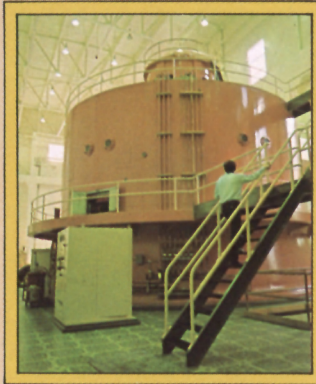
Viewing displays, photographs and memorabilia at the Newhalem and Diablo visitors' centers.

Learning about the hydroelectric cycle, electricity and energy conservation.

Seattle City Light's Skagit Tour is all of this, and more. A family-style meal with seconds for everyone. And knowledgeable tour guides who will take you on an entertaining, as well as informative, journey through one of Washington's most scenic natural areas.

Let A Guide Take You...

On a complete four-hour journey through the Skagit Project. The Tour With Dinner begins at the Skagit Tour Center



in Diablo where you will receive an orientation including history of the project, a slide presentation and a summary of what awaits you. You'll ride the famous incline railway, once used to haul supplies and equipment up the side of Sourdough



Mountain during the construction of Diablo Dam. A boat cruise across Diablo Lake will

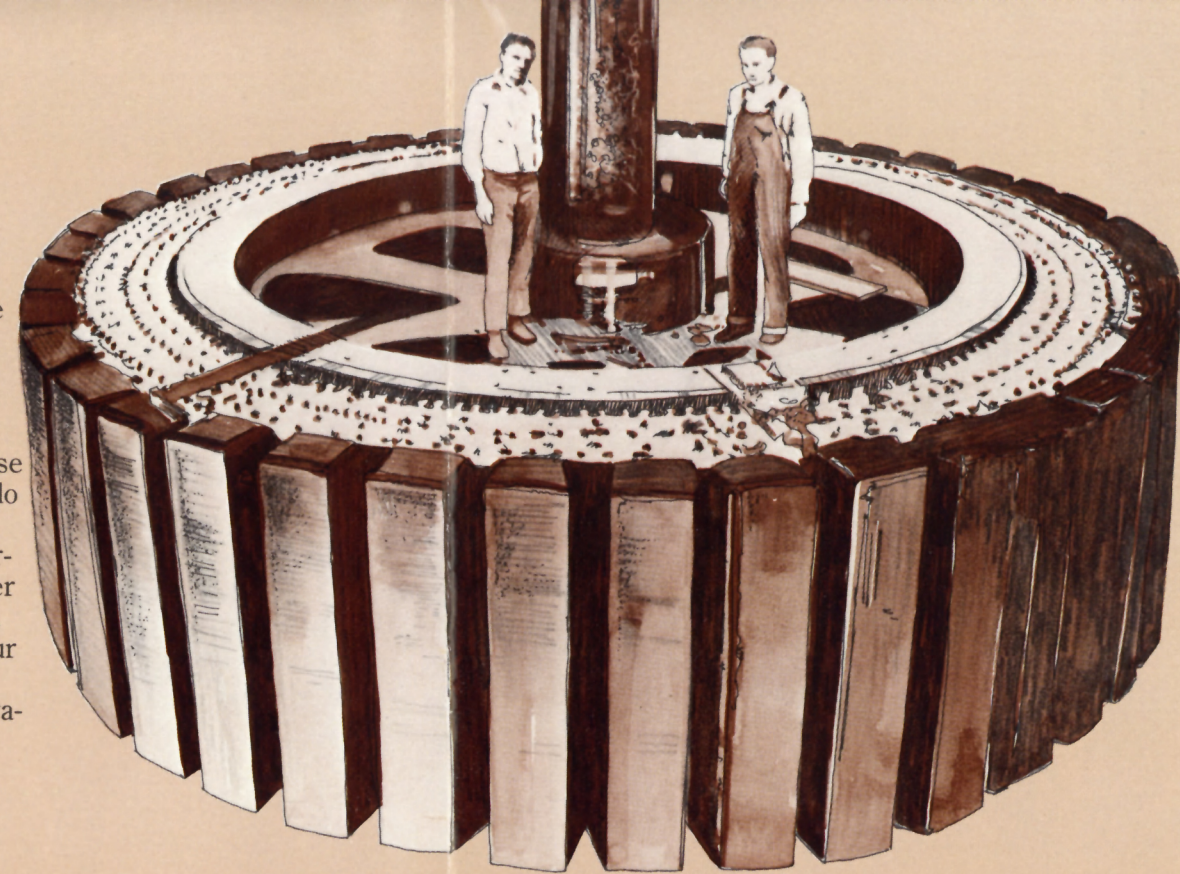
take you to Ross Dam where you will tour the powerhouse and get a close-up view of the machinery that helps produce Seattle's electricity. The return cruise takes you back to Diablo for an all-you-can-eat family-style meal. Afterward, you can see other highlights on your own.

The fully guided tour with meal is available only by advance reservation. Tickets may be purchased through the Skagit Tours Office in Seattle.

Or, At A Lower Cost...

Enjoy all of the regular tour highlights but without the slide presentation, orientation and meal. Let a guide take you on a ride up the incline railway, a Diablo Lake boat cruise, a tour through the Ross Dam powerhouse, and a return cruise to Diablo.

This 2½-hour Diablo Lake/Ross Powerhouse Boat Tour is on a space-available basis only. Tickets may be purchased at the incline railway depot in Diablo prior to the start of your tour.



Or, At No Cost...

You can take yourself on a tour of many of the highlights of the Skagit.

beautiful Rock Gardens ...Trail of the Cedars nature walk...and more.

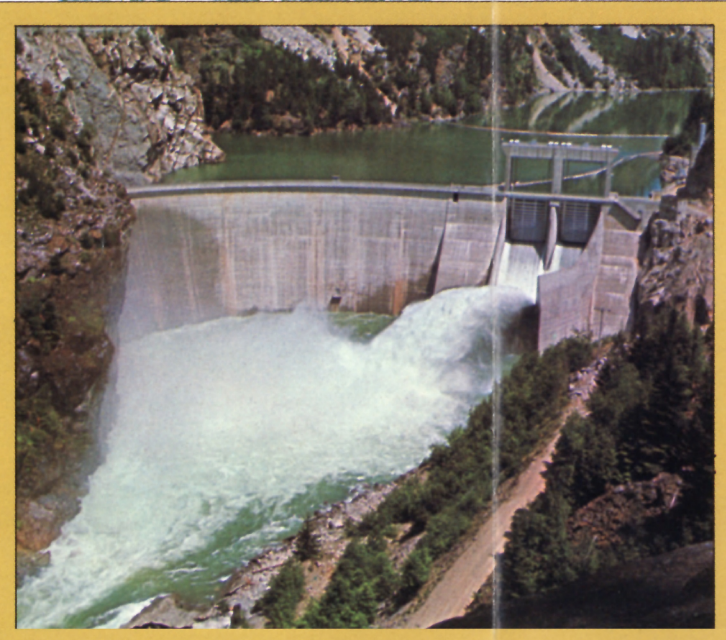
What To Wear

Wearing clothes which are comfortable and sensible will add to the enjoyment of your tour. Be prepared for possible changes in weather by bringing a windbreaker or light jacket. Wear a good, comfortable pair of walking shoes.

Ride the incline railway for a spectacular view of the North Cascades. Walk to the top of Diablo Lake. In Newhalem visit ...Gorge Powerhouse... Ladder Creek Falls...

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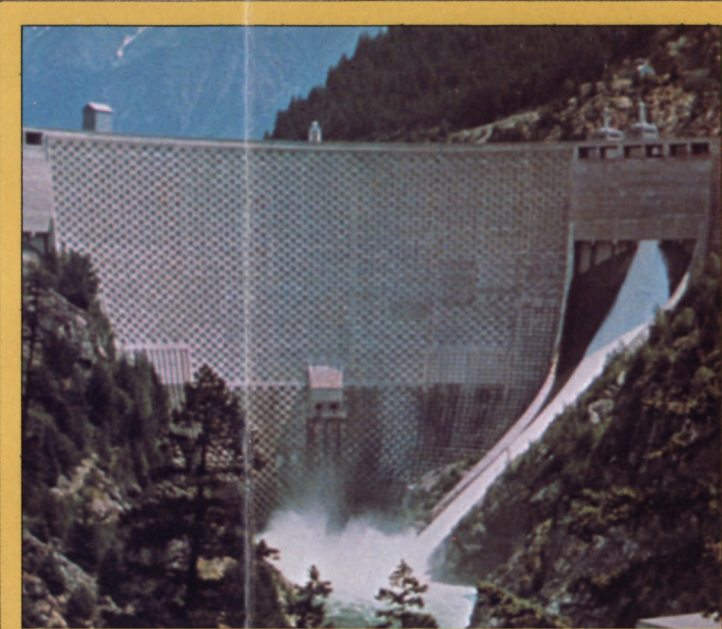
OVER 50 YEARS OF UNFORGETTABLE TOURS!



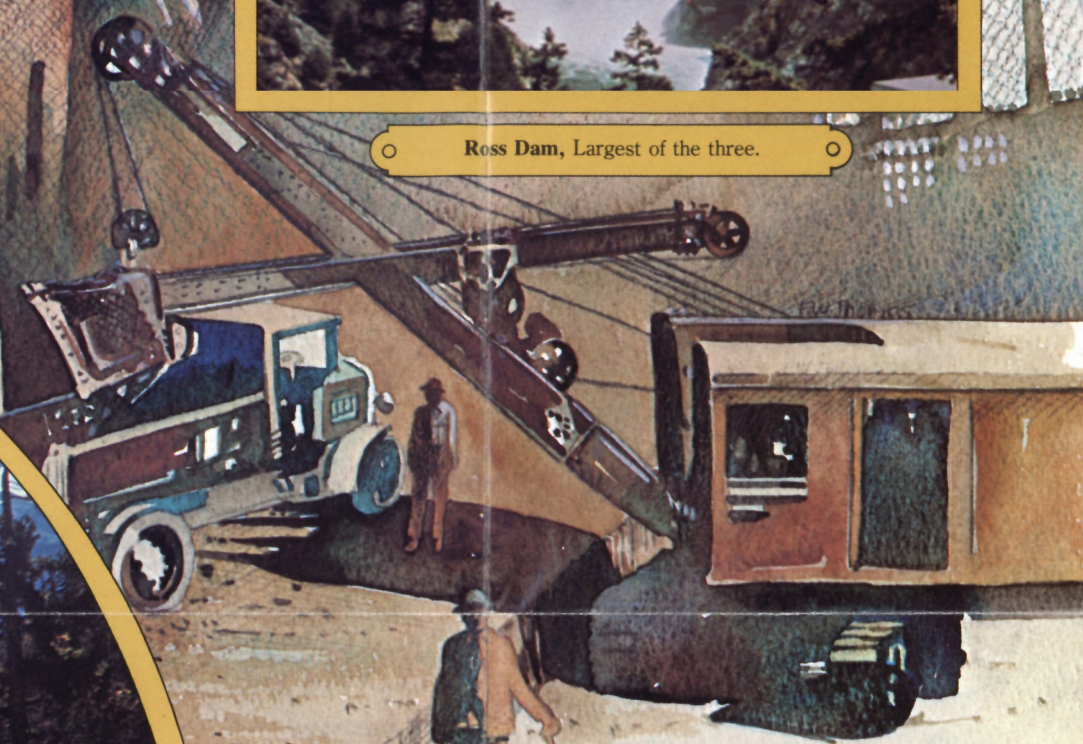
Gorge Dam, The first of the Skagit Dams.



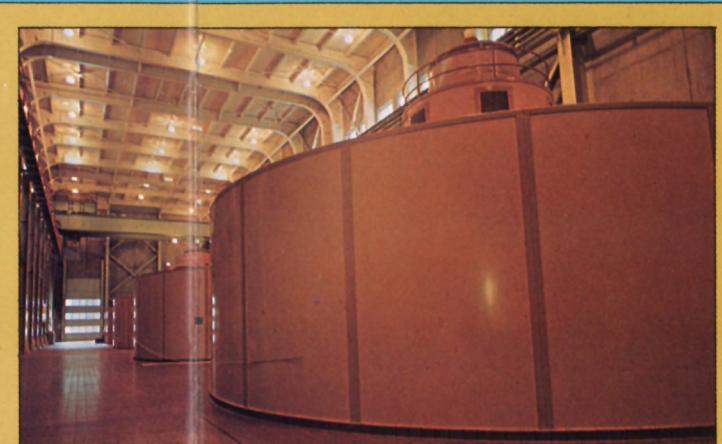
Diablo Dam, Second in the Skagit chain.



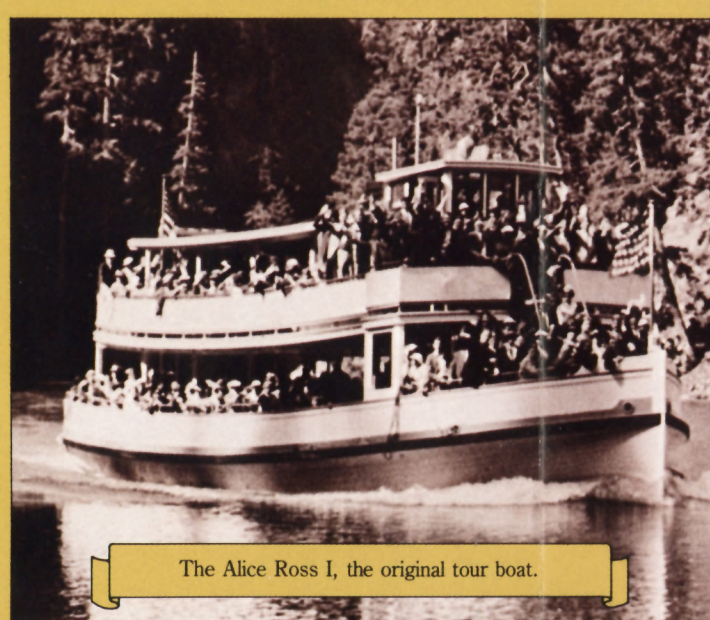
Ross Dam, Largest of the three.



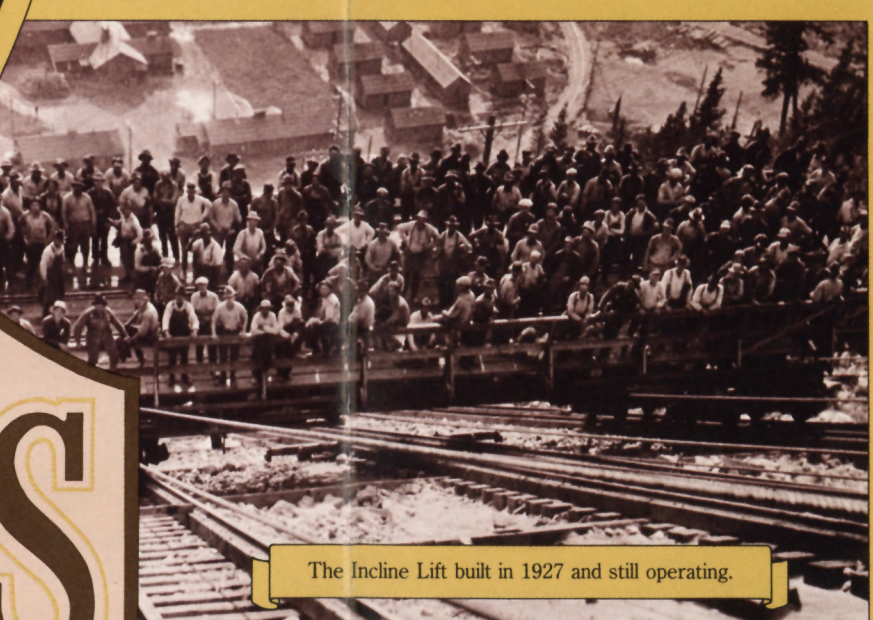
Wildlife, waterfalls and woodland trails greet the Skagit traveler.



The Skagit turbines can generate a combined total of 786,000 kilowatts.



The Alice Ross I, the original tour boat.



The Incline Lift built in 1927 and still operating.



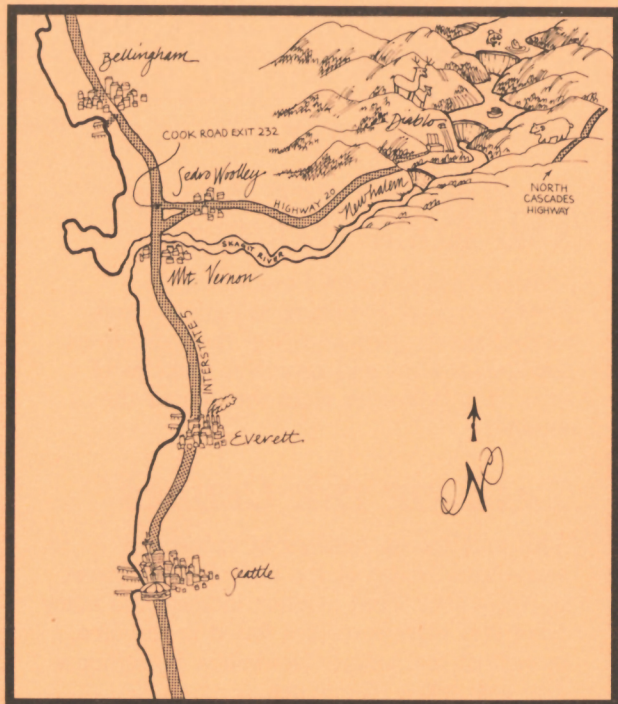
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HOW TO GET THERE

All guided tours start in the town of Diablo, 140 miles northeast of Seattle. The tours no longer begin in the town of Newhalem; however, an Information Center, rest facilities, Ladder Creek Falls and Rock Gardens, and Trail of the Cedars (self-guided walks) are available throughout the tour season.

Allow three hours to drive from Seattle. Take Interstate Highway 5 north to Cook Road, Exit #232 (four miles north of Mount Vernon). Follow State Highway #20 for 70 miles east through the scenic Skagit Valley to Diablo.



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SKAGIT TOUR WITH DINNER

The Skagit Tour includes the Incline Lift Ride, Diablo Lake Boat Trip to Ross Powerhouse and a family-style chicken dinner. The tour lasts approximately four hours, and starts and ends in the town of Diablo. Reservations and advance payments are required. Call or write:

SKAGIT TOURS
1015 Third Avenue
Seattle WA 98104
Telephone (206) 625-3030

DATES AND TIMES

The season begins on June 12 and continues until September 6, operating Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

TOUR STARTS	MEALTIME
11 a.m.	2 p.m.
1 p.m.	4 p.m.

COST

- ☐ Adults\$14
- ☐ Children, 4 through 11\$10
- ☐ Senior Citizens, over 60 and in groups of 25 or more\$10
- ☐ Children, 3 and under (request no-charge tickets when making reservations).....Free

DIABLO LAKE/ROSS POWERHOUSE BOAT TRIP

The Diablo Lake/Ross Powerhouse Boat Trip includes the Incline Lift Ride and lasts approximately 2½ hours. The tours starts and ends in the town of Diablo. Tickets are available at the Incline Lift Waiting Station and are on a space-available basis only.

DATES AND TIMES

The tour is scheduled from July 12 to August 30 at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

COST

- ☐ Adults\$7
- ☐ Children, 4 through 11\$5
- ☐ Senior Citizens\$5
- ☐ Children, 3 and under.....Free

LADDER CREEK FALLS AND ROCK GARDENS

Located behind Gorge Powerhouse in Newhalem, this 20-minute self-guided walk winds through gardens full of rhododendrons, maidenhair ferns and countless varieties of trees. It is lighted at night throughout the summer.

TRAIL OF THE CEDARS

This trail can be reached by crossing a suspension bridge at the end of Main Street in Newhalem. Trail markers indicate the many plant and wildlife species found in the area, as well as the historic Newhalem Powerhouse. The trail takes 15 minutes.

HANDICAPPED FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Braille and large-print brochures are provided, as well as accessible walkways and rest-room facilities at the Diablo Tour Center. Call *SkagitTours* for more information.