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Hello from the Club in SeaTac Airport, Seattle.

First, welcome to the newest members of the Postcard Mailing List. I've added a buttload (it's a technical term) of new names, and now I'm sending postcards from my personal e-mail instead of my work e-mail. I hope you find these somewhat entertaining.

Whenever I come out here to the Pacific Northwest, I usually work on the West side of Puget Sound (see map). From the airport, I drive around the South end of the Sound to get to the West side (yellow GPS track on map), but when I leave, I like to take a Washington State Ferry (WSF) across the Sound to Seattle. It's a great way to unwind a little between a grueling work schedule, and the hub-bub (another technical term) of the trip back.

The WSF system came into existence in 1951 when Washington State bought out the "Mosquito Fleet" owned by Puget Sound Navigation. Today, WSF has 10 routes, 20 terminals, 28 vessels, and during FY 1999 transported more than 11 million vehicles and 26 million passengers. Personally, I've ridden:

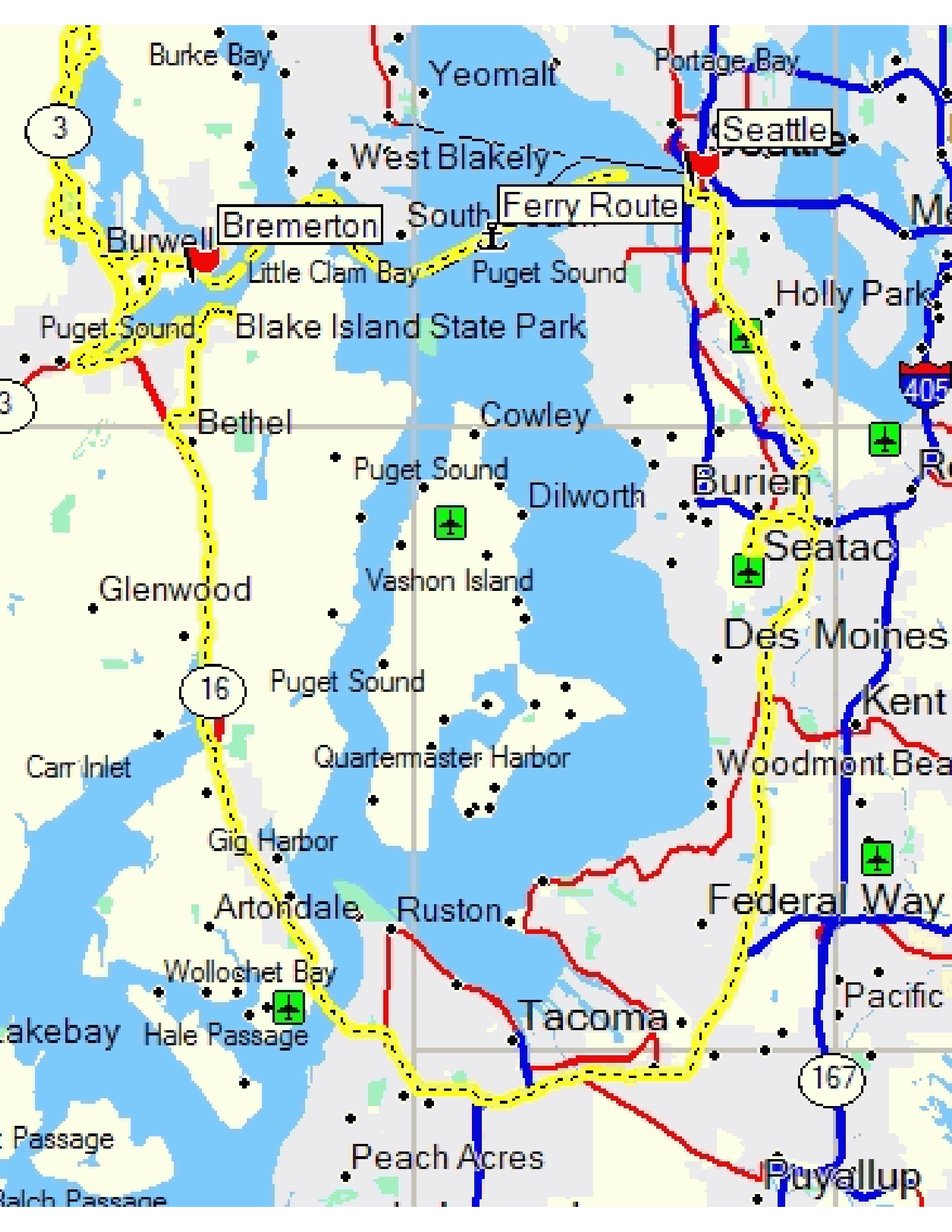
- Port Townsend to Keystone
- Edmonds to Kingston
- Bainbridge Island to Seattle
- Bremerton to Seattle
- Southworth to Vashon Island
- Tahlequah (on Vashon Island) to Point Defiance

But who cares about any of that.

One of the two best reasons to ride the ferries is the view. To the Northwest are the Olympic Mountains and to the Southeast is Mount Rainier. Although the weather frequently prohibits seeing anything, "on a clear day you can see for miles."

The second best reason to ride the ferries is the hot dogs.

Cheers,
G.



South Ferry Route

Seattle

Bremerton

Bethel

Burien

Seatac

Glenwood

Des Moines

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Kent

Carr Inlet

Woodmont Beach

Gig Harbor

Federal Way

Artondale

Ruston

Pacific

Wollochet Bay

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