

Directions to The Old Consulate Inn, Port Townsend

From Seattle, I-5, and east

Travel time from downtown Seattle: 2hrs / 62 miles

These directions serve nicely for those coming from Seattle, I-5, I-405, "The East Side." They serve as a good alternate for those flying in to SeaTac Airport who want to add a ferry ride to their Northwest adventure. This route takes you to the Edmonds-Kingston ferry. You might prefer to pass through downtown Seattle and across to beautiful Bainbridge Island instead. The Edmonds route might be a shave faster.

Warning: In high season you may find yourself waiting as many as two or three ferries to get across. We love the ferry ride, but you might prefer to drive around via Tacoma.

1. Follow I-5 North to WA-104 West / 244th St SW West toward Kingston Ferry / Edmonds (exit 177). Take the second ramp, following the signs for the ferry.
2. Stay on WA-104 / Edmonds Way. This is surprisingly difficult as it curves along secondary highway, through residential neighborhoods, and at one point takes another exit onto the same street. Follow signs for the ferry and you'll be fine. (5.5miles)
3. Take Edmonds-Kingston Ferry.
4. Exiting the ferry, you are still on WA-104. Set your trip-o-meter. Follow the flow of traffic out of Kingston, past the chainsaw sculptures and onto highway, still WA 104.
5. At 9.1 miles you will turn right onto WA-104 (Port Gamble). We always miss this turn.
6. You will pass through the idyllic town of Port Gamble, certainly worth a stroll to stop in the general store if you have time. If traveling on, take the sharp left curve to remain on WA 104.
7. Follow WA-104 watching for signs for the Hood Canal Bridge and turn right onto the bridge, still WA-104
Note to more distant travellers: The Olympic Peninsula does indeed have highways other than WA-104. You will eventually see them.
8. Turn right onto WA-19 / Beaver Valley Rd. Keep an eye open for horses, llamas, goats, and bison. Beavers, not so much.
9. Highway 19 becomes Highway 20 without much fanfare. Carry on.
10. Highway 20 curves a bit and changes names to Glen Cove and the W. Sims Way. You enter Port Townsend proper.
11. You will go around two round-about. These provide fair warning that you are approaching your destination. W. Sims becomes E. Sims.
12. *Just* past Kearny (with signs to the Park) you will have a light with a left turn lane. Get in the left lane and head uphill on Washington St. (Port Townsend does love its presidents) towards the white lighthouse. Almost there.
13. At the top of the hill, turn left onto Walker St. and park immediately. Parking on the street is fine. Notice the large red mansion on your left. You have arrived.