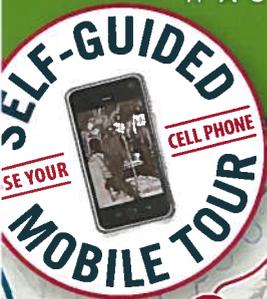


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There are two routes between Arlington and Granite Falls. Both Jordan Road and Burn Road provide scenic historic drives, and can be a "short Loop" themselves.

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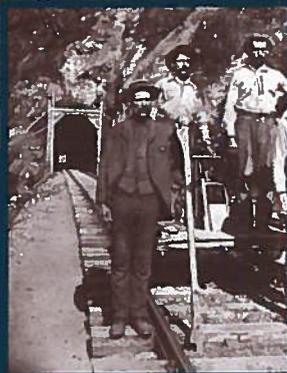
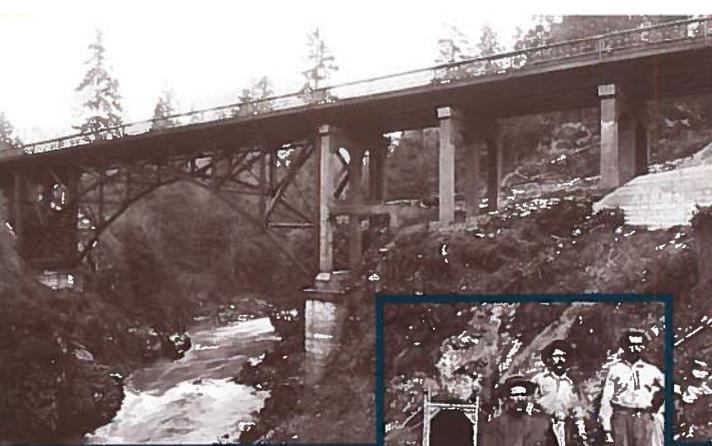
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"Richer in timber and mountain scenery than precious metals, the roadway now known as the Mountain Loop National Scenic Byway was pioneered in 1891 by miners' dreams."\* After gold was discovered in Monte Cristo in 1889, a wagon road was built from Sauk City through what is today the town of Darrington, and along the Sauk River in order to haul in the necessary mining equipment. However, the easiest path for the ore to be carried by rail to the smelter in Everett was over Barlow Pass. Mining was short-lived, and both the wagon road and rail bed fell into disrepair. By the time rails were removed in the mid-1930s, pressure had long been building to support tourism and logging.

In 1934, a bridge was built across the Stillaguamish River near Granite Falls to support "modern" traffic. Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) crews from Darrington took on the backbreaking task of reconstructing portions of the old wagon road. In 1941, the bridges and roads were completed, and motor vehicles could finally travel from Granite Falls to Darrington on "The Mountain Loop Highway".

Today, this beautiful and historic National Forest Scenic Byway is open to the public and ready for exploration! Use this guide to help discover the secrets of this fifty-five mile loop drive, "passing through boom-and-bust townsites and abandoned claims, along rushing rivers and glacier-clad peaks. Although the tracks are gone and the daily whistle silenced, today's traveler can still see remnants of times gone by." \*

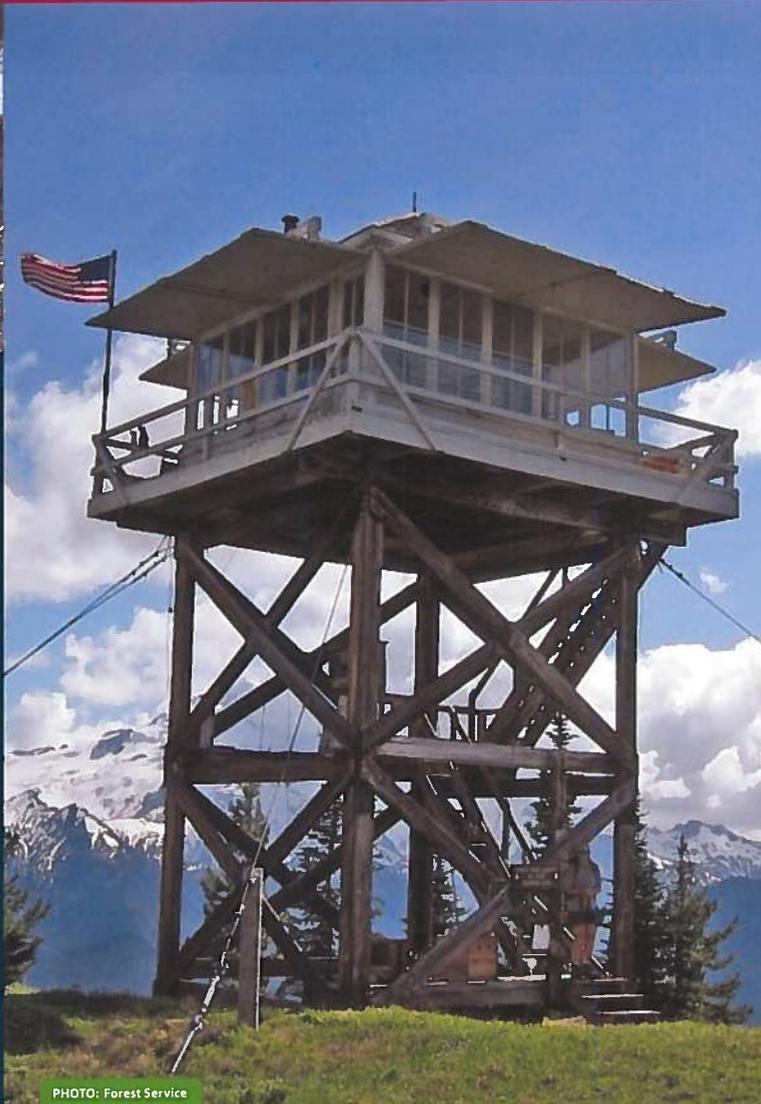
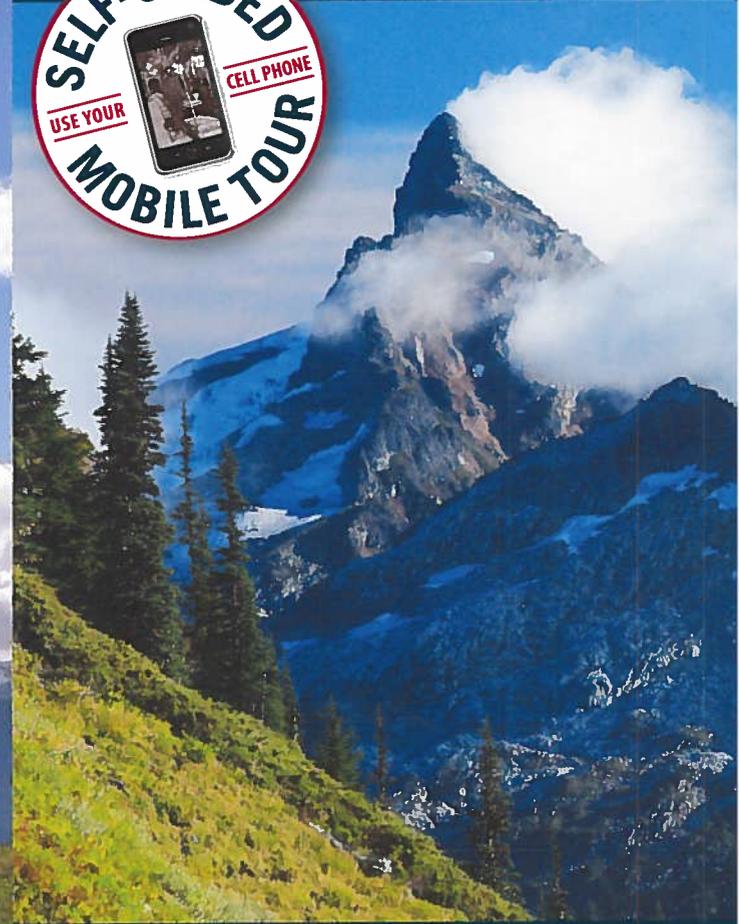


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