Addressing

Most roads (county & private) in the unincorporated area of Lewis County utilize "milepost" addressing based on the length of the road with 200 addresses per mile. The addressing usually starts at 100 with odd numbers on the left side and even numbers on the right side.

To locate an address in this system from the start of the road in miles:
- Determine the origin of the road from the road name index
- Subtract 100 from the address you wish to find
- Divide by 200 (divide by 2 & move decimal two places to the left)

For example: an address of 242
242 − 100 = 142 / 200 = 0.71
The address 242 is about 0.71 miles from the start of the road on the right side.

The following page list those county roads with milepost addressing that do not start at 100. These roads are all exiting incorporated cities. This table lists where the milepost-addressing scheme begins and at what address number. The road may have lower addressing before this location in a city system.

Addressing standards in incorporated cities varies from agency to agency. Most cities have grid-block system with a grid origin at specific intersection, breaking the city into quadrants with addresses increasing away from the grid origin starting at 100. The streets usually have a prefix direction of N, S, E, W, NW, NE, or SW to distinguish it from like addresses in other quadrants. Many streets in a city addressing system will not start at 100 because the street begins away from the grid origin. Below is a list of the city grid origins.

Centralia: E/W Main St & N/S Tower Ave
Chehalis: E/W Main St & N/S Market Blvd (addresses start at 0 not 100)
Morton: Main Ave & 1st St (Morton does not use prefix directions)
Mossyrock: E/W State St & Williams Ave (no N/S prefixes)
Napavine: E/W Washington St & Burlington Northern – Santa Fe RR
Toledo: Cowlitz St & S 1st St (no E/W prefixes)
Vader: no grid origin, all streets increase from W to E & N to S
Winlock: E/W Walnut & Burlington Northern – Santa Fe RR