

# SR - 542

## USFS Mount Baker Scenic Byway

### MBS Ranger District

Mount Baker

### WSDOT Districts

Baker

### MPO/RTPO

Whatcom Council of Governments

### Counties

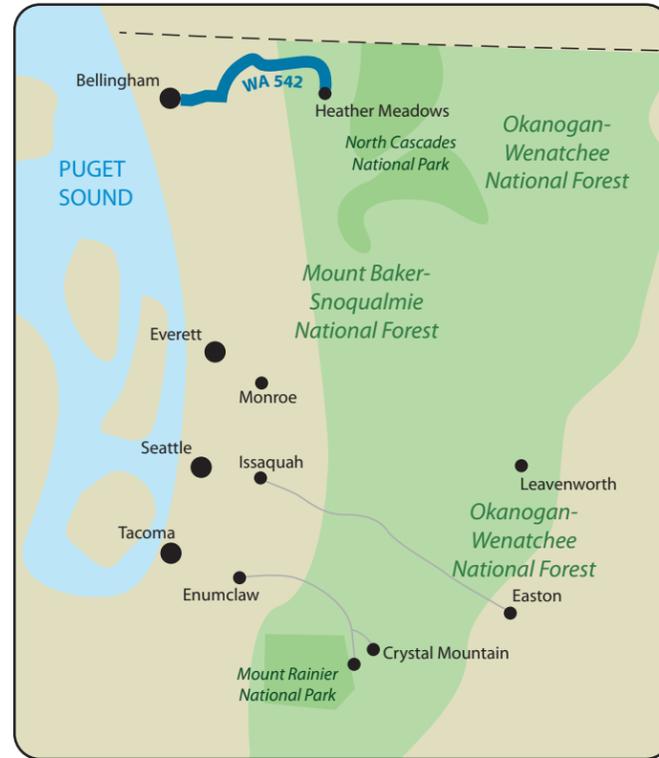
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### Documents

- Mount Baker Highway Corridor Management Plan (1997)
- Whatcom Transportation Plan (2007)

### Visitor Center

- Glacier Public Service Center: 38,000 annual visitors (estimated 30-40% Canadian)
- Heather Meadows Visitor Center 14,000 annual visitors (summer only)



**Average Daily Traffic Volume (ADT)**  
1,500 at milepost 33.4 (2010) near forest entrance forest at Glacier Service Center

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### Alternative Transportation Facilities/Services



- Limited/no shoulder; no signage; no infrastructure
- Training for the "Ski to Sea" Race and Ride 542 event
- "Chain of Trails" Bay to Baker Trail (Bellingham to Mount Baker)



- No significant pedestrian facilities or activity



- Whatcom Transportation Authority: regular service to Kendall; limited (one day per week), advance-request service to Maple Falls and Glacier
- Free employee shuttle (no ski instructors) serving Bellingham, Maple Falls, and Glacier
- Baker Bus - private winter shuttle



- MBSNF road/trail condition information
- WSDOT mountain pass road report
- Smart Trips marketing and outreach program in Bellingham (15% reduction in vehicle use over 2 years)



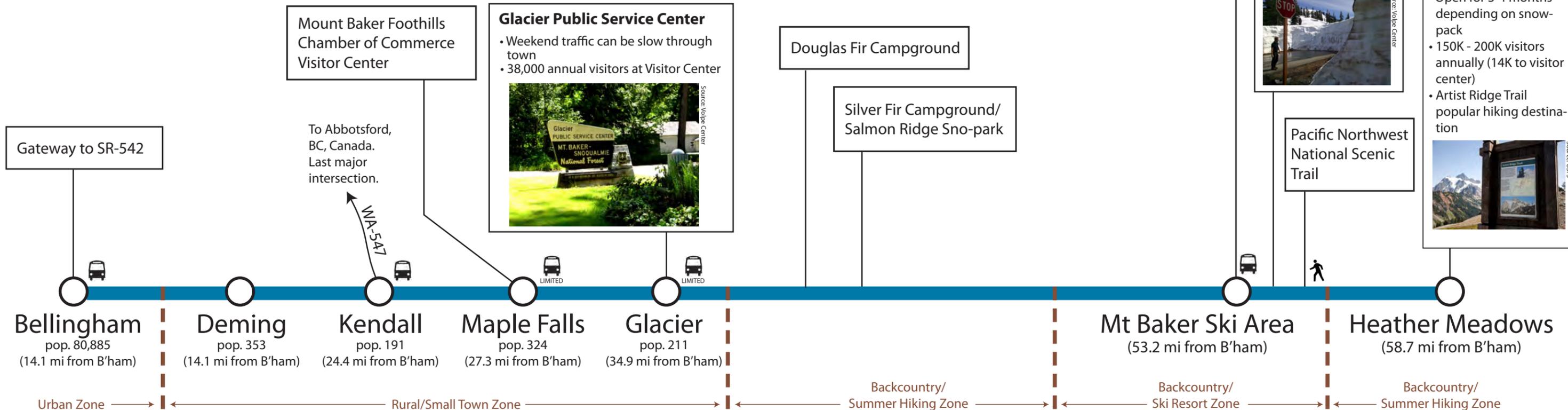
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### Mount Baker Ski Area

- Season:** November to April
- Average annual skiers:** 160,000
- Origin of skiers:** 45% from Canada; remainder mainly from Everett and northern Seattle
- Parking capacity:** 2,200
- Capacity limitations:** Food service/seating Use by non-skiers
- Summer activities:** None



Source: Mt. Baker Ski Area



### Winter terminus



Source: Volpe Center

### Summer terminus

- Open for 3-4 months depending on snow-pack
- 150K - 200K visitors annually (14K to visitor center)
- Artist Ridge Trail popular hiking destination



Source: USFS