

= Washington State Route 231 =

State Route 231 ( SR 231 ) is a 74 @. @ 97 @- @ mile ( 120 @. @ 65 km ) long state highway in the U.S. state of Washington serving communities in Lincoln and Stevens counties . The highway , located entirely west of Spokane in the Inland Empire , serves Sprague , Edwall , Reardan , Springdale and Chewelah . The route extends from SR 23 north of Sprague to a concurrency with U.S. Route 2 ( US 2 ) near Reardan and an intersection with US 395 south of Chewelah .

Although SR 231 was established in 1964 , the US 2 concurrency has existed as State Road 7 since 1909 . Later , Secondary State Highway 2G ( SSH 2G ) and Secondary State Highway 3J ( SSH 3J ) were established in 1937 and formed SR 231 in 1964 . The highway crosses the Spokane River on the Spokane River Bridge at Long Lake Dam , which was constructed in 1949 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1995 before repair work in late 2008 .

= = Route description = =

State Route 231 ( SR 231 ) begins at SR 23 0 @. @ 79 miles ( 1 @. @ 27 km ) north of Sprague and a diamond interchange with Interstate 90 ( I @- @ 90 ) , co @- @ signed as U.S. Route 395 ( US 395 ) . SR 23 is the " parent " or main route of SR 231 and travels northwest to Harrington and south to Downtown Sprague , spanning 66 @. @ 00 miles ( 106 @. @ 22 km ) , 8 @. @ 97 miles ( 14 @. @ 44 km ) shorter than SR 231 . Traveling northeast , the highway traverses a hill and cliff , passing Browns Lake , and turns west . The direction of the roadway becomes north through a narrow valley and SR 231 arrives in Edwall as Oregon Street . The roadway briefly turns east as Main Street before crossing a BNSF Railway line and continuing northeast alongside the tracks . After turning north into the plains , the highway parallels Crab Creek to intersect US 2 west of Reardan .

Becoming concurrent with US 2 , the road becomes Broadway Street and enters Reardan . SR 231 turns north at Aspen Street and crosses the Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad and a marsh via a causeway . As Spring Creek Road , the highway travels northwest parallel to Spring Creek into Spring Creek Canyon . After the canyon , the roadway crosses the Spokane River on the Spokane River Bridge at Long Lake Dam , the border between Lincoln and Stevens counties , west of Little Falls Dam and Long Lake . Nearly a mile north of the bridge , SR 231 intersects SR 291 , a connector to Spokane . After the intersection , the highway travels north through the community of Ford and continues through a valley into Springdale . Within Springdale , the roadway is named Second Street and intersects SR 292 , which connects east to US 395 near Loon Lake . After crossing a BNSF Railway track , Second Street turns west as Shaffer Street and passes the Springdale Community Health Center , the local medical clinic . SR 231 crosses Sheep Creek and the same railway as Second Street and leaves Springdale , parallel to the railroad , into a valley . The highway intersects former SR 232 and ends at an intersection with US 395 4 @. @ 27 miles ( 6 @. @ 87 km ) south of Chewelah .

= = History = =

SR 231 was established in 1964 , but sections of the current route have been in the state highway system as early as 1909 , when State Road 7 was established and included a section near Reardan . In 1913 , the Inland Empire Highway was established and connected Loon Lake to Springdale and Chewelah . A county @- @ maintained road connected Sprague to Browns Lake by 1919 and in 1923 , State Road 7 became State Road 2 and the Inland Empire Highway became State Road 3 . The U.S. route system was formed in 1926 and two highways , numbered U.S. Route 10 ( US 10 ) and U.S. Route 395 ( US 395 ) , were co @- @ signed with State Roads 2 and 3 , respectively . State Road 2 became Primary State Highway 2 ( PSH 2 ) in 1937 and a secondary route , Secondary State Highway 2G ( SSH 2G ) was created , extending from Sprague to Reardan , in 1937 . State Road 3 became PSH 3 during the same year and a secondary route , SSH 3J , was also established to span from the Little Falls Dam at Long Lake to Springdale .

US 10 was replaced by the western extension of US 2 in 1946 . Three years later , in 1949 , the

Spokane River Bridge at Long Lake Dam was constructed and spanned from the southern terminus of SSH 3J to Lincoln County . In 1957 , PSH 3 and US 395 were moved to an eastern route bypassing Springdale , while SSH 3J was extended north towards Chewelah and a branch of the highway was added to Loon Lake , both along the former route of PSH 3 . SSH 3J was extended south to PSH 2 and US 2 in Reardan , east of the northern terminus of SSH 2G , in 1963 . During the 1964 highway renumbering , SR 231 was created from SSH 2G and SSH 3J and became concurrent with US 2 ; US 2 replaced PSH 2 and US 395 replaced PSH 3 , while the branch of SSH 3J to Loon Lake became SR 292 . The Spokane River Bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places on June 2 , 1995 along with the rest of the bridges on the Spokane River northwest of Spokane , and the bridge was repaired in late 2008 .

= = Major intersections = =