

The Dusty Demon's Trail Drive (aka Camas Washougal Loop)

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Our small but mighty group was a mix of Cayenne and Macans on the back roads of WA state. Last time I ran this drive the weather was different; cold, wet, and overcast. This time round the sun-gods blessed us and we had lovely weather start-to-end!

Our 140+ mile route led us through the Yacolt Burn area forested area with the "off-road" section of the drive being completed within the first 15 miles after leaving Camas. The prior week's rain well absorbed into the ground leaving the area dusty but everyone was a great sport about getting their play toys a bit dirty. Slow moving, spread out and dodging some of the pot holes made this - by design - a very uneventful portion of the drive. As an organizer I am sensitive to people's expectation in these vehicles but at our first rest stop, one of our gracious drivers even pulled out the duster!

Driving through forests, camp areas and biking trails





we emerged driving along the Lewis River before turning north to cross the Yale Suspension Bridge on our way to Cougar. Stopping at Eagle Cliff Park, Bill Amata pulled out an aged binder highlighting some of the massive infrastructure projects he was involved with in the area - what a wealth of knowledge.

The McClellan Viewpoint did not disappoint on such a clear day, and the 13 mile drop down Windriver Road was traffic-free, what more could a car club ask for. Ten-thousand feet of elevation change, rolling countryside, rivers, mountains and spectacular views made this a very fun drive!

Thanks to everyone who came out and made the day wonderful, as well as all the discussion and sharing over lunch at the Washougal Times. ■

