

US Route 20 Tourist Checklist

Printable Route20RoadTrip master checklist PDF for paper-first route planning.

Built from the current Route 20 route spine, public route data, and the site planning layers that keep the KB as the source of truth.

How to use this checklist

- Print this sheet, circle one state or segment, and keep the plan small enough to finish.
- Use it as a paper companion, not as a replacement for the live site pages.
- Treat every utility note as a planning cue until the current status is checked elsewhere.

Whole-route orientation

- Current public spine state groups: OR, ID, WY, NE, IA, IL, IN, OH, PA, NY, MA.
- The checklist uses route order for planning only and keeps the copy simple enough to print.
- The goal is not a giant master itinerary. The goal is one useful decision per page.

Before you drive

- Pick a state, a town-to-town stretch, or one overnight base before you add more detail.
- Confirm weather, closures, and road conditions before depending on any long western or lake-effect stretch.
- Keep a note of one fallback stop, one fuel or food reset, and one place you can skip without losing the trip.
- If the day feels too long, shorten the day instead of stretching the route plan until it becomes fragile.

State-by-state Route 20 planning checklist

Use each state as a planning chapter. Check off the part that matters, then move on only when the chapter is small enough to be useful.

OR (10 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Newport, Corvallis, Albany, Santiam Pass, Sisters.

ID (13 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Parma, Caldwell, Boise, Mountain Home, Fairfield.

WY (9 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Wapiti, Cody, Thermopolis, Shoshoni, Greybull.

NE (19 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Harrison, Crawford, Chadron, Hay Springs, Rushville.

IA (14 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Sioux City, Merville, Early, Sac City, Fort Dodge.

IL (12 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: East Dubuque, Galena, Elizabeth, Woodbine, Stockton.

IN (11 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Gary, Portage, Chesterton, Michigan City, La Porte.

OH (21 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Pioneer, Fayette, Sylvania, Maumee, Perrysburg.

PA (3 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Girard, Erie, North East.

NY (17 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Westfield, New York, Fredonia, Silver Creek, Avon, Lima.

MA (29 stops): choose one anchor, one stop-to-walk, one stretch to drive, and one backup note.

Sample order: Hancock, Lenox, Lee, Pittsfield, Becket.

Anchor towns and route stops grouped by state

These are the first route-spine stops in each state group. They are useful as quick planning anchors, not as a full itinerary by themselves.

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Keep the emphasis on one strong stop, not every possible stop.

If a state chapter grows too wide, split it into one overnight and one day move.

Scenic, historic, and roadside prompts

- Pick one scenic stretch, one historic downtown, and one roadside curiosity for the day.
- Let the checklist help you notice texture: main street, lake edge, prairie, mountain approach, or small museum.
- Use future attraction roundups only when the source-safe page exists and the claim is ready.
- Keep a note for one stop that deserves a longer walk and one stop that is enough as a quick look.

Traveler utility reminders

- Rest areas, campgrounds, and waysides are planning cues only unless a public-ready source says otherwise.
- Do not treat this checklist as proof of live hours, open-now status, exact distance, or overnight permission.
- If the utility note feels uncertain, mark it as a reminder to verify later rather than a fact to rely on now.
- Commerce details stay out of this master checklist unless a future PDF is explicitly scoped for them.

Notes

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Route20RoadTrip planning pages

- <https://route20roadtrip.com/route-overview/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/us-route-20-road-trip-planner/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/states/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/segments/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/places/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/trips/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/us-route-20-faq/>
- <https://route20roadtrip.com/ai/>