

ORDER OF THE ARROW
NISQUALLY LODGE #155

WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE

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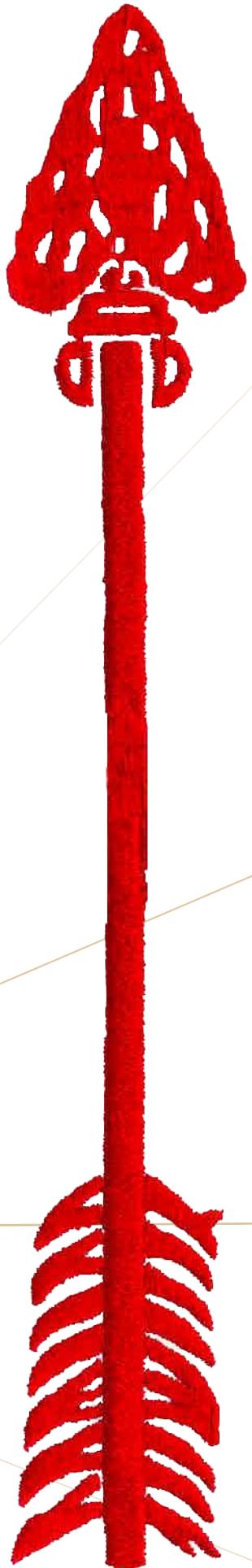
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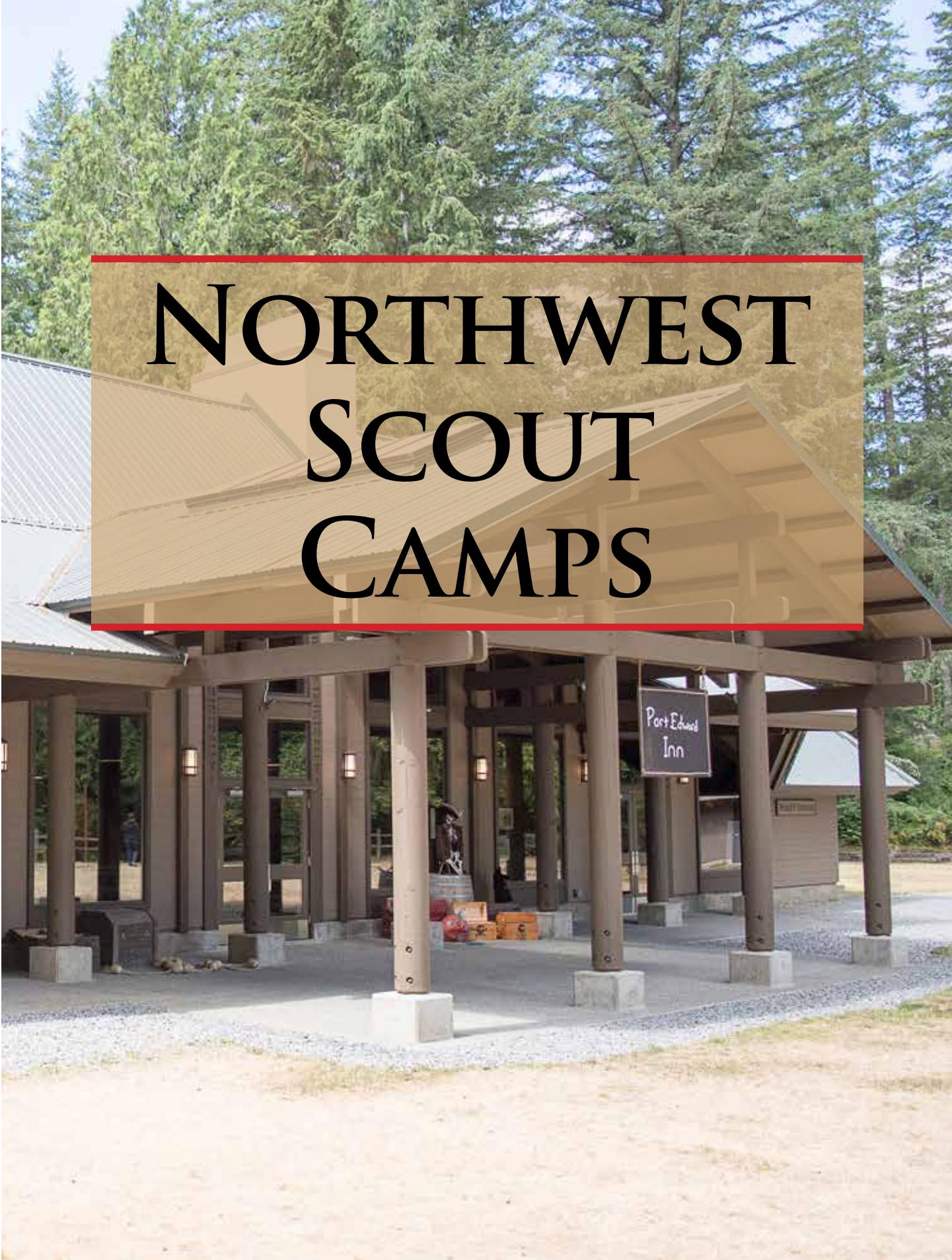
ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America.

It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the OA, recognized as BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Today, the Order has more than 176,000 members located in lodges affiliated with approximately 327 BSA local councils. Nisqually Lodge is chartered to serve Pacific Harbors Council, whose units stretch from Longview to Federal Way and from the Pacific Ocean to Mt. Rainier. The main purpose of our lodge and the Order of the Arrow is to promote camps to fellow arrowmen and the troops they come from.





NORTHWEST SCOUT CAMPS

SCOUT CAMP: BALDWIN

Renowned as a high-adventure scout camp, Baldwin delivers extreme outdoor programs to scouts in the scenic Mt. Hood National Forest. Located less than 20 miles west of Dufur, Oregon, and protected among tall evergreens and plentiful wildlife, Camp Baldwin offers horseback riding, mountain biking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, windsurfing, mountain boarding among other outdoor experiences.

Camp Baldwin is the ideal destination for a snow adventure for winter campers. Snow camping and cross-country skiing are popular activities among troops as they enjoy thousands of acres of surrounding forest and nearby cross-country trail systems throughout the winter months.

Horsemanship Program

Sign-up for fun and exciting horse rides and venture into the Mt. Hood National Forest. Older Scouts can participate in the "Wrangler-in-Training" program called CL Advanced Wrangler to learn advanced horse skills and assist the wranglers throughout the week as they prepare horses for rides.

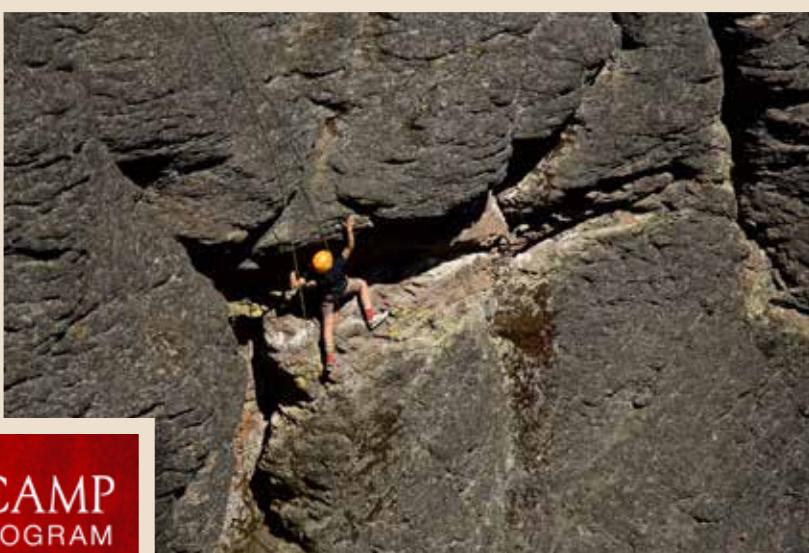
Jamboree-Style Cooking

Scouts cook most of their meals in the campsite, which supports the camps' long-standing focus on the Patrol Method. Using the Patrol Method, Scouts develop teamwork and leadership skills.

Camp staff deliver raw food ingredients twice a day to ensure fresh, quality food for our scouts.

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CUB CAMP: BUTTE CREEK

The moment each Cub Scout steps onto Main Street and lays eyes on the old frontier town of Butte Creek, he or she will find it easy to imagine themselves as part of the wild west. Butte Creek has a western town Main Street, and each day the mail is delivered by the Pony Express.

Hootenanny Party & Street Show

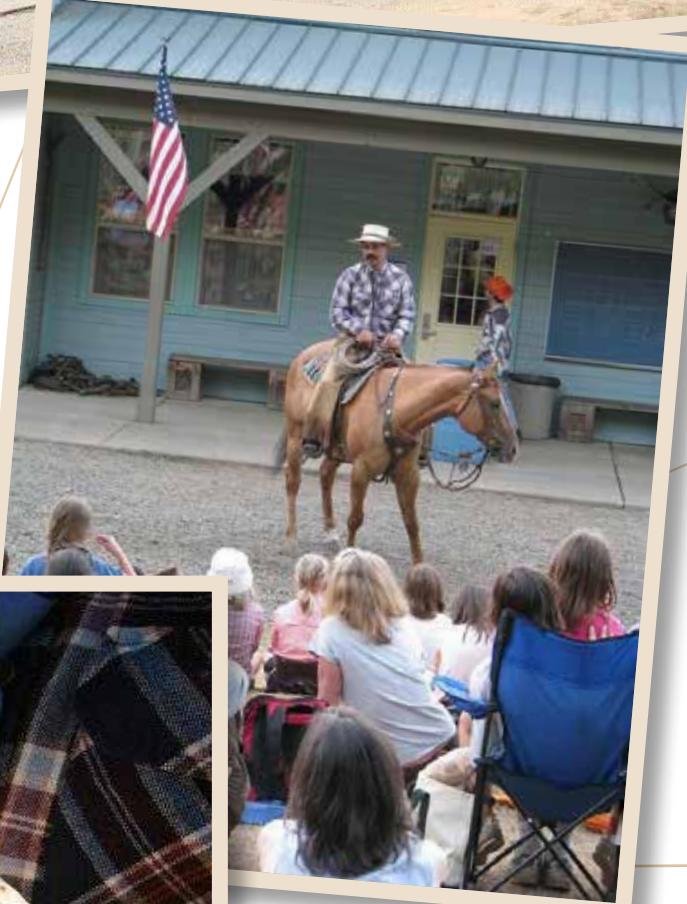
Participate in the "hootenanny," a party on Main Street featuring games, a moseying contest and includes a special visit from Butte Creek's very own sheriff. Enjoy a weekly Street Show for the entire family that's a walk-through the history of the American West.

Facilities

Each pack stays in a campsite identified by different "brands." The brands are Setting Sun, Lazy B, Yellow Rose, Happy River, Circle T, 2 of Hearts, Flying J, Rocking K, and the newest site, Walking 3. Meals are served in a large full service dining hall.

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SCOUT CAMP: BONAPARTE

Camp Bonaparte has been the North Central Washington gateway to adventure since 1965. Bonaparte is located on pristine Bonaparte Lake in Okanagan County, just east of Tonasket, Washington. The Okanogan National Forest includes 1,706,200 acres in Northern Washington extending from the Cascades east to the Okanogan-Ferry County line. Bonaparte features an outstanding aquatics program and a one-of-a-kind mountain biking program as well. Its beautiful setting is just what your unit needs to enjoy itself at a top-notch, quality summer camp.

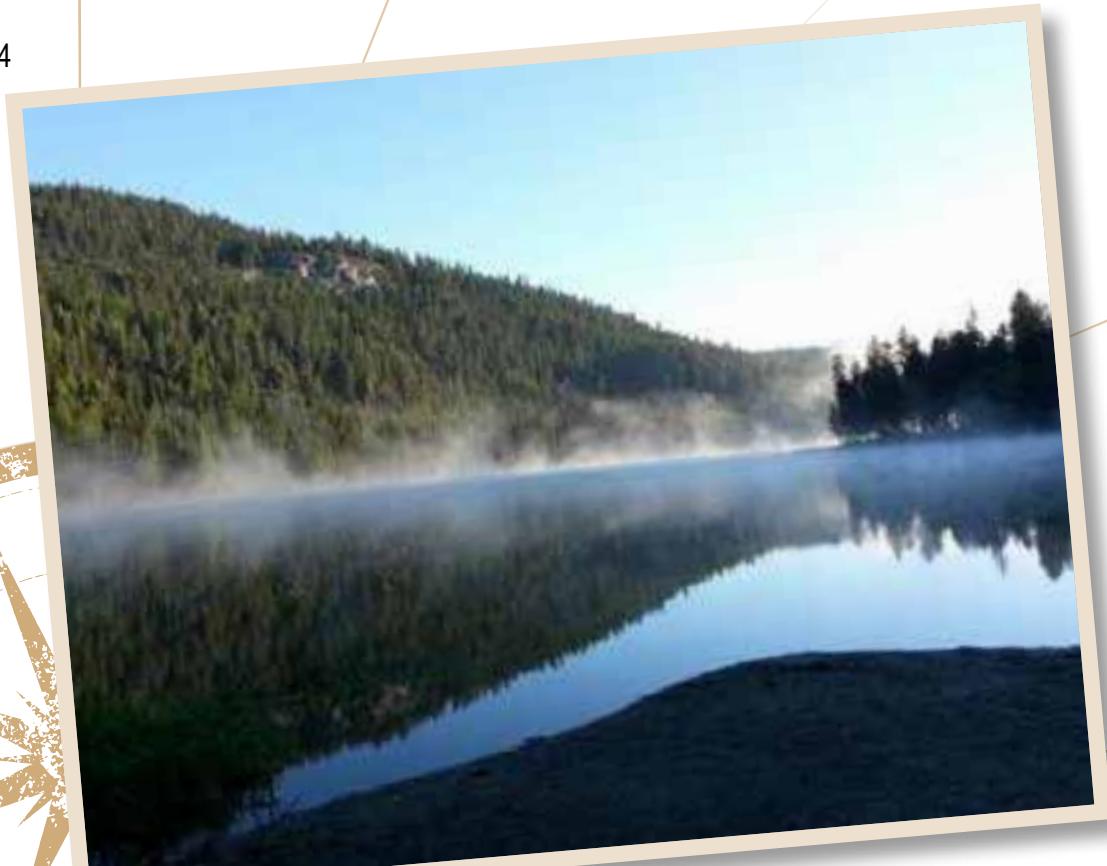
In our Aquatics area on the shore of beautiful Bonaparte Lake, you can learn to swim, compete in relays, play watermelon ball, do the mile swim, snorkel, canoeing and rowing, or even sail on our very own sailboat.

At our shooting range we have a nationally certified instructor. Try your hand at rifle, black powder, shotgun or our archery range. Our shooting sports program offers the opportunity for Scouts 13 and older to learn to shoot a shotgun. Special times are planned each week at the shotgun range for this opportunity. Scouts 13 years of age or older will have the opportunity to learn how to fire a real black powder rifle, just like the early American settlers did when they arrived in Washington. Times for this exciting program will be limited, to maintain careful supervision of the rifle range. Come and take aim in the shooting sports program and challenge a buddy to a clay pigeon shoot or make an arrow at the archery range. We offer NRA certification for shotgun and rifles.

Medals and patches will be for sale only at the camp trading post. We also offer certification with the Camp Archery Association. We hope to see you at our top quality camp, and when we do we guarantee you an excellent camping experience.

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SCOUT CAMP: CLARK

Wake up each day to an ocean breeze, discover sea urchins, star fish and sand dollars in beautiful Oregon tide pools. Learn pioneering skills like blacksmithing, weaving and candle making in our Frontier Village. Participate in bonfires on the beach at night.

Activities Specifically Designed for Webelos

The special programming for Webelos gives them a full-week of camping and prepares them for their next adventure as Scouts! Activities and learning stations are designed to help Webelos understand how a Scout troop works. There's even a hike to Camp Meriwether next door that includes a fun tour of all the older-youth activities.

Facilities

Camp in group campsites complete with three-sided shelters or platform tents.

Meals

Served family style in a modern dining hall overlooking Cape Lookout

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SCOUT CAMP: COOPER

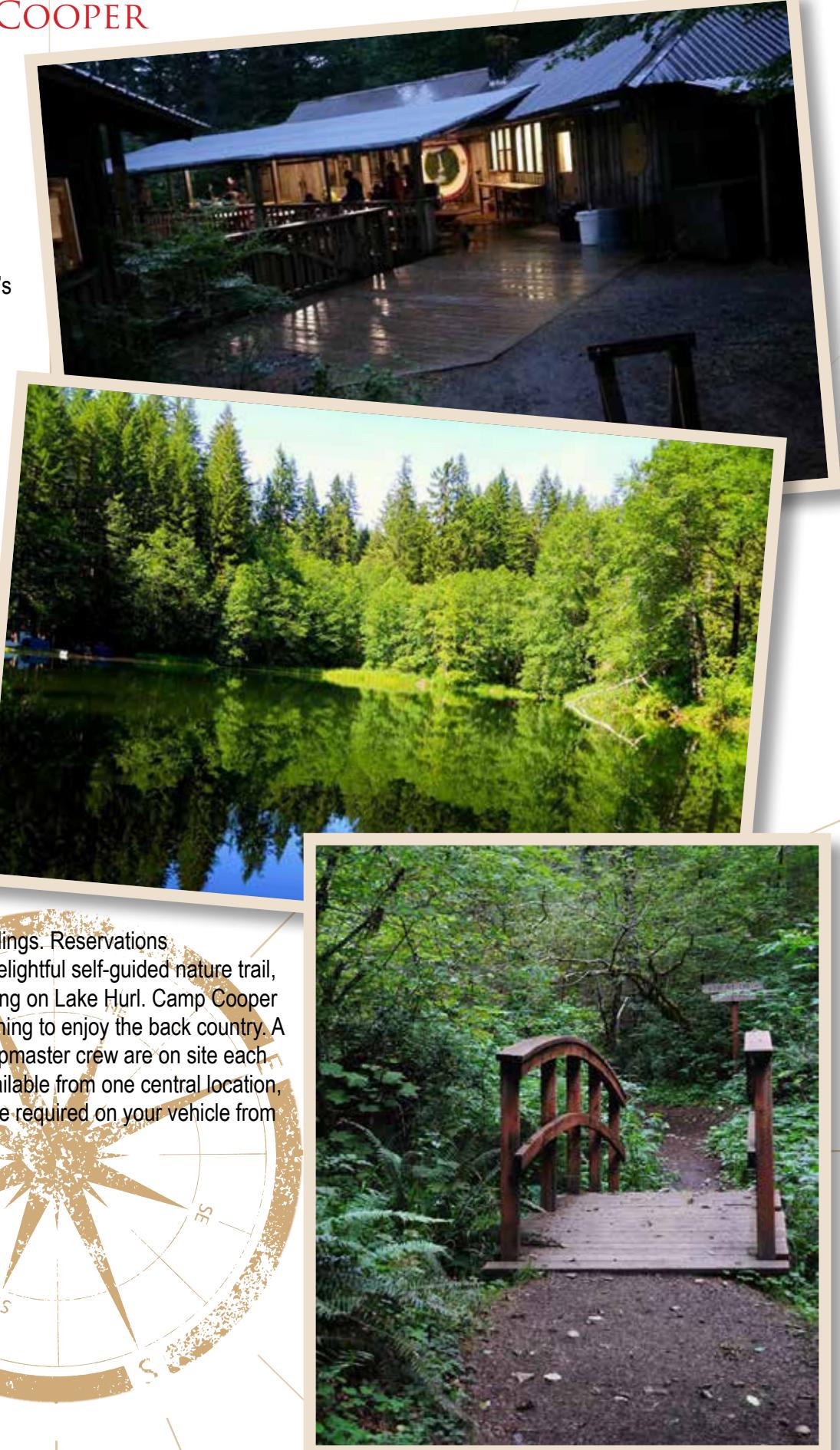
Camp Cooper is located in the coast range where logging was a major economy. Our old-growth timber preserve, with its nature trail and waterfall, reminds us of the pristine forests of the great northwest. Camp Cooper has been designated Cascade Pacific Council's training camp, and is home to the outstanding National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) programs.

Cooper also hosts Wood Badge courses, and is a popular destination for guest group rentals during summer months, especially organizations wishing to hold week-long summer camps.

Located near Willamina, Oregon, and 90 minutes southwest of Portland, Camp Cooper is open for weekend camping September through June depending on current snow level. The camp consists of tent sites (personal tents required) and program shelters and buildings. Reservations are required. Camp boasts a delightful self-guided nature trail, waterfall, wild berries, and fishing on Lake Hurl. Camp Cooper is an ideal camp for troops wishing to enjoy the back country. A resident camp ranger and campmaster crew are on site each weekend. Drinking water is available from one central location, October 1 to June 1. Chains are required on your vehicle from November 15 to April 1.

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CUB CAMP: COWLES

Camp Cowles offers an experience for all Cub Scouts alike. Set on the beautiful Diamond Lake of Washington's Inland Northwest Council, Cub Scouts are able to call this place home. Scouting comes alive on our beautiful waterfront, deep woods and calm marshes for Cub Scouts of all ages and abilities. Wild West at Camp Cowles is a principle centered camp founded on the ideals of the Boy Scout Oath and Law. Enjoy all the fun in the Wild West.

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SCOUT CAMP: EASTON

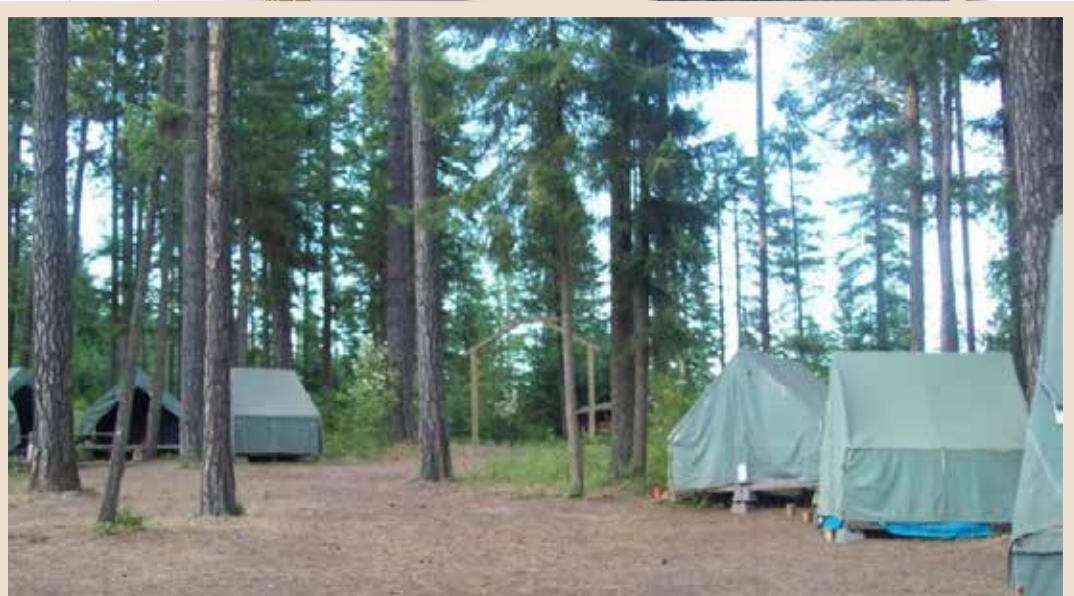
Camp Easton is located in Gotham Bay on the East side of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene. Camp Easton is the perfect venue for Boy Scout resident camp, with its 383 acres of forested land and 3/4 mile of lakefront and sandy beach.

Lake Coeur d'Alene provides the ideal waterfront for a comprehensive aquatics program. Swimming, water-skiing, motor boating, sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing are just the beginning. Camp Easton also offers snorkeling, paddleboarding, SCUBA, 24-man "war canoes", as well as a water trampoline, slide and climbing summit.

In addition to a premier aquatics program, Camp Easton offers a variety of programs in shooting sports, scoutcraft, nature and more! The dining hall provides campers with great meals and Scouts will appreciate the variety of activities offered. Camp Easton has programs for scouts of every age!

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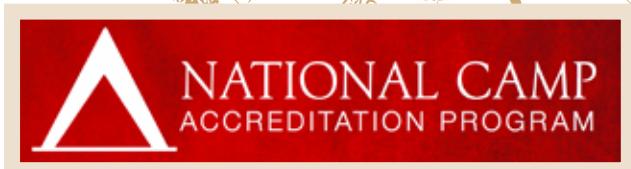
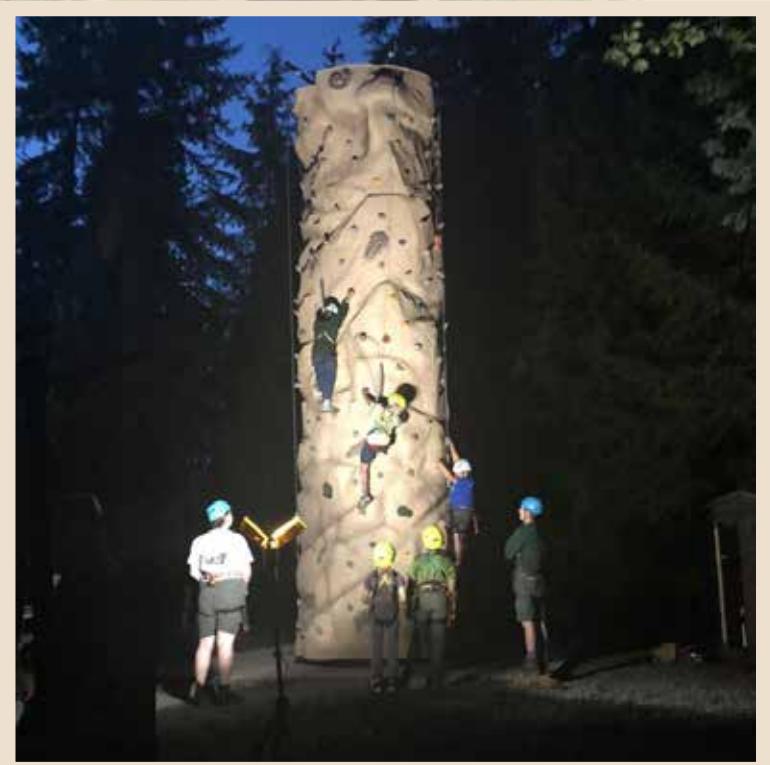


CUB CAMP: EDWARD

Situated at the foothills of the Cascade mountain range approximately one hour from Seattle, Camp Edward offers many fun camp activities to youth as well as rental opportunities. Camp features include a waterfront, BB gun and archery ranges, play fields, nature trails and a fantastic craft lodge. Campsites have two-man canvas tents and cabins with bunks. Showers and restroom facilities are centrally located.

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SCOUT CAMP: FIFE

Camp Fife has been providing a quality camping experience since 1923. It is located in the heart of the Cascades in Goose Prairie, Washington, just off of Chinook Pass. The area lends itself to day hikes and extended backpack trips. It features a heated swimming pool, a premiere horsemanship program, and one of the largest COPE courses in the Western Region. Camp Fife plays host to Troops, Posts, and Crews all over the Northwest (including Hawaii) and has established a reputation as one of the Western Region's finest.

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SCOUT CAMP: FIRE MOUNTAIN

Located at the foot of Cultus Mountain in Walker Valley just outside of Mount Vernon, Washington; Fire Mountain Scout Camp includes all of the premier camping facilities you would expect to find and then some. Featuring programs in: Aquatics, COPE/Climbing, Shooting Sports, Outdoor Skills, Nature/Conservation and Crafts along with many programs focusing on the Patrol Method.

Fire Mountain features many facilities, such as:

- Campsites - 18 campsites featuring stents and/or adirondacks with stone firepits, flag poles, knot racks and covered dining areas.
- COPE/Climbing - high/low COPE courses, zipline and 40-foot climbing/rappelling tower.
- Dining Hall - seating for about 375 with full kitchen.
- Fort Boeing - a log western style two-leveled fort with several enclosed rooms.
- Indoor Sheltered Areas - several indoor areas for instruction or gathering.
- Outdoor Sheltered Areas - several outdoor sheltered areas for instruction or gathering.
- Shooting Ranges - archery, .22 caliber rifle, shotgun (modern and black powder).
- Swimming/Boating/Fishing Beaches - three specially outfitted beaches around the lake for activities.
- Trails - several trails within the camp and starting points for trails to other destinations like Cultus Mountain, Devil's Rock Garden or Crystal Falls.



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SCOUT CAMP: GRIZZLY

"Pride of the Palouse" and home of the finest camp staff you'll ever find! Since 1938 this has been the home to summer adventure for countless scouts and leaders. Camp Grizzly has a proud tradition of unit service and great programs. Our experienced and energetic staff is waiting to meet you and make this summer the best ever for your unit.

Camp Grizzly has evolved from a small unimproved camp to the jewel in the Inland Northwest Council's camping crown. Grizzly camp is located along the Palouse River, 12 miles East of Potlatch, ID (next to Laird State Park). Camp Grizzly appeals to scouts young and old with its wide variety of programs. Since becoming a council summer camp in 1938 Camp Grizzly is an all out action packed experience.

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CUB CAMP: IRELAND

Camp Ireland is located about two miles north of downtown Hillsboro, Oregon, nearly surrounded by McKay Creek. The camp is part of a wetland/nature preserve area that offers a close to town experience of the out of doors or a great jumping off point for youth who haven't had the chance to get out and explore the "woods". The majority of camp is accessible only in the summer by crossing a bridge to the meadow.

Our summer day camp program is geared to be the first step into the summer camp adventure for Tigers and Wolves but has stations that appeal to the Bears and Webelos as well. We offer 22 stations that include two BB gun shooting ranges and two archery ranges, a STEM related station, a Nature Trail to explore and an OA built obstacle course. With 22 summer camp stations spread over 12 acres, there is plenty to keep the scouts active and learning while having fun in the great outdoors.

Each day begins with an opening flag ceremony before the station rotations begin for the day. Each den site has a covered area to call home for the day and enjoy lunch at with your Cubs before heading off to the daily special presented at the lunch time stage show and the afternoon station rotations. On Fridays we start with the regular station schedule and then switch it up so we can offer multiple activities during our "open Range" session in the afternoon. The week ends with a closing "campfire" offering skits performed by your favorite staffers as well as recognition of some of the achievements by attending youth and adults who have attended the week long session.

Facilities

Camp amenities include den site shelters, kybos/portable bathrooms, an open field for field game activities, BB and archery ranges, an obstacle course and nature trail to explore. There is a small camp trading post for summer camp necessities and summertime delights as well. Our staff of 30 plus Boy Scout, Venture Crew and Sea Scouts eagerly await the opportunity to share their love of the scouting experience with the Cub Scouts and help build great memories to last a lifetime.

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CUB CAMP: LEWIS

Camp Lewis consists of approx. 116 acres of tall trees, meadows, river shore, and developed camp sites five miles north of Battle Ground, Washington, on the Lewis River. Camp Lewis acquired in 1956 is the only camp in the Cascade Pacific Council that is in Washington State.

During July and the first part of August, Camp Lewis is used as a Cub Scout Day Camp. Cub Scout day camp at Camp Lewis is an exciting program for young Cub Scouts. The camp features crafts, games, BB guns and archery, songs and skits...all the fun a Cub Scout has been looking forward to all year long! The rest of the year, the camp is open for reservation and use by Scouts.

Facilities

Camp Lewis is one of the top Scout Camps in the council for short term camping. There are adirondacks in several campsites. There are several fire bowls, including the main camp fire bowl in the main field. There are several large fields for camping or Scout activities. Several large shelters make camping more bearable when the weather turns inclement. Snow is unlikely most of the winter at Camp Lewis which sits at about 200 ft. above sea level.

Conservation and service projects are encouraged and can be suggested by the camp chairman. Reservations are required.

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SCOUT CAMP: MERIWETHER

Camp Meriwether is located on the scenic Oregon Coast, one of the only Scout camps to feature an ocean beach. The beach-front property's warm coastal breeze and high-adventure activities attract thousands of Scouts to this premier camp each year. The camp includes Lake Chamberlain, a fresh-water lake for swimming and kayaking, a trading post, and a state-of-the-art shooting range featuring shotgun, archery, rifle and black-powder shooting sports.

Scouts seeking high-adventure can sea-kayak, rock-climb and challenge themselves at sandboarding. Stagecraft, handi-craft and an ecology center are also featured on the property.

Oceanfront Discovery

With full beach access, Scouts dive into oceanography by exploring tide pools and rock formations. Our popular Polar Bear Swim and ocean-surf wading are highlights of Camp Meriwether. Plus, camp would not be complete without a bonfire on the beach.

Go Back in Time

With a full replica of Lewis & Clark's winter camp in 1805, Fort Clatsop, Scouts are immersed into old-time skills like blacksmithing, candle-making, and black-powder rifle marksmanship. Staff even wear historic regalia to add to the experience.

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SCOUT CAMP: PARSONS

Camp Parsons is situated on the Olympic Peninsula "where the mountains meet the sea". This remarkable setting offers the rare experience of canoeing on glassy salt water, while gazing along a densely forested shoreline. Camp Parsons is one of the oldest Scout camps in America, providing wilderness adventure to Scouts and Scouters since 1919. Special features include the climbing tower, 16-position rifle and archery ranges, and the Fort Dukabush museum. Swimming, canoeing, and sailing in the saltwater aquatics area are other popular activities available to visitors.

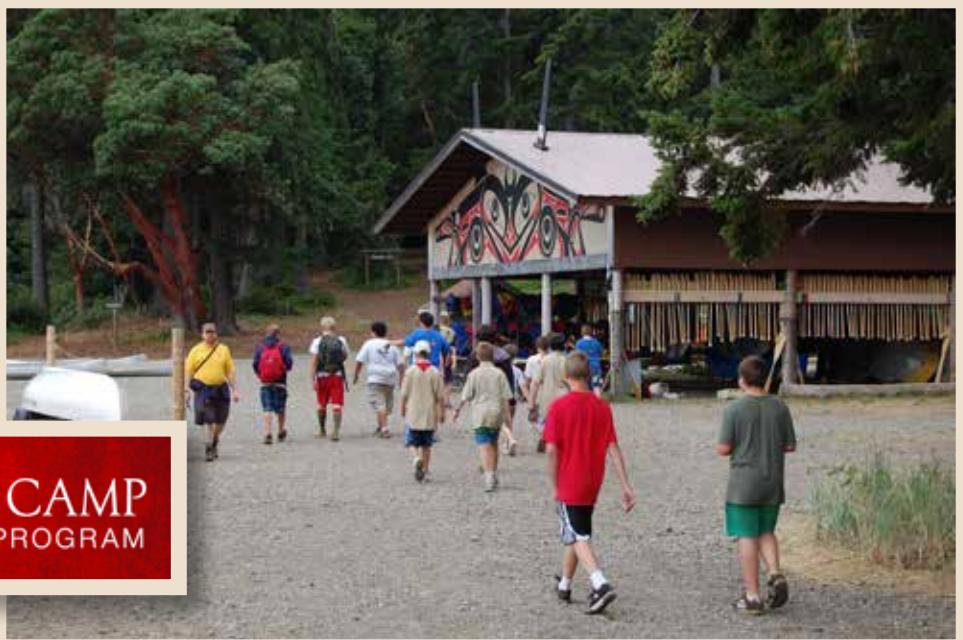
Campsites feature either canvas tents with platforms, "stents" (wooden tent structures) or shelters with bunks, as well as showers and flush toilets.

For more than 85 years Parsons has provided high adventure opportunities on the shores of Jackson Cove.



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SCOUT CAMP: PIGOTT

Located at the foot of the Cascade Range, Camp Pigott features a large lake, a climbing tower, COPE courses (high and low), a spacious dining facility, beautiful new campfire bowl, plus all-new activities such as shotgun sports facilities, mountain bike skills course, and MUCH more. There is a modern central building with private showers, and each campsite features canvas tents on platforms or Adirondack shelters with bunks, and new flush toilet facilities.

Mountain Men are often seen, providing scouts the opportunity to learn the ways of the wilderness and join their clan. Adventure and unforgettable experiences lie ahead for scouts and leaders at week-long summer camp. Participants will have the opportunity to make period leather crafts, use a blacksmith's forge, throw a tomahawk, fire a muzzle loader, and learn more about the fur trading era.

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SCOUT CAMP: PIONEER

For a small camp, Pioneer has great outdoor adventure to offer. Located in the scenic Mt. Jefferson Wilderness, this camp is a full-service, true "mountain camp." Established in 1936 on Pine Lake in the shadow of Mt. Jefferson, the camp features rowing, canoeing, swimming, fishing, kayaking as well as Scoutcraft skills like cooking and pioneering.

Pine Ridge Lake offers rowing, canoeing, small boat sailing and swimming. "Outbound activities" and Scoutcraft skills such as pioneering, cooking, and nature study are offered. The field sports of archery, .22 rifle and black powder are also available. Incredible hiking and backpacking program. The wilderness backcountry of Mount Jefferson and dozens of mountain lakes are within hiking distance of camp. Become a Cascade Ranger to take part in our high adventure activities: hikes, climbs, caving, over-nighters. A week of exploring, learning, and having an incredible experience in an incredible environment, the Mt Jefferson Wilderness.

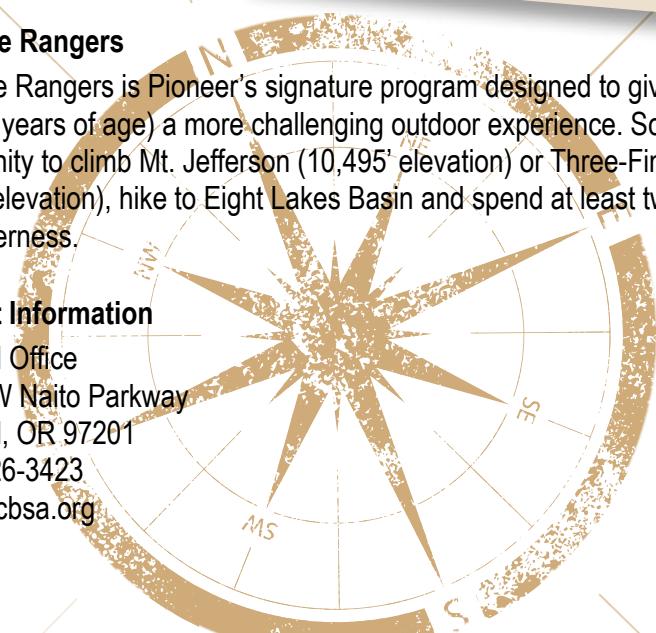


Cascade Rangers

Cascade Rangers is Pioneer's signature program designed to give older Scouts (14 - 17 years of age) a more challenging outdoor experience. Scouts have the opportunity to climb Mt. Jefferson (10,495' elevation) or Three-Fingered Jack (7,844' elevation), hike to Eight Lakes Basin and spend at least two nights out in the wilderness.

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SCOUT CAMP: ROYCE FINEL

This short-term camp is named after two Silver Beaver recipients, in memory of John Royce of Seaside and John Finel of Astoria, long-time supporters of Scouting. It is located at the northeast end of Cullaby Lake in Warrenton, Oregon.

Royce Finel is a great camp for year round camping. The low elevation reduces the likelihood of snow in the winter. Things to do at this camp include hiking to the beach (2 miles), renting and bringing down canoes from Scouters' Mountain, for which leaders will need to have safe current swim and safety afloat cards. Only a short distance away, scouts and their leaders can visit Fort Clatsop National Park where Lewis and Clark made their winter camp. The

new Fort to Sea trail from Sunset Beach to Fort Clatsop is now finished. It is about 7 miles long one way and the start of the trail is only two miles from Royce Finel. Visit the Astor Column in Astoria, on a clear day you can see 360 degrees in all directions, from the mountains to the ocean, or visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria, Oregon. You can travel to Fort Stevens and see World War II Battery Russell and the Bark the Peter Iredale on the beach in Warrenton.

Royce Finel has five primitive Campsites with fresh water, all have tables and approved fire rings. A flagpole area, two double latrines. Four camp sites have tarp shelter frames (the tarp shelters take a 11.5 x 15.5 tarp). Royce Finel is limited to a maximum of 50 people camping on any given weekend.

Units cannot drive into Camp Royce Finel. The only way to get there is hike the twenty minute trail around the lake or bring a boat or Canoe to haul heavy equipment such as Dutch ovens, coolers etc. The service road is closed to all units and the gate is locked.

Clatsop County has a seasonal day use fee at Carnahan Park. (Where units park to hike to Royce Finel.) The fee is as follows: \$3/day per vehicle from May 1 to end of September. No fee from October 1 to end of April. To avoid day use fees, unload scouts and gear across the street at the entrance to Carnahan Park (do not park there) and park vehicles two blocks west on the east side of Hawkins Road (North and South of Westshore Lane). Units that still want to park in the park are welcome to do so but must pay fees. There is a pay station at the entrance to the park. Units can pay all at once for the time they stay. Be sure to write the dates of stay down. A park ranger checks the vehicles for violations several times a day.

There is no overnight parking at the park except for those using Royce-Finel. In order to communicate to the parking enforcement for the park that you are staying at the camp, please download the form listed as Carnahan Park Overnight Parking Form in the Downloads section at the bottom of the page.

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CUB CAMP: SCOUT-A-VISTA

Scout-A-Vista is the Grand Columbia Council's Cub Scout and Webelos Resident Camp. It is located in Chelan County and is easily assessible being only seven short miles from Wenatchee.

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SCOUT CAMP: SHEPPARD

Camp Sheppard is located in the spectacular Cascade Mountains, just minutes from Mount Rainier National Park and Crystal Mountain ski area. Cliffs tower overhead, pristine falls can be found nearby, and giant elk freely roam the meadows. Visitors stay in heated cabins with bunks and may enjoy hiking, cross country skiing, inner tubing (weather permitting) or games in the cozy lodge. The lodge features a dining hall and kitchen, and the restrooms with showers are centrally located.

Sheppard's nine cabins each sleep 20 people in bunks with mattresses, and are heated by propane furnaces. The restrooms are centrally located and the lodge provides a warm haven. For your convenience the trading post will be open with snacks, craft items, pins, T-shirts, mugs, etc. Bring spending money to take advantage of this.

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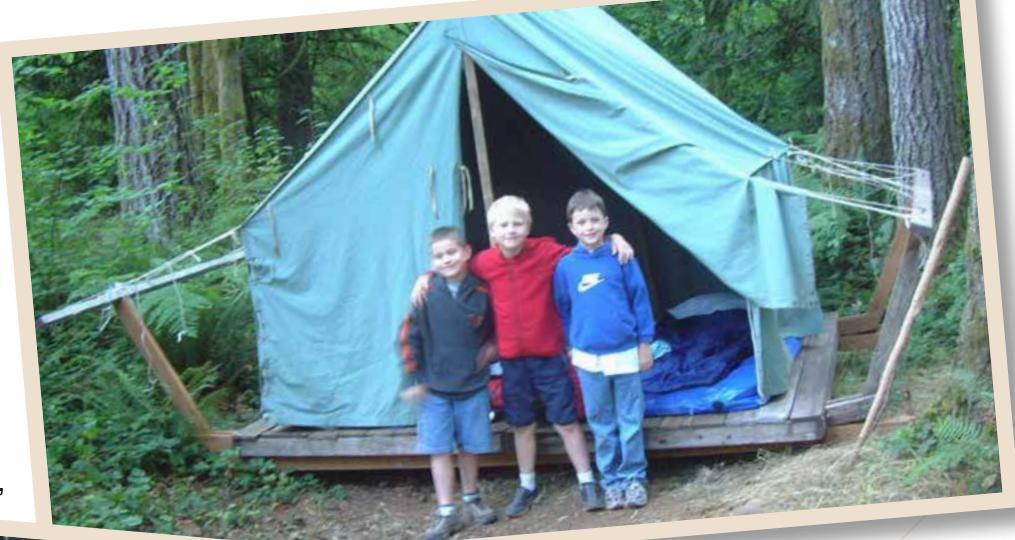


SCOUT CAMP: THUNDERBIRD

Located in the scenic Capital Forest in the Black Hills on the beautiful shore of Summit Lake, Camp Thunderbird promises scouts and scouters a summer camping experience which exceeds even the greatest expectations. Offering more than 40 merit badges (including 11 Eagle-required), Tenderfoot through First Class instruction, and numerous activities unavailable at other summer camps including kayaking, motor-boating, water-skiing, sailing, climbing, and rappelling we are sure that every Scout will find challenging and rewarding activities to insure their summer camp experience is the best ever.

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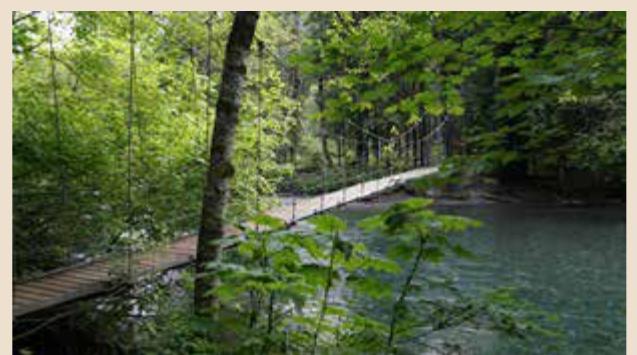
Mount Rainier National Park is located in west central Washington about 48 miles southeast of Tacoma. The park is approximately a one to two hour drive from Seattle, Tacoma and Yakima, Washington; and Portland, Oregon. The Nisqually Entrance, located on the southwest side of the park on Stateroad 706, is open year round. Other park roads are open only during the summer months.

Mount Rainier, established in 1899, contains vast expanses of pristine old-growth forests, subalpine flower meadows, spectacular alpine scenery, and great opportunity for stimulating outdoor activities. Mount Rainier National Park is the fifth oldest national park in the United States. The park has the greatest single-peak glacial system in the United States. Glaciers radiate from the summit and slopes of the 14,411 foot volcano.

The park encompasses 378 square miles (980 square kilometers, 235,612.5 acres). Elevation ranges from 1,880 at the Carbon River rain forest (NW corner of park) to 14,411 feet at the summit.

Ready to hit the trail? Mt. Rainier National Park has more than 130 trails.

Fun and adventure await your exploration at Mount Rainier. Stroll through a temperate inland rainforest in spring. Hike with the wildflowers and gaze upon powerful waterfalls in summer. Marvel at the fall colors each autumn. Discover epic skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing each winter. And fall in love with the world-class vistas that re-define spectacular year-round.



MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK: COUGAR ROCK

Cougar Rock Campground, on the southwest side of Mt. Rainier National Park, is convenient to the Paradise area. Paradise is the most popular destination in the park, with a lodge and visitor center, many miles of hiking trails and a commanding view of the mountain—the highest in the state and Cascade range. Cougar Rock campground is located at an elevation of 3,180 feet. Summers are dry and cool with daytime temperatures ranging from 60 to 80 degrees. Weather throughout the park can be variable, so visitors should come prepared.

Cougar Rock is relatively rustic, but has drinking water, flush toilets and picnic tables at all 173 campsites. This facility is one of only two campgrounds in the park with campsites that can be reserved. Visitors must use extra caution with food storage, as foxes and other animals have been known to frequent the campground looking for food.

Cougar Rock Campground has one lookout point from which campers can view Mt. Rainier. The campground is adjacent to the Nisqually River and is surrounded by thick forests. A short drive to Paradise in summer reveals fields of lush wildflowers.

From the campground, experienced hikers and backpackers can access the well-known, strenuous and beautiful Wonderland Trail, which encircles the park for 93 miles. For those who enjoy learning more about the park's natural and cultural history, there is an on-site amphitheater where interpretive programs are held.

Recreation Sites

- Standard Nonelectric
- RV Nonelectric
- Overnight

Activities

- Interpretive Programs
- Camping

Amenities

- Picnic Table
- Fire Pit
- Tent Pad
- Accessibility



Submitted by Janet Johnson, Troop 422

MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK: OHANAPECOSH

Ohanapecosh Campground, on the southeast side of Mount Rainier National Park, is surrounded by old growth forest and crossed by an exceptionally beautiful snow-fed river. Close to Ohanapecosh are popular hikes to Silver Falls and the Grove of the Patriarchs. Ohanapecosh campground has an elevation of 1,914 feet. Weather is dry, cool and sunny in the summer with daytime temperatures in the 60 to 80-degree range. Even though the eastern side of the park can be sunnier than other areas, weather can be variable and visitors should come prepared.

This large campground has 188 individual sites for RV or tent camping situated among the ancient trees. There is drinking water, but no electric hookups. Visitors must use extra caution with food storage, as bear and other animals inhabit the area around the campground.

Ohanapecosh is thought to be a Taidnapam Indian word for “standing on the edge” of the Ohanapecosh River. The river itself is lined with mossy boulders and drains cold, clear water down from higher elevations. Its banks are lined with thick, old growth Douglas fir trees and other evergreens. There is no view of Mt. Rainier directly from the campground, though the mountain dominates the landscape in nearby areas of the park.

The most popular campground in the park, Ohanapecosh is convenient to both the Paradise and Sunrise areas. Numerous hiking trails originate both in and nearby the facility, including the Grove of the Patriarchs trail, which leads hikers through stands of old growth forest, and several trails that lead to Silver Falls waterfall. For visitors who would like to learn more about natural and cultural history, the Ohanapecosh Visitor Center is close by as well.

Recreation Sites

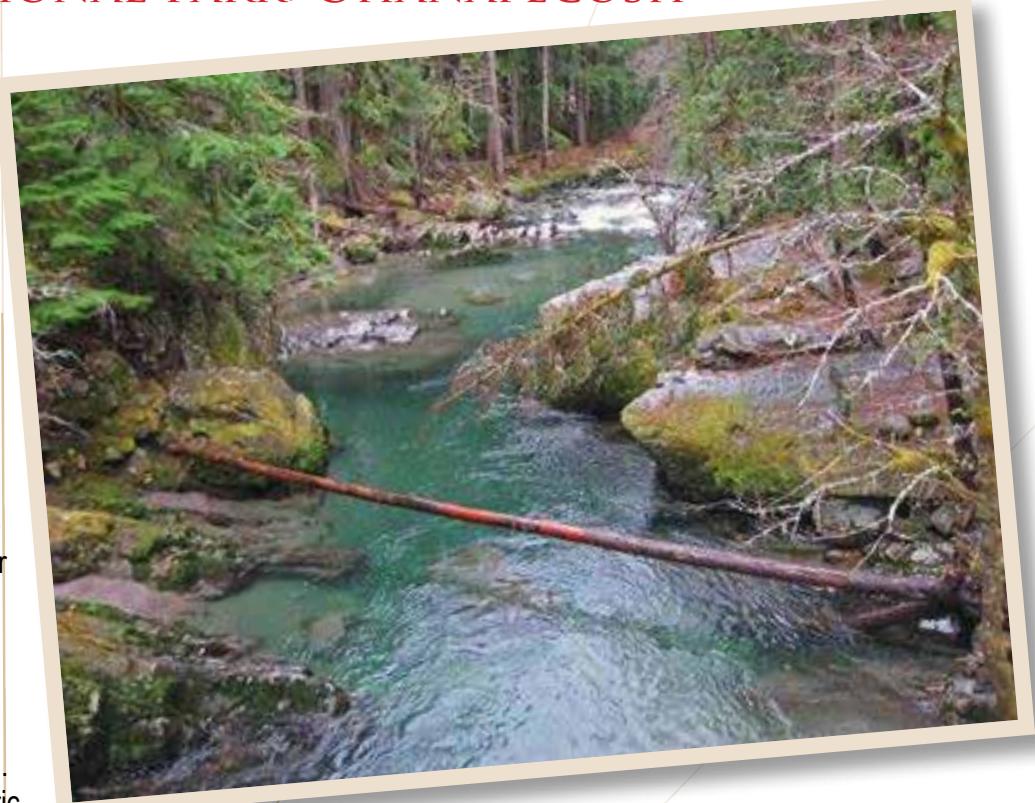
- Standard Nonelectric
- Tent Only Nonelectric
- Picnic
- RV Nonelectric
- Overnight
- Day

Activities

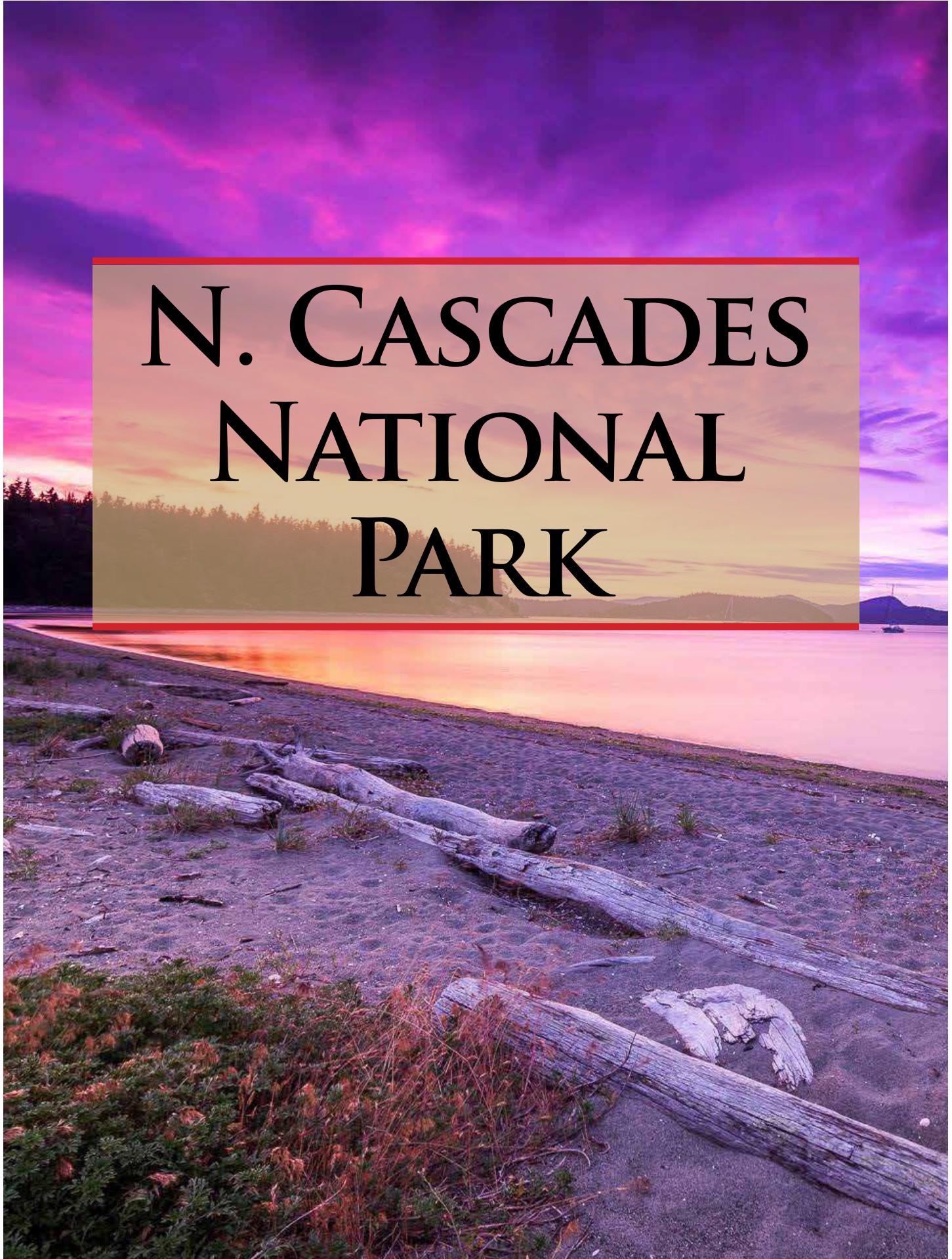
- Day Use Area
- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Camping

Amenities

- Amphitheater
- Picnic Tables
- Tent Pad
- Picnic Table
- Fire Pit
- Grills
- Accessible Campsites
- Accessibility
- Accessible Occupant Message
- Campfire Rings



N. CASCADES NATIONAL PARK



NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

The North Cascades are part of the Cascades Range; they are the border between Canada and the US.

The North Cascades are one of the wildest places in the country with gorgeous peaks, old forests and diverse wildlife. This is the most precious part of the country that should remain wild.

The North Cascades were created by volcanic activity that has been continuing recently. This territory is mostly non-volcanic, but several stratovolcanoes Mount Baker and Glacier Peak are situated here.

These two tallest volcanoes last time erupted about 10,000 – 12,000 years ago. Most of the mountain peaks are over 10,000 feet and they plunge into the most beautiful valleys that are 500 feet above sea level. The most prominent features of this territory are glacially carved U-shaped valleys. There are valleys that were dammed and they became large water reservoirs, such as Ross Lake and Baker Lake.

The climate of the North Cascades varies by elevation and location. The western part of the range is typically dry; this part receives less than 50 inches of rain every year. Higher elevations receive more than 100 inches of snow.

Summers here usually are dry, temperatures are mild in the valleys mostly all the year round, but higher in the mountains summers are cool and winters are very cold. Tops of the mountains are permanently covered with ice and snow.

Another great feature of the North Cascades is alpine glaciers. Mount Baker and Glacier Peak have the largest glaciers. Experts say that there are more than 700 glaciers in this range.

The vegetation in the North Cascades depends on the elevation and amount of precipitation. At low elevations such trees as western hemlock, Douglas-fir, and western red cedar are found.

Middle elevations are represented mainly by Pacific silver fir, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, larches and Douglas-fir.

At higher elevations mountain hemlock and subalpine fir are the main representatives.

The North Cascades are home to 200 species of birds and 75 species of mammals, among them are wolves, grizzly bears, mountain lions, black bears and bald eagles.

It should be said that more than 96% of the territory is uninhabited. North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area protect large areas of the North Cascades. There are also several wildernesses, but lower elevations are widely inhabited. The North Cascades of Washington, known as the American Alps, offer great opportunities for recreation which is associated with natural environment. Hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling are very popular here.



NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK: GOODELL CREEK

Across the Skagit River from the far larger Newhalem Creek Campground (North Cascades National Park's second largest campground), Goodell Creek Campground is far quieter and smaller. With only 19 campsites, Goodell boasts two very large, isolated, and reservable group sites (Upper and Lower).

Under a canopy of massive old-growth Douglas firs, western redcedars, and black cottonwoods, the campsites here are relatively large and spaced well enough from one-another to provide ample privacy. Unlike Newhalem however, Goodell offers little amenities beyond potable water and boat access. In fact, Goodell Creek Campground is perhaps best known as a rafting and kayaking put-in location for those floating the Skagit River, which runs along the entire campground.

Goodell Creek Campground is open year round; however, potable water and services are only provided during the summer months from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. There is no fee during the off season. Upper and Lower Goodell Group Sites are only open during the summer months and can be reserved via Recreation.gov or by calling 1.877.444.6777.



NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK: NEWHALEM CREEK

One of five car campgrounds operated by the National Park Service in the North Cascades, Newhalem Creek Campground is a good option for families, groups, and tent campers. Choose from over 100 sites near the Skagit River amidst a network of trails and attractions.

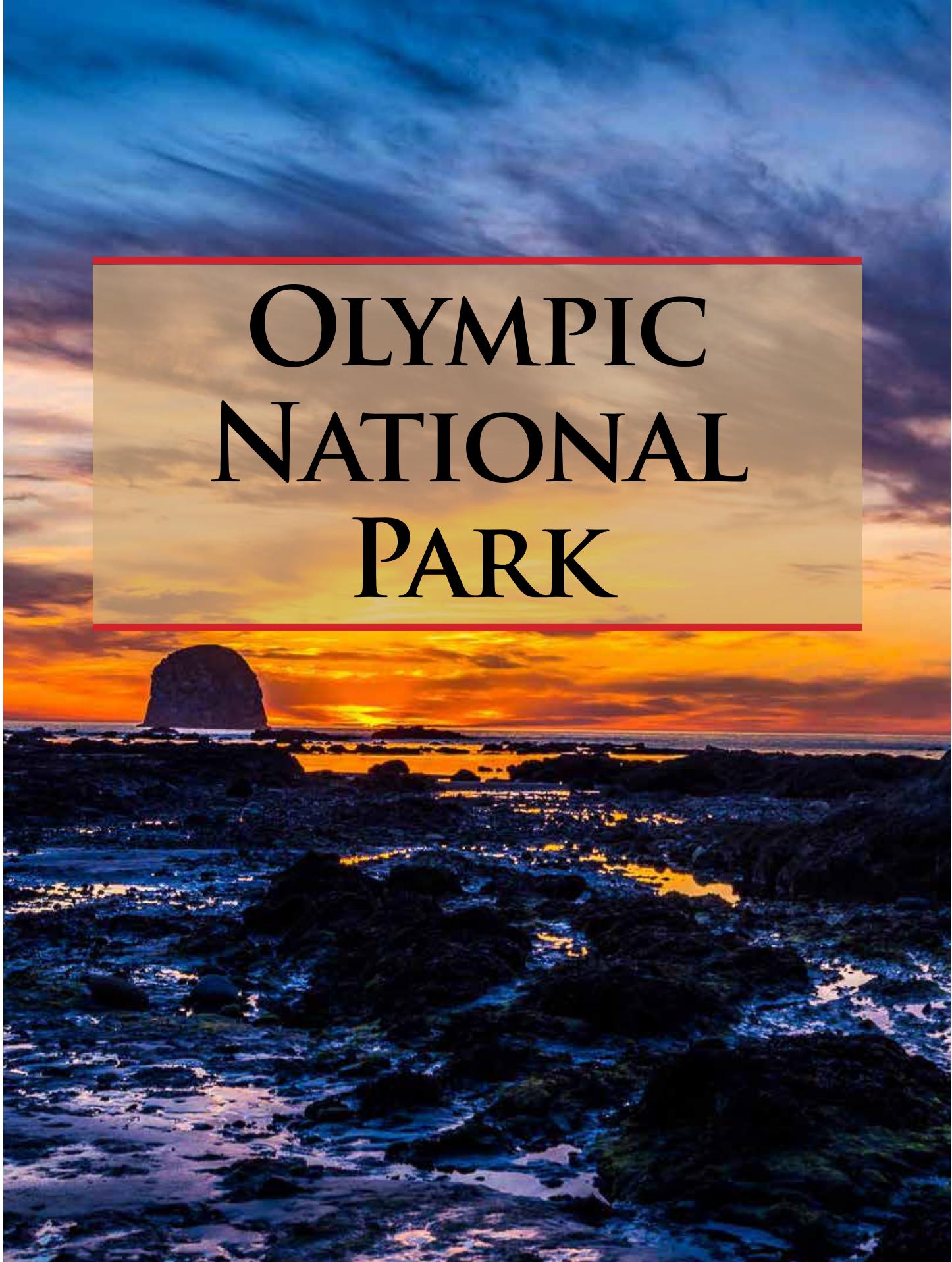
Just about everything you need is within walking distance of Newhalem Creek Campground. The town of Newhalem, built in the early 20th century to house Seattle City Light workers, is conveniently located just 1 mile away and is accessible by car or trail. The North Cascades National Park Visitor Center is also within walking distance and not to be missed. Featuring an interactive relief map and multimedia exhibits, the visitor center is a highly recommended stop for North Cascades first-timers. Check out some of the short interpretive trails in the area to learn about local flora and fauna.

While there are no hookups or showers, Newhalem Creek Campground offers several pull-through RV spaces, a dump station, and restrooms with flush toilets. Most sites are first-come, first-served. Loop C, including the two group sites, can be reserved online or by phone. The campsite closes annually near the end of September. Check the National Park Service website for specific dates.

Note that most sites do not have direct river access. For access to the Skagit River, secure one of the walk-in sites north of Loop A.



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK



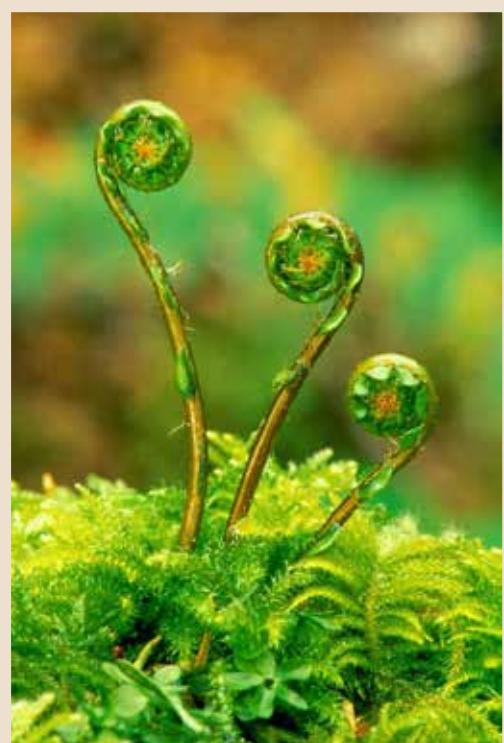
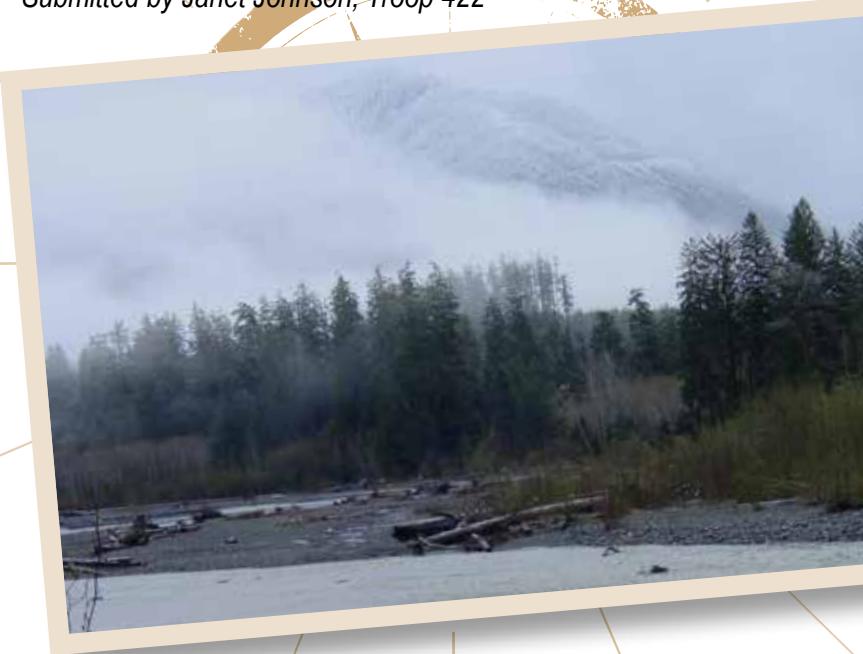
OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Located in northwestern Washington state, the park is named for Mount Olympus, which receives more than 200 inches of precipitation each year and most of that falls as snow. At 7,980 feet, Mount Olympus is the highest peak in Olympic National Park and has the third largest glacial system in the contiguous U.S.

This is the park of my childhood. It has 16 different campgrounds. My dad's favorite camping/fishing spot was the Queets. Other camping favorites include the Hoh, Sol Duc, Mora, Kalaloch, and Ozette. You could probably camp there for a lifetime and still not discover all of Olympic's secrets.

With nearly one million acres, Olympic encompasses several distinctly different ecosystems and protects a rich natural and cultural history. Untamed rivers flow from glacier-capped peaks through valleys of old-growth forests, waves crash against a shoreline rich with life, and only trails traverse the vast interior of this internationally recognized wilderness.

Submitted by Janet Johnson, Troop 422



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK: HOH RAIN FOREST

Mild winters, cool summers and up to 12 feet of annual precipitation produce the giant conifers that dominate this rain forest, one of the most spectacular examples of temperate rain forest in the world. Bigleaf maple and vine maple host an abundance of epiphytes (plants growing upon other plants) that give the rain forest its characteristic look and ethereal quality. A plethora of mosses, ferns and plants compete for space on the forest floor; grazing elk keep the understory open. Dead and downed trees decay slowly and support new life as 'nurselogs.' The eternal cycle of life and death is strikingly apparent in this magnificent forest community.

The Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center is open daily in summer, and Friday through Sunday the rest of the year. Interpretive exhibits, educational sales items, wilderness camping permits. No food or gas. Wheelchair available for checkout.

There is a picnic area near visitor center. Picnic tables and accessible restrooms.

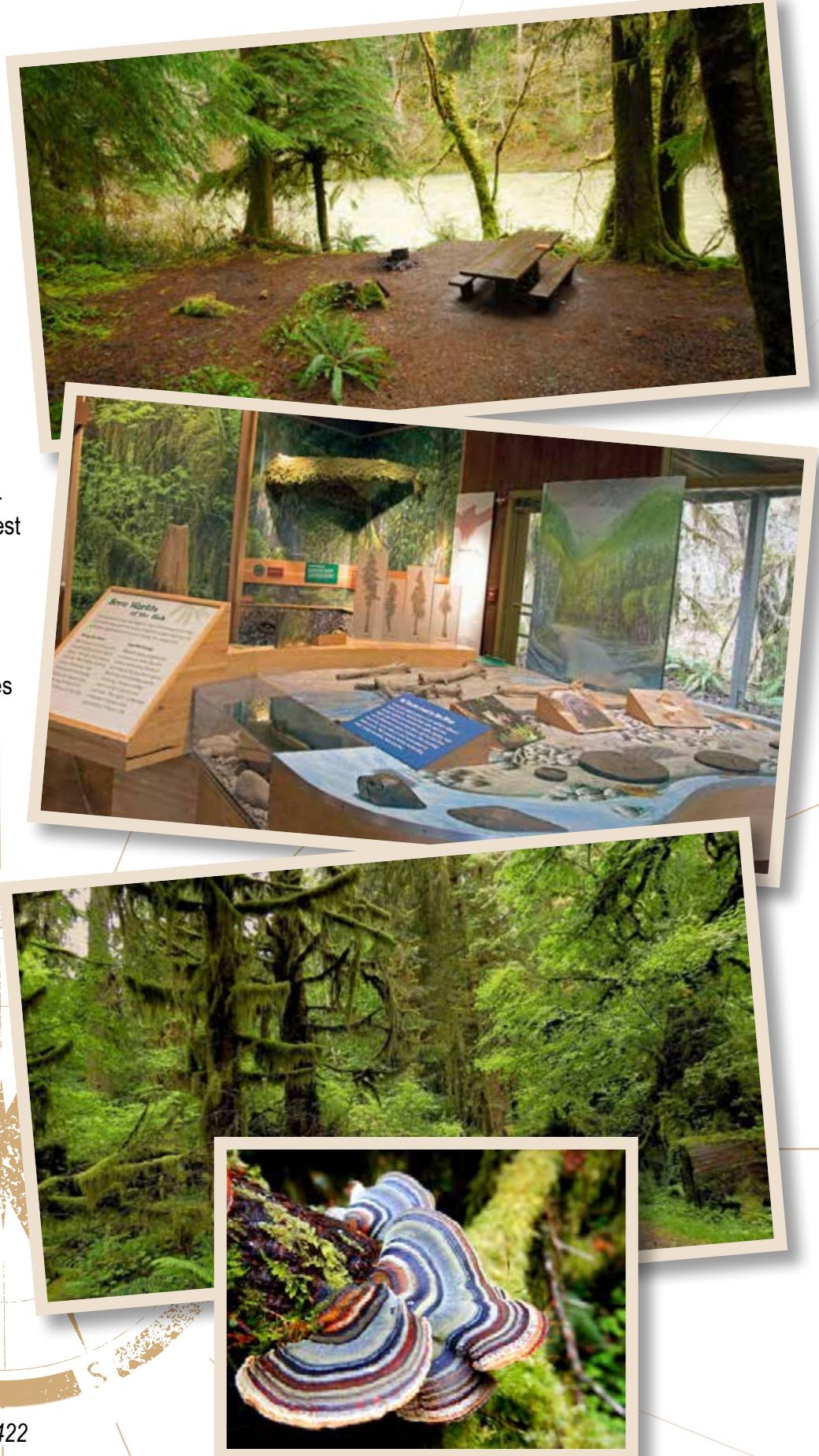
The campground has 88 sites (one accessible), fire pits with grates, picnic tables, potable water, accessible restrooms, animal-proof food storage lockers, RV dump station (fee). No reservations; sites are first come, first served. Open year round.

Safety

Do not approach elk! Stay 50 yards away from wildlife.

Swimming and boating on the Hoh River can be extremely dangerous and are not recommended.

Submitted by Janet Johnson, Troop 422



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK: MORA

One of Olympic National Park's largest campgrounds, Mora Campground's 94 tent/car sites make for a popular overnight resting spot for those exploring the Mora and La Push area beaches and rugged coastline. Open year-round and operated on a first-come, first-served basis, the campground features restrooms, potable water, bear-proof food storage lockers, a large summer amphitheater, and an RV dump station. Note that the campground does not have any RV hook-ups.

The short 0.9-mile long Slough Trail leads from the Mora Ranger Station down to the Quillayute River, and an even shorter 0.3-mile loop trail leads to James Pond on the north side of Mora Road. From Rialto Beach, venture on the 1.5-mile one-way trail to Hole-in-the-Wall, where anemones, sea stars, urchins, mussels and countless barnacles rest in its tide pools. From La Push, be sure to explore First, Second and Third Beach, all with iconic and picturesque seastack views.

Submitted by Janet Johnson, Troop 422



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK: LENA LAKE

Enjoy a setting of forested second growth to old growth forest and beautiful 55-acre fishable lake.

The trail to Lena Lake and Lena Lake Campground is well maintained and is a moderate grade with long switchbacks.

This heavily used walk-in campground is accessed by hiking 3.5 miles on Lena Lake Trail #810. This backcountry primitive camping area is located along the west-shore of Lena Lake in the Hamma Hamma drainage at 1,800 feet elevation.

There are two pit toilets available on the west and north shores. Camp in designated sites located on either side of the lake. First come, first served.

From the campground there is access to The Brothers Wilderness via The Brothers Trail #821 which ends at The Brothers Base Camp. Wilderness regulations apply within The Brothers Wilderness.

Beyond Lower Lena Lake, the trails are much steeper and receive less maintenance. Upper Lena Lake is an additional 3.5 miles and 2,600 feet elevation, but worth it.

Campers must be familiar with Leave No Trace principles.

Pack out all trash, camp within developed sites, and respect other visitors. A valid Recreation Pass is required at Lena Lake Trailhead for each calendar day you will be visiting. Open season is late spring to early fall. Be aware of wildlife in the area. Please review the mountain goat safety guidelines.

Look for the plaque that commemorates Lena Lake as a former scout camp.

Directions

From Hood River, travel US Highway 101 north for 14 miles. Then take Forest Service Road 25 (Hamma Hamma Recreation Area) west for 8 miles to the Lena Lake Trailhead. Forest Service Road 25 is paved to the Lena Lake Trailhead. Hike the Lena Lake Trail #810 for 3.2 miles to Lena Lake Campground on the west-shore of Lena Lake.

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OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK: QUEETS

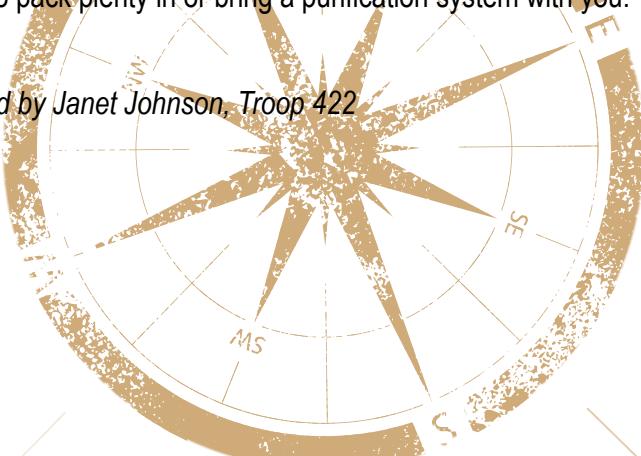
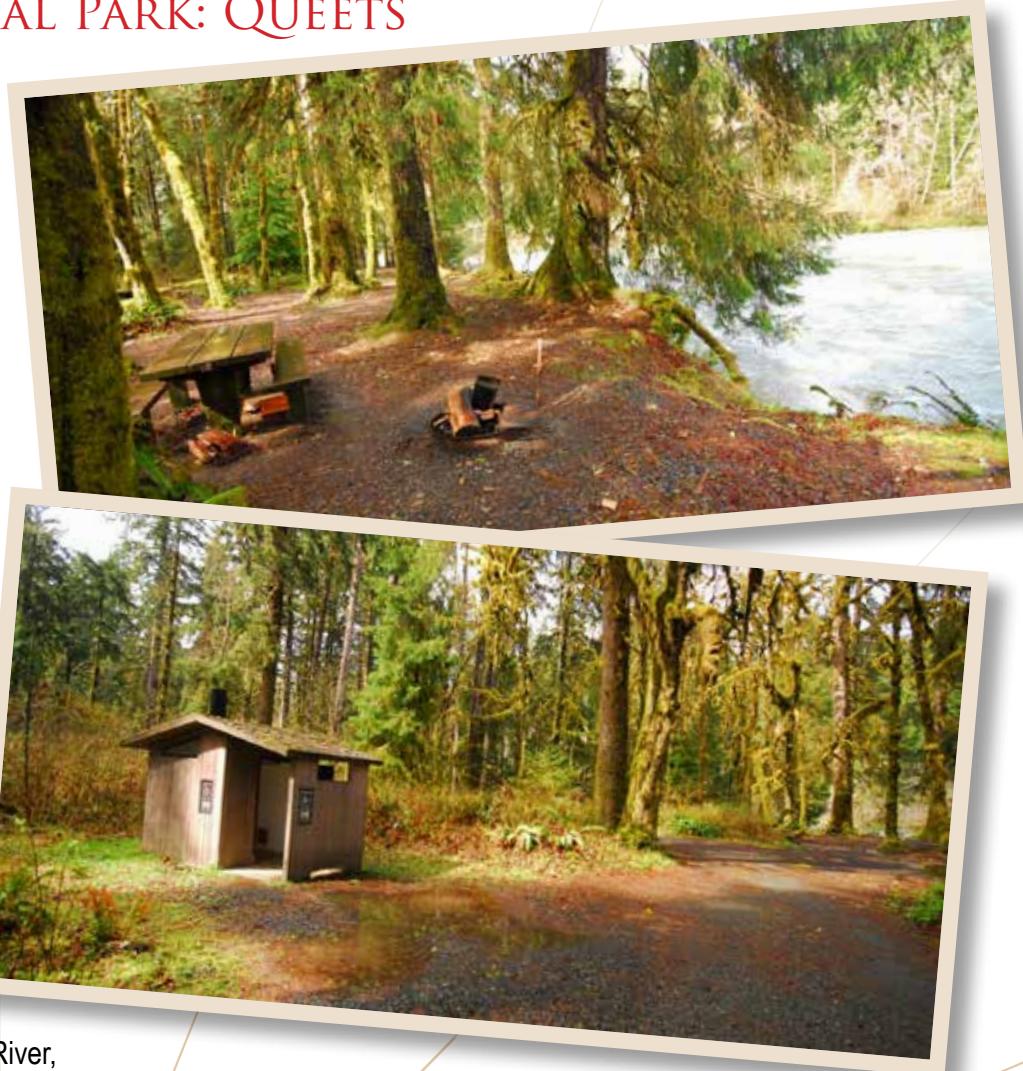
Of the three major river valleys that flow out of the glacial peaks of the Olympic Mountains westward into the Pacific Ocean (the Hoh, Queets, and Quinault rivers), the Queets is certainly the most secluded and wild. Much of this has to do with the fact that the Queets River Road has been completely washed out at mile post 8 for quite some time, and it isn't like to be restored. Because of this, the access into the Queets River Valley is obscure at best. This means you must follow the driving directions closely, but it also makes for one of the most unique and tranquil experiences in the Olympic National Park.

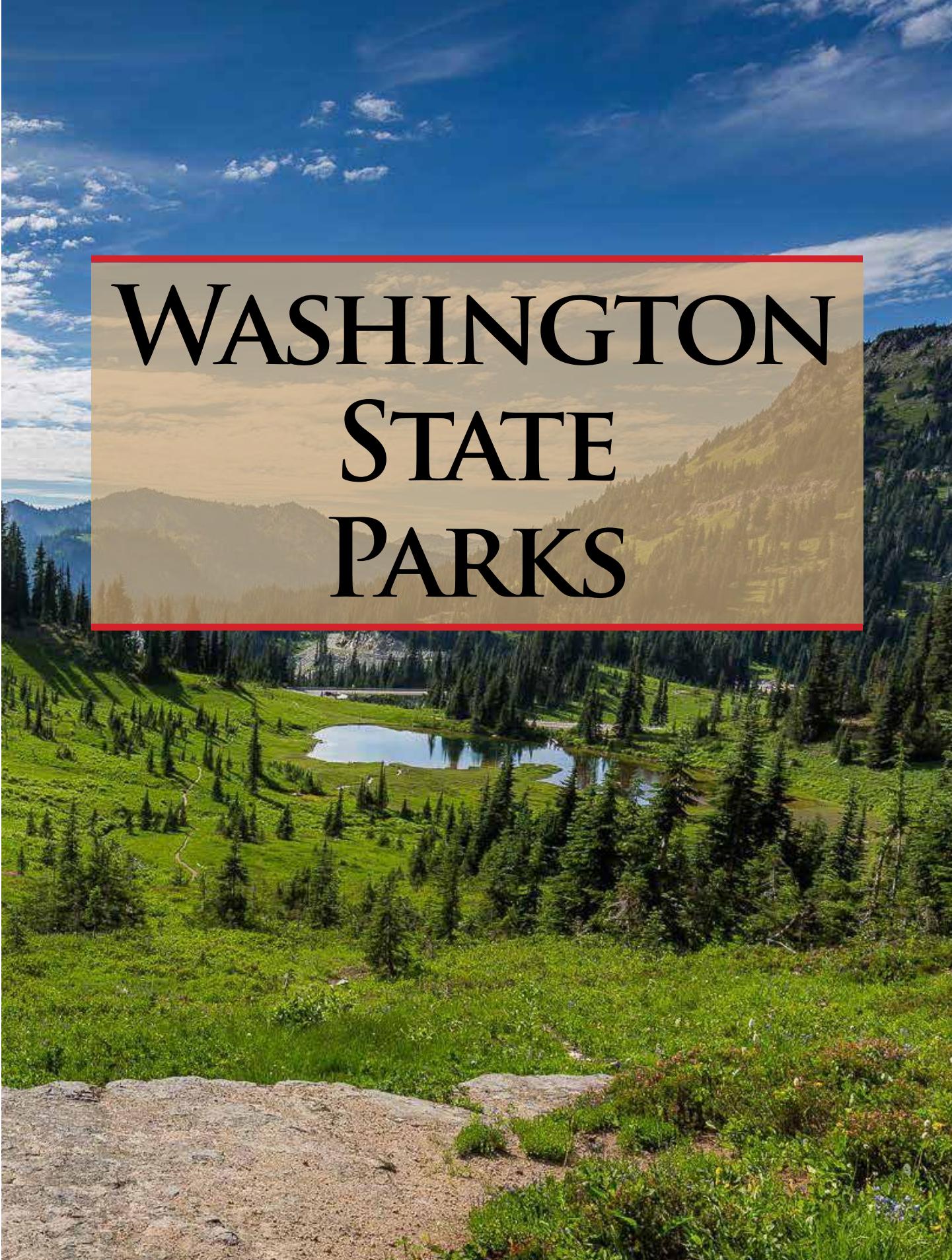
Once you make it down to the river's banks, Queets Campground is there year-round for travelers needing to camp and rest before or after their next adventure. With only 12 sites and a vault toilet, amenities are limited. The campground does provide direct access to the Queets River, however, and it is ideally located next to the record-setting massive Queets Spruce and the 3-mile Sams River Loop Trail.

For serious hikers, by the late summer the Queets River is low enough to ford to gain access onto the Queets River Trail, where it's a 2-mile hike to the world's largest Douglas fir and 5.3 miles one-way to Spruce Bottom Camp.

The Queets Valley is notorious for black bear sightings, particularly in spring, so be sure to stay alert, cook your food away from where you sleep, and store your food well out of reach at night. There is also no potable water at the campground, so be sure to pack plenty in or bring a purification system with you.

Submitted by Janet Johnson, Troop 422





WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

WA STATE PARK: ALTA LAKE

Alta Lake State Park is a land of fire and water. Tucked into the hills between Winthrop and Lake Chelan, Alta Lake has long been a hub for anglers, water sports enthusiasts and families that love to camp. When the Carlton Complex fire swept through the region in 2014, it damaged parts of the park and left a landscape of twisted black trees and scarred earth. But the Alta Lake story is one of recovery, replanting and restoration. Trees and shrubs have begun to grow back, and campers again pitch their tents and bring their RVs to the campsites above the lake. Boaters take off for far corners, many with fishing poles. Children's laughter can be heard on the shore. Summer at Alta Lake is a tradition for many families. As the park evolves, it continues to offer a social lakeside experience, and now it provides something new: a chance to witness the power of nature and its amazing resilience.



Alta Lake State Park is a 174-acre camping park where mountainous pine forests meet the desert. The lake is about 2 miles long and a half-mile wide and offers good trout fishing, conditional water skiing, and windsurfing during summer months. Lake Chelan, with its many activities, is 30 minutes away.

Trails

- 2 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- Boating
- 60-foot dock
- Fishing (freshwater)
- Paddleboarding
- Personal watercraft use
- Sailboarding
- Swimming
- Waterskiing (waterskiing can be dangerous on this small lake. There are waterskiing opportunities 4 miles away on the Columbia River)
- Windsurfing



Other Activities & Features

- Bird watching
- Golfing (there is an 18-hole golf course in the Alta Lake area)
- Wildlife viewing

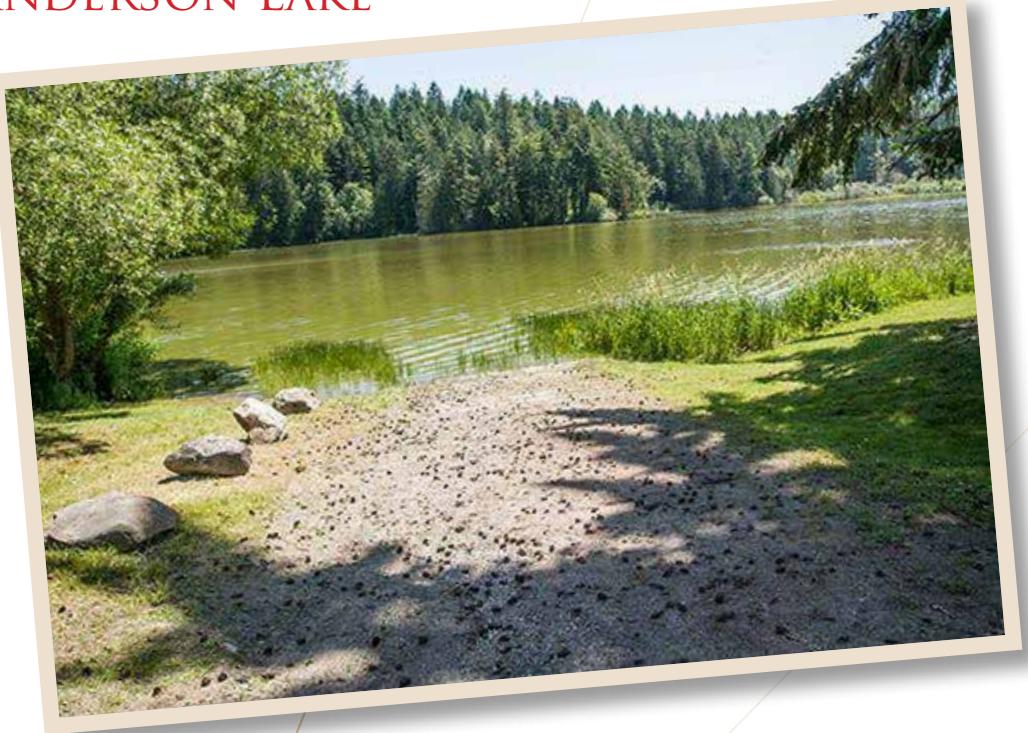
Additional Information

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: ANDERSON LAKE

Day Use Only; No Camping

Pack a picnic lunch and spend a day at Anderson Lake State Park. Located 20 minutes from Port Townsend on the Northeastern Olympic Peninsula, Anderson Lake combines a cedar, fir and alder forest with freshwater marshes. Anderson Lake is one of the few parks in the area to offer equestrian and bike trails, which slope down to a lake teeming with birds and wildlife. Non-motorized boating is allowed. The lake may be closed to all water activity due to recurring toxic algae issues. Check with Jefferson County Public Health on their lake status page for lake conditions and status reports.



Anderson Lake State Park is a 496-acre day-use park encompassing 476 acres with 8,250 feet of freshwater shoreline on the 70-acre lake, which abounds with birds and wildlife.

The park has several picnic tables along the lake shore. No public water is available. Two vault toilets and equestrian trailer parking with hitching posts are available within the park.

Trails

- 8 miles of hiking trails
- 7 miles of biking trails
- 5 miles of equestrian trails

Water Activities & Features

- Boating (non-motorized)
- Boat ramp
- Fishing (freshwater)

Other Activities & Features

- Bird watching

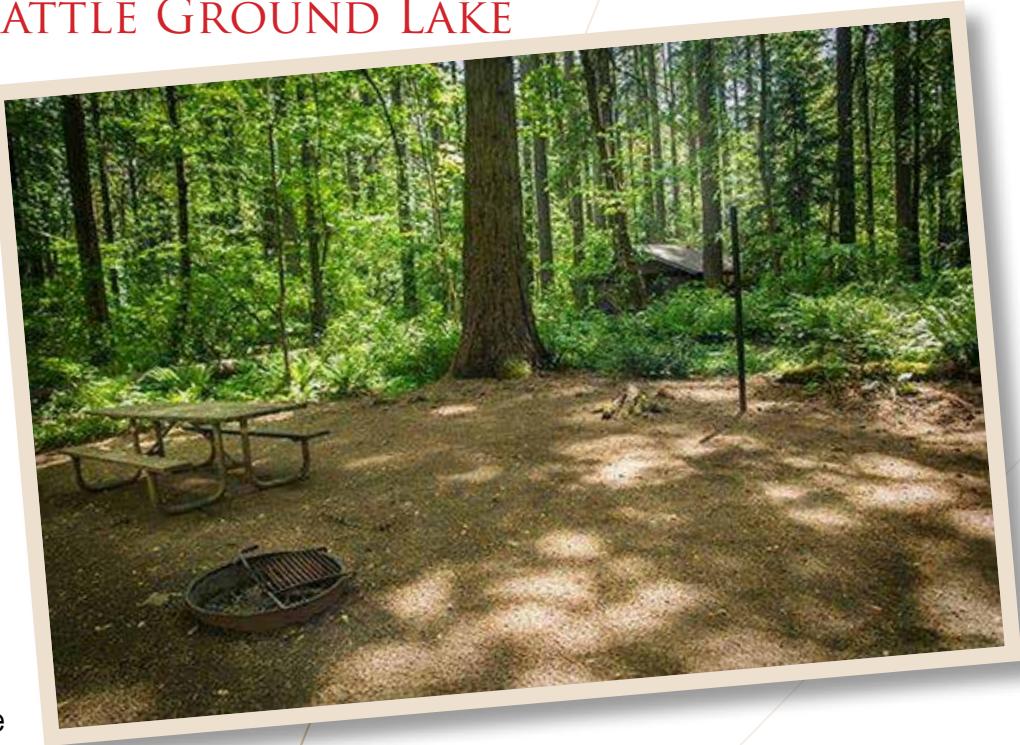
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WA STATE PARK: BATTLE GROUND LAKE

Battle Ground Lake State Park is a forested camping park in the Cascade Mountain foothills; its proximity to Vancouver and Portland and its cool green lake make it a great escape from the bustle of city and suburbs.

Children frolic in the shallow swim area under the watchful eyes of their picnicking parents, anglers float on the lake, hikers and campers take quiet strolls in the woods. On sunny weekends, laughter fills the playground, lakefront and kitchen areas. Whether you've come for a rest or a family play day, time spent at Battle Ground Lake will leave you refreshed and ready to tackle your life once again.



The 275-acre park offers hiking, biking, horse trails and a primitive equestrian camping area. The spring-fed lake is attractive to swimmers and paddlers and is stocked with trout, making it a favorite of anglers.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

Two kitchen shelters without electricity are available on a first-come, first-served basis year-round. Each accommodates about 20 people. There are 70 unsheltered picnic tables.

One kitchen shelter with electricity is reservable. The facility accommodates 20 to 150 people. Fees vary based on size of the group. Reservations can be made online or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

Trails

- 5 miles of biking trails
- 10 miles of hiking trails
- 5 miles of horse trails

Water Activities & Features

- Boating (non-motorized)
- Diving
- 60 feet of dock
- Fishing (freshwater)
- Swimming
- Watercraft launch

Other Activities & Features

- Badminton area
- Baseball field
- Bird watching
- Fire circle
- Horseshoe pits (2)
- Mountain biking
- Softball field
- Volleyball field
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

The sports field has room for soccer but no goal posts. There are movable poles for badminton or volleyball. Groups provide net and ball or shuttlecock.

The park does not have designated bike trails. Mountain bikers may use horse trails as long as they yield to horse riders.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: BAY VIEW

Bay View State Park on Padilla Bay overlooks the San Juan Islands and offers up magnificent views of the archipelago. On clear or partially clear evenings, the skies light up and cast the islands in silhouette against the bright sunset colors.

Into active adventures? Get out on the water for sailboarding, water-skiing, paddle sports, fishing and swimming.

This tiny park has a larger, interesting neighbor: Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve makes up 11,000 acres of the bay and draws students, scientists, activists and citizens for research, education, awareness and training. This reserve is one of five such protected areas in the western United States. Its habitat includes open waters, eelgrass beds, intertidal bays, uplands, freshwater sloughs and high salt marsh.



Countless marine animals call the area home. The Breazeale Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, located half-mile from the park, allows families and children to view and interact with the estuary through a series of exhibits and hands-on activities. Visible across the bay, an oil refinery reminds visitors of the challenges the modern world presents to marine areas.

Bay View State Park is a 66-acre camping park with 1,285 feet of saltwater shoreline on Padilla Bay.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The beach shelter capacity is 175 people. It provides a view of Padilla Bay, two large barbecues, and ADA access, but no electricity. Rental fees vary depending on size of the group. To make a reservation, visit online or call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

The park also provides six sheltered and 62 unsheltered picnic tables available first come, first served. No keg beer is permitted on the premises.

Water Activities & Features

- Boating
- Kayaking
- Fishing (saltwater)
- Personal watercraft use
- Sailboarding
- Swimming
- Waterskiing

Other Activities & Features

- Beach exploration
- Bird watching
- Fire pits throughout the beach area
- Kite flying
- Metal detecting

Additional Information

The beach area is good for swimming, but there are no lifeguards on site. On windy days, with appropriate tides, sailboarding is becoming more popular.

Padilla Bay Shore Trail is 1 mile south of the park.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: BEACON ROCK

A dizzying mile-long switchback trail takes you up 848-foot Beacon Rock, but that's not the only way to a tip-top experience. Rock climbing and hiking to waterfalls are the rage at this park, where there are plenty of vantage points for eagle-eye views. Cyclists and horseback riders also will find trails to the vistas from Hamilton Mountain saddle, and boaters can delight in the majesty of Beacon Rock from the Columbia River. Beacon Rock overlooks a breathtaking section of the Columbia River Gorge, a deep, wide gouge in the earth carved by Ice Age floods. Now, the mighty Columbia rushes down to the ocean in a froth of whitecaps, bisecting Washington and Oregon, with walls of columnar basalt and mountains rising thousands of feet on both sides.



Beacon Rock State Park is a 4,464-acre, year-round camping park located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Beacon Rock itself is the core of an ancient volcano. The park includes 9,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Columbia River and more than 26 miles of roads and trails open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

There are two kitchen shelters with electricity in the park, plus two sheltered and 53 unsheltered picnic tables.

The lower picnic area kitchen shelter is located at Hamilton Mountain Trailhead, available first come, first served. Water and power are available in the shelter.

The upper picnic area kitchen shelter is available by reservation for groups of up to 100 people. Water and power are on site.

Trails

- 1 mile of ADA hiking trail
- 8.2 miles of hiking trails
- 13 miles of bike trails
- 13 miles of horse trails

Water Activities & Features

- 916 feet of dock
- 916 feet of moorage
- Boating
- Fishing (freshwater)
- Watercraft launch

Other Activities & Features

- Mountain biking
- Rock climbing
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

Beacon Rock offers excellent opportunities for rock climbing and is considered to be some of the very best "Traditional Climbing" in the northwest. Climbers do need to be aware of where and when they climb due to management restrictions.

The horse and bike trails are multi-use, with hikers allowed.

There is fishing on the lower Columbia River, below Bonneville Dam, for sturgeon, salmon, steelhead, bass and walleye.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: BELFAIR

Wetlands, pebble beaches, tidal flats and salmon runs are the stuff that Puget Sound is made of. You will find those features and more at Belfair State Park.

Located on Hood Canal between Shelton and Bremerton, the park's gentle breezes offer ideal conditions for kite-flying, windsurfing and kicking back on a warm summer day. Anglers can choose from fresh and saltwater fishing, and kayakers can push off onto the Cascadia Marine Trail and explore the Puget Sound waterways.

Those who have tents or RVs will find ample camping, but during the summer, you won't have the park to yourself. Whether you're a solo canoeist out for a paddle or a family of four in a camper, you're sure to make new friends and memories at Belfair State Park.

Belfair State Park is a 94-acre, year-round camping park on 3,720 feet of saltwater shoreline at the southern end of Hood Canal in western Washington.



Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park has two picnic shelters with no electricity, available first come, first served. Groups of 50 people or more need to contact the park at (360) 275-0668 about group accommodations and activities.

The park has two sheltered and 130 unsheltered picnic tables. Braziers and ADA picnic tables are available. The day-use area is very level and has ADA restroom facilities and beach access.

There is a large playing field for sports, and a play area for children is nearby. The warm waters and fine gravel beaches of this Hood Canal park are ideally suited for swimming, snorkeling, wind surfing, kayaking and other water activities.

Water Activities & Features

- Clamming/ Oyster harvesting
- Crabbing
- Fishing (freshwater/saltwater)
- Swimming

Other Activities & Features

- Badminton area
- Bird watching
- Fire circles (2)
- Horseshoe pits (2)
- Volleyball fields (2)

Additional Information

One multi-purpose grass area may be used for softball, soccer or football. The park is situated on the warm saltwater beaches of Hood Canal. A bathhouse is nearby. An open field near Hood Canal is popular for kite flying.

A state fishing license is required to fish Big Mission and Little Mission creeks, and a state saltwater license is required for crab and shellfish harvesting and fishing. Shellfish regulations change periodically, so it is encouraged that you check the most recent updates before collecting shellfish.

The Department of Natural Resources Tahuya Multiple Use Area is nearby, with trails for motorcycles, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding and off-road vehicles. There are several golf courses in the area.

Gathering firewood is not allowed, but firewood is for sale in the park.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: BIRCH BAY

Set in a blue cove between Bellingham and Blaine, Birch Bay State Park feels private and secluded without being far from urban life.

Stroll along the rocky beach and take in dramatic views of the North Cascades Mountains and Canadian Gulf Islands. Or head up the Terrell Marsh interpretive trail to a rare saltwater and freshwater estuary teeming with birds and wildlife, including great blue herons.

Low tide reveals a wide mudflat with a treasure trove of clams and other shellfish that can be harvested in season. Bring out the pails, shovels, mud boots and licenses, and start digging!

If you prefer to swim, Birch Bay is known for its relatively warm water, and if you'd rather be on the water, the park offers excellent crabbing, windsurfing, sailing and paddling.

The campgrounds, basketball court and environmental education programs in summer ensure fun for the whole family. If you're looking for a side trip, the border town of Blaine and the fascinating Peace Arch State Park are only 9 miles north.

Birch Bay State Park is a 664-acre camping park with 8,255 feet of saltwater shoreline on Birch Bay and 14,923 feet of freshwater shoreline on Terrell Creek. The Terrell Creek Marsh is one of the few remaining saltwater/freshwater estuaries in north Puget Sound. A natural game sanctuary sits at the park's north end.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park has six sheltered and 120 unsheltered picnic tables. There is one kitchen shelter with electricity and water that is on a first-come, first-served basis, and one reservable picnic shelter without electricity that can accommodate up to 150 guests. The reservable picnic shelter can be reserved online or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

Trails

- 0.5 mile of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- Boating
- Boat ramp
- Clamming
- Crabbing
- Kite boarding
- Oyster harvesting
- Personal watercraft use
- Swimming

Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheater
- Basketball court
- Beach exploration
- Bird watching
- Fire circles (6)
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

Birch Bay is a popular destination for hard shell clamming and is abundant in Dungeness crab. Harvest season normally begins mid-August.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington State Parks.

WA STATE PARK: BLAKE ISLAND

Accessible only by boat, Blake Island offers a change of pace not far from Seattle. In addition to the Native American-themed Tillicum events, this destination features blue waters, peaceful trails, driftwood-scattered beaches and views of the city and Mt. Rainier.

Once off the boat, let your boots or bicycle take you down miles of trail to the island's interior, where forest animals and birds make appearances. Or stay near the water and fish, dig for clams in season or go scuba diving. Arriving by human-powered watercraft? Hunker down in one of the Cascadia Marine Trail campsites at the west end of the island for majestic sunsets over the Olympic Mountains.

Whether you're lounging on your vessel, kayaking the Cascadia Marine Trail, or enjoying Tillicum, Blake Island will exceed expectations.

Blake Island Marine State Park is a 1,127-acre, marine camping park with 5 miles of saltwater beach shoreline. The park is reachable only by tour boat or private boat. A Northwest flavors-inspired buffet meal with traditionally prepared alder fire-roasted fish and a live stage performance featuring Northwest Native American storytelling are offered at Argosy Cruises' Tillicum Excursion.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

Two picnic shelters with a fire circle for groups of 100 people or less. No electricity is available. Fires are permitted only in designated fire circles at individual campsites. Barbeque grills are located in the day-use area.

Trails

- 7.5 miles of bike trails
- 8 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- 1,500 feet of moorage
- Boating
- Clamming
- Crabbing
- Diving
- Fishing (saltwater)

Other Activities & Features

- Beach exploration
- Bird watching
- Mountain biking
- Fire circles (2 sheltered)
- Horseshoe pits (2)
- Volleyball field
- Wildlife viewing

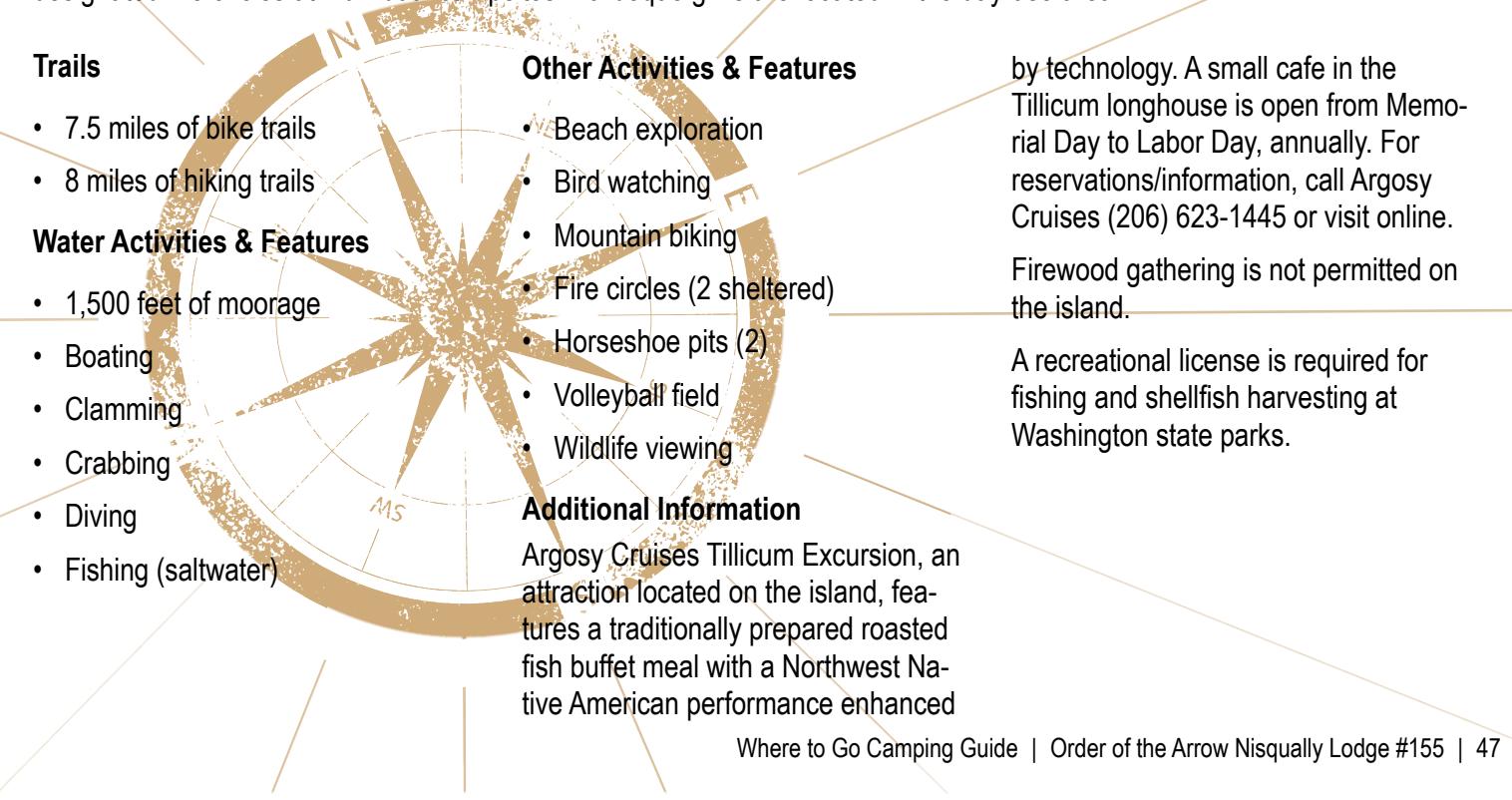
Additional Information

Argosy Cruises Tillicum Excursion, an attraction located on the island, features a traditionally prepared roasted fish buffet meal with a Northwest Native American performance enhanced

by technology. A small cafe in the Tillicum longhouse is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, annually. For reservations/information, call Argosy Cruises (206) 623-1445 or visit online.

Firewood gathering is not permitted on the island.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.



WA STATE PARK: BOGACHIEL

The Hoh Rainforest in the Olympic National Park is one of the world's iconic forests. Known for its vibrant greens, curtains of moss and dense, old-growth canopy, the Hoh is nearly half a day's drive from Seattle. But campers at Bogachiel State Park, a lush rainforest in its own right, enjoy a 40-minute drive to this natural wonder. Relaxation and Olympic Peninsula exploration are the name of the game at Bogachiel. After a leisurely morning along the Bogachiel River, take Highway 101 to the Hoh Rainforest and spend a day among moss and mushrooms. Take a stroll on the mighty Hoh River, give elk herds the right of way and hope for a glimpse of the snowy Olympic Mountains. Also 45 minutes away are the wild peninsula beaches. Check out the rock pillars of Ruby Beach and nose around in the tide pools at Rialto, Beach 2 and Beach 4. Then enjoy dinner at Kalaloch or in Forks, where you also can pick up "Twilight" souvenirs for the vampire story fan in your family.



Back at Bogachiel, soak your feet in the river and take your time in this green-enshrouded forest. You have now seen a part of the world that few will ever experience.

Bogachiel State Park is a thickly forested, 127-acre camping park on the banks of the Bogachiel River. The park provides an excellent base for touring the western Olympic Peninsula.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides three picnic tables in the upper day-use area. The lower day-use area has a kitchen shelter with electricity, lighting, a large grill and three parking spots, all on a first-come, first-served basis. A restroom is nearby.

Trails

- 1 mile of hiking trail

Other Activities & Features

- Bird watching
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

During mid-summer visitors have been known to float the small section of river at the park.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: BRIDGEPORT

Fishing, golf, sagebrush and chill time: what more could a desert vacationer want?

Set directly behind Chief Joseph Dam on the Columbia River, Bridgeport State Park offers sunny fun on Rufus Woods Lake.

The lake, a reservoir of the Columbia River, is perfect for swimming, boating and year-round fishing. Walleye and rainbow trout practically leap from the lake, where most fishing is done by boat. Satisfied with your catch? Take the kids waterskiing, or go waterskiing yourself!

After an energetic day on the lake, take some hammock time and gaze at the orchards across the Columbia. Or

poke around the north side of the park, where haystack volcanic formations are a reminder of the area's turbulent geology. Enjoy the high-desert landscape, including the scent of sage and the sight of bright lupine blooms.

The kids will enjoy the park's playground and seasonal Saturday interpretive programs offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Chief Joseph Dam makes for an interesting side trip.

Bridgeport State Park is a 622-acre camping park with 7,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on Rufus Woods Lake. Set directly behind Chief Joseph Dam, the park provides 18 acres of lawn and a bit of shade in the midst of a desert terrain.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The first-come, first-served day-use area provides 20 unsheltered picnic tables.

Trails

- 4 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- 240 feet of dock
- Boating
- Boat ramps (2)
- Fishing (freshwater)
- Personal watercraft use
- Swimming
- Waterskiing

Other Activities & Features

- Barbeque stands
- Bird watching
- Gazebos, sheltered (2)
- Golf
- Sailboarding
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

Play area for children with a big toy.

The lake is abundant in rainbow trout, silvers and walleye. Fishing is open year round. Most fishing is by boat. Shore fishing requires a Colville Tribe fishing license in addition to a state license if fishing off of state park property. Colville Tribe fishing licenses can be purchased at the park or in the cities of Bridgeport or Brewster.

WA STATE PARK: CAMANO ISLAND

Close to Seattle but a world away, Camano Island State Park offers a mellow, less bustling, but equally friendly alternative to its busier neighbor, Cama Beach State Park.

Forest loop trails provide cool, tranquil hiking, while shoreline strolls offer birding, shell and rock exploration and sweeping views of Puget Sound, Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier.

Go boating, crabbing, saltwater fishing and sailboarding in Saratoga Passage.

Camano Island State Park is a 244-acre camping park with 6,700 feet of rocky shoreline and beach located an hour from Seattle on beautiful Camano Island.



Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter has a sink, wood stove, is wired for electricity and will accommodate groups of up to 44 people. A generator and a small amount of firewood will be provided upon request. There are two large charcoal braziers and picnic tables. The North Beach picnic shelter is first come, first served and can accommodate up to 12 people.

Trails

- 1 mile of biking trails
- 3 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- Boating
- Boat ramps (2)
- Crabbing
- Diving
- Personal watercraft use
- Saltwater fishing
- Swimming
- Waterskiing

Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheater
- Bird watching
- Fire circle
- Sailboarding
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

The park has a large field for ball games in the day-use area. An 18-hole golf course is located near the park on Camano Island.

Check Fish and Game regulation booklet and local papers for season dates of clamping, crabbing and fishing.



WA STATE PARK: DASH POINT

Washington water fans, look no further! Bust out your kayak, sand bucket, swimsuit or fishing rod, and head straight for Dash Point State Park!

Hidden in plain sight between Seattle and Tacoma, this park offers miles of forested hiking and biking trails, but its main draw is the beach. The shoreline narrows at high tide, bringing anglers out to its pier. Low tide turns the sand flats into a play destination for locals, families with children and hip skim boarders surfing the shallow water.

Dash Point has become a hotspot for skim boarding, which consists of throwing a small, thin board into shallow water, jumping onto it and riding it like a cross between a surf board and a skateboard. Low tide at Dash Point provides ideal conditions for this activity, and this is a popular place for skim boarding camps, competitions and gatherings on the park's sandy shores.

While boarders chase the ultimate ride, birders can see a multitude of shore birds and raptors. Beach explorers will find starfish and crabs. Budding botanists can identify a rich variety of trees, plants and flowers.

Dash Point State Park is set on the Puget Sound in western Washington and is a popular destination for water recreation. This 461-acre camping park features 3,301 feet of saltwater shoreline. The beach provides unobstructed views of Puget Sound and opportunities for sea-life study. The sandy beach at the park is a relaxing beach getaway near the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Federal Way.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

There are two covered picnic shelters in the park that are reservable. The park provides 20 unsheltered picnic tables available first come, first served.

Trails

- 8 miles of biking trails
- 11 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- Beach exploration
- Fishing (saltwater)
- Kayaking
- Skimboarding
- Swimming



Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheater
- Beach exploration
- Bird watching
- Kite flying
- Mountain biking
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

Clamming is not recommended.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: DECEPTION PASS

Deception Pass is Washington's most-visited state park for a reason. Mysterious coves, rugged cliffs, jaw-dropping sunsets, and a stomach-dropping high bridge make this park a go-to for locals and international travelers alike.

Families can fish and swim in Cranberry Lake. Beach explorers look for shells along miles of Puget Sound beachfront. Hikers can trek through forests and out along bluffs. And birdwatchers fill their field guides with notes. You may see a whale or a family of seals as you gaze on the wild waters that once challenged early explorers.



Deception Pass State Park spreads over 3,854 acres, a marine and camping park with 77,000 feet of saltwater shoreline and 33,900 feet of freshwater shoreline on three lakes. The park is actually located on two islands — Fidalgo to the north and Whidbey to the south. The Canoe Pass and Deception Pass bridges connect the two islands, creating a gateway for exploration.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides five kitchen shelters with electricity and six without, all of which were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Fifty sheltered and 261 unsheltered picnic tables are also provided. Picnic tables are first come, first served, but kitchen shelters are reservable.

Trails

- 1.2 miles of ADA hiking trails
- 3 miles of bike trails
- 6 miles of horse trails
- 38 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- 710 feet of dock
- 1,980 feet of moorage
- Boating (freshwater/saltwater)
- Crabbing
- Diving
- Fishing (freshwater/saltwater)
- Swimming
- Watercraft launches (5)
- White-water kayaking

Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheaters (2)
- Beach exploration
- Bird watching
- Fire circles (6)
- Horseshoe pit
- Interpretive center
- Mountain biking
- Sailboarding
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

A playground is available in the park.

To prevent serious accidents, hikers are encouraged to stay on main trails and avoid straying to the sides.

Mountain biking is prohibited except in marked areas.

Fires and swimming are permitted in designated areas only.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

WA STATE PARK: FORT FLAGLER

Step into U.S. military history at Fort Flagler Historical State Park on the northern tip of Marrowstone Island. Tour and explore a significant coastal defense fort established more than a century ago to guard the entrance to Puget Sound.

Built in the late 1890s and manned during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, Fort Flagler now features a military museum and gift shop. The park offers guided tours of the gun emplacements and other facilities during the summer. Or find the batteries on your own and wander through them at leisure.

Fort Flagler activities include hiking, boating, kite-flying, beach exploration, saltwater fishing, clam digging and crabbing. Experienced paragliders can bring their wings and ride thermals up to stupendous aerial views.

Group camps Hoskins, Richmond, and Wilson are available for retreats of up to 250 people, and historic officers' vacation houses can be booked for group gatherings. Beachfront tent and RV sites boast some of the best views in the region. So gaze out on the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the north, the Olympic Peninsula to the west, and Whidbey Island to the east, and breathe deep the ocean air.

Fort Flagler Historical State Park is a 1,451-acre, marine camping park surrounded on three sides by 19,100 feet of saltwater shoreline.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides one reservable kitchen shelter with a power outlet and water on the west side of the island across the road from the Kilisut Harbor launch and concession area. The shelter has five picnic tables and a large fire ring. Restroom facilities and water are nearby. Maximum 100 people.

The park provides numerous unsheltered picnic tables, all scattered throughout the park with the largest number located on the beach, available first come, first served.

Trails

- 5 miles of hiking/biking trails
- 2 miles of beach trail
- Interpretive trail

Other Activities & Features

- Birding
- Kite flying
- Museum with gift shop
- Paragliding

Water Activities & Features

- 256 feet of dock and moorage
- Boating
- Clamming
- Crabbing
- Fishing
- Moorage buoys (7)
- Personal watercraft use
- Saltwater fishing
- Swimming
- Watercraft launches (2)

Additional Information

In addition to the trails, there are 12.5 miles of roads and 2 miles of beach-front to explore. Check regulations for clamping season.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

Submitted by Steve Conyers, Troop 677

WA STATE PARK: GRAYLAND BEACH

At Grayland Beach State Park, enjoy flying kites and walking your dog on the beach, surfing the waves on a warm summer day, smelling the sea, or watching winter storms from the comfort of your yurt or RV.

Friendly and popular with families and RV enthusiasts, Grayland Beach offers a seaside vacation, Northwest-style, for summer play and peaceful walks in the off seasons.

Several trails leave from the beach loop campground and lead you through gentle grassy dunes and wind-bent shore pines to the Pacific. The wide sandy beach goes for miles, as surf sounds mingle with the honks and squawks of shore and sea birds.

Grayland Beach State Park is a 581-acre, year-round, marine camping park with 7,449 feet of spectacular ocean frontage, just south of the town of Grayland. The park attracts kite flyers, observers and people wanting a day at the beach. The park offers campsites and yurts within walking distance of the ocean.

Trails

- 0.6 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- Clamming
- Crabbing
- Fishing (saltwater)

Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheater
- Beach exploration
- Bird watching

Additional Information

The park has five marked, short trails leading from the campground to the beach.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.

Submitted by Janet Johnson, Troop 422



WA STATE PARK: KOPACHUCK

Kopachuck's sun-warmed beaches and creaky forest will take you right out of everyday life and into a fairytale.

Snug in the curve of Carr Inlet a half-hour from Tacoma, Kopachuck State Park is an easy jaunt from South Puget Sound and the Kitsap Peninsula.

Though the park offers 2 miles of shaded hiking trails, most of the action takes place on the beach, which is popular for wading. Boaters and paddlers can cruise the shoreline or make the half-mile trip to Cutts Island, a small clay butte with a stand of trees. At low tide, the island offers a teardrop-shaped beach.

This day-use park has more than 50 picnic tables, and its glorious sunsets go well with the shellfish harvesting and saltwater fishing available at the park.

Kopachuck State Park is a 280-acre, day-use marine park with 5,600 feet of saltwater shoreline on Henderson Bay. One portion of the park, Cutts Island, is a half mile from shore and reachable only by boat.



Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides two picnic shelters with two or three picnic tables in them and 55 unsheltered picnic tables throughout the upper and lower day-use areas. All are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trails

- 2 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- Boating
- Clamming
- Crabbing
- Diving
- Fishing (saltwater)
- Oyster harvesting
- Personal watercraft use
- Swimming
- Waterskiing

Other Activities & Features

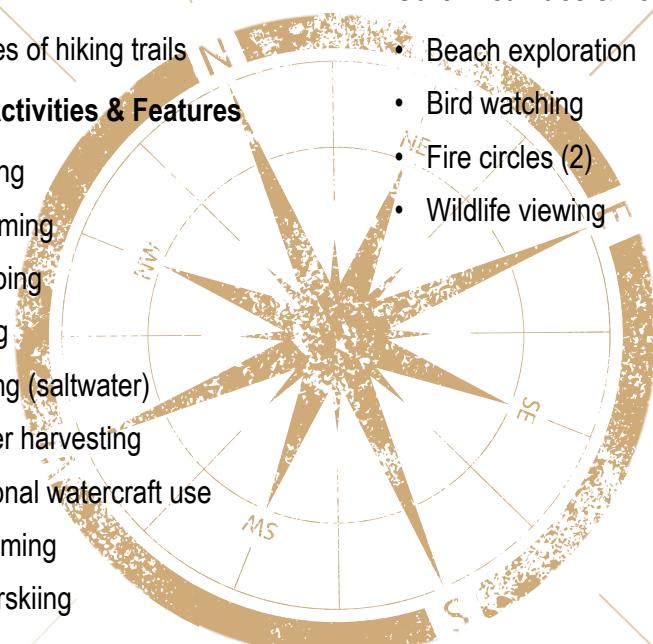
- Beach exploration
- Bird watching
- Fire circles (2)
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

Most of the activities at Kopachuck center around the beach. During low tide, the sun warms the sand, which in turn warms the water brought in by the tide. The sandy beach is ideal for wading, sand-castle building and exploring the marine habitat.

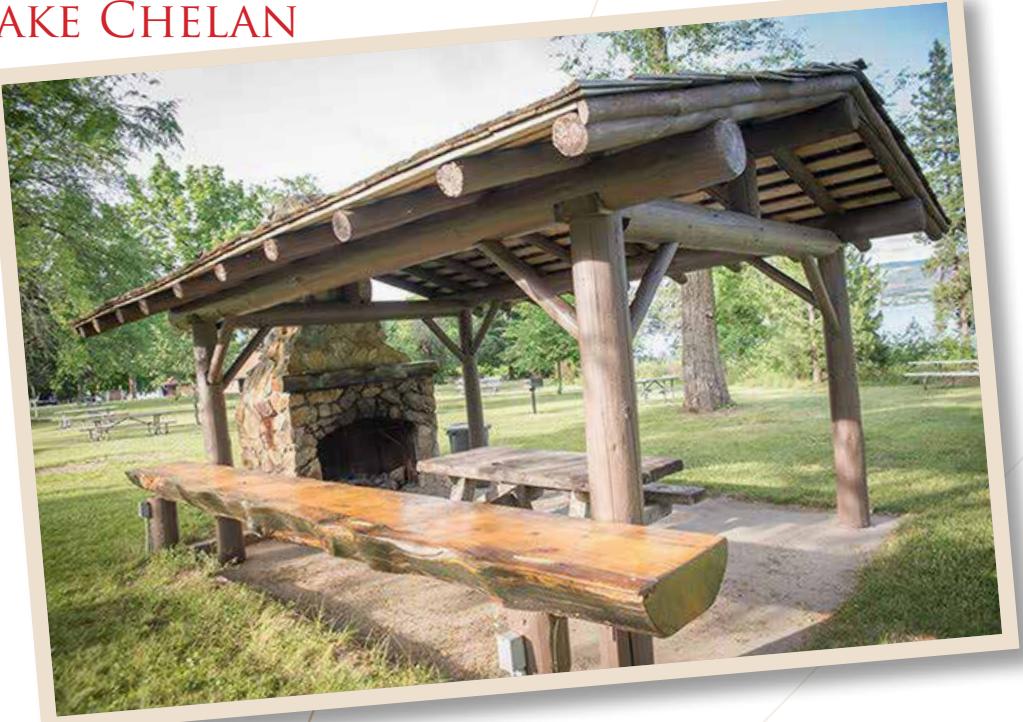
The most popular day-use area is the beach. Getting there requires a short 1/8-mile walk down a hill. People with limited mobility may drive or be driven to the beach. Contact park staff to make such transportation arrangements.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.



WA STATE PARK: LAKE CHELAN

Lake Chelan State Park has a long, sandy beach, shaded picnic tables and a calm lagoon. The 50.5-mile lake, with a depth of 1,486 feet, draws boaters, sailors, anglers, water skiers, windsurfers and seasonal residents. The area features some of the finest hiking trails in Washington, and adventurous hikers make the park their base from which to explore the North Cascades. For visitors hoping to chill out in their camp chairs, float the lagoon in a raft and soak up the homey atmosphere with family and friends, this place cannot be beat.



Lake Chelan State Park is a 139-acre camping park on the forested south shore of Lake Chelan. The park has 6,000 feet of shoreline and the beach is accessible by stairs. The park gets an annual average rainfall of 11 inches. Summer tends to be hot and dry. Annual average snowfall is 24 inches.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides one kitchen shelter without electricity plus 52 unsheltered picnic tables. All are available first come, first served. Be advised the parking area is small and fills early on weekends.

Trails

- 0.2 miles of ADA hiking trails
- 2 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- 495 feet of dock
- Beach exploration
- Boating
- Fishing (freshwater)
- Personal watercraft use
- Sailboarding
- Swimming
- Watercraft launch
- Waterskiing

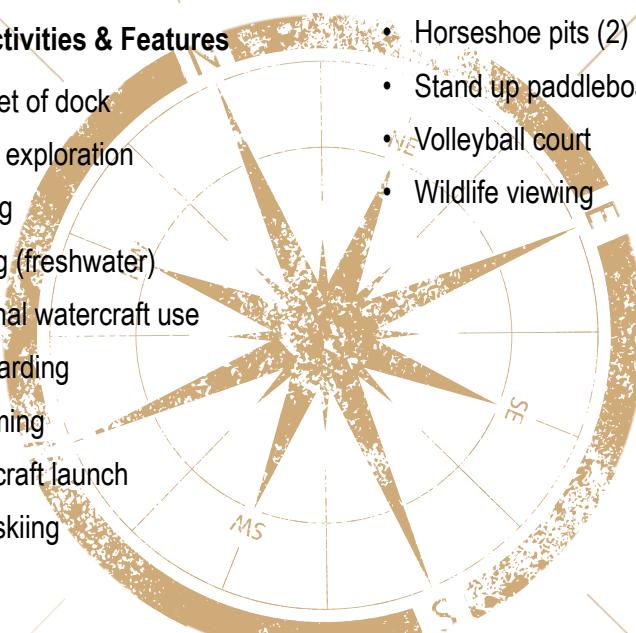
Other Activities & Features

- Bird watching
- Children's playground
- Horseshoe pits (2)
- Stand up paddleboard rentals
- Volleyball court
- Wildlife viewing

Additional Information

The park offers a large, grassy play field suitable for team sports.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.



WA STATE PARK: LEWIS & CLARK

This cool forested space east of Interstate 5 and south of Chehalis offers hiking and horseback riding through a rare stand of old-growth trees on the historic north spur of the Oregon Trail. The park provides an all-American camping experience, with fire circles, an amphitheater and horseshoe pits. Your horse can even camp with you at one of the park's equestrian campsites.

Boundless enjoyment awaits children and families, on lawns that double as playing fields, on miles of trails amidst lush ferns, gnarled snags, nurse logs and in cathedral-like thickets of giant trees.



Don't forget to visit Jackson House State Park Heritage Site, just 2 miles to the north.

Lewis and Clark State Park is a 616-acre camping park in a stand of old-growth forest. The park features 5 miles of hiking trails and 8 miles of multi-use trails open to horses.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides two kitchen shelters and a community center with electricity and running water. One shelter is available on a first-come, first-served basis, while the community center and kitchen shelter #1 is reservable by calling the park office at (360) 864-2643.

Trails

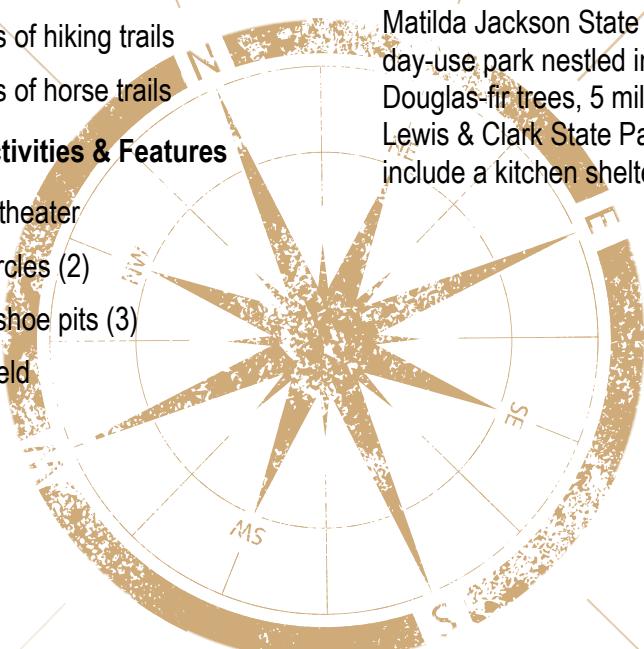
- 5 miles of hiking trails
- 8 miles of horse trails

Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheater
- Fire circles (2)
- Horseshoe pits (3)
- Play field

Additional Information

Matilda Jackson State Park is a 5-acre day-use park nestled in old-growth Douglas-fir trees, 5 miles north of Lewis & Clark State Park. Facilities include a kitchen shelter and restroom.



WA STATE PARK: MILLERSYLVANIA

Millersylvania State Park offers fun for everyone. Spend a summer day splashing in Deep Lake. Gather with friends in a historic kitchen shelter. Take a quiet walk through wetlands and old-growth forest.

Conveniently located between Olympia and Centralia, this large, well-visited park beckons to adults and children alike.

Many of the park structures, including the kitchen shelters, were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s, making the park a great place to see and admire the hallmark artisanship of that era.

With two swimming beaches, miles of forested hiking and biking trails, watercraft launches, non-motorized watercraft rentals (kayaks, paddleboards, pedal boats) and abundant fishing, Millersylvania will keep you busy for a satisfying weekend or an extended outdoor vacation.

Millersylvania State Park is an 903-acre camping park with 3,300 feet of freshwater shoreline on Deep Lake. The state capital is a few miles north of the park.

Picnic & Day-Use Facilities

The park provides four kitchen shelters with electricity, plus 125 unsheltered and 30 sheltered picnic tables.

Kitchen shelter 1 - 3 each accommodates up to 50 people. Each shelter has a wood stove, grill, sink and 15 amp electrical outlets. Kitchen 1 also has a fireplace. Kitchen shelter 4 is located in the group camp area and is reservable with the group camp.

Trails

- 7.6 miles of bike trails
- 8.6 miles of hiking trails

Water Activities & Features

- 100 feet of dock
- Boating
- Fishing (freshwater)
- Kayak, paddleboard and pedal boat rentals
- Swimming
- Watercraft launch

Other Activities & Features

- Amphitheater
- Bird watching
- Fire circles (3)
- Horseshoe pits (3)
- Mountain biking
- Wildlife viewing

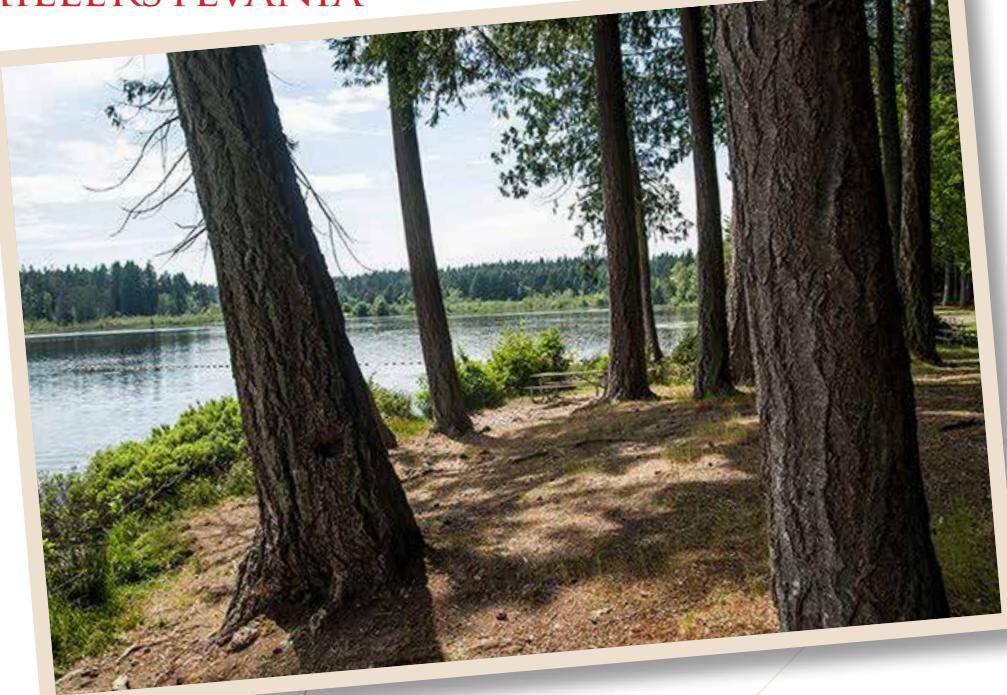
Additional Information

For use of the horseshoe pits, please bring your own horseshoes.

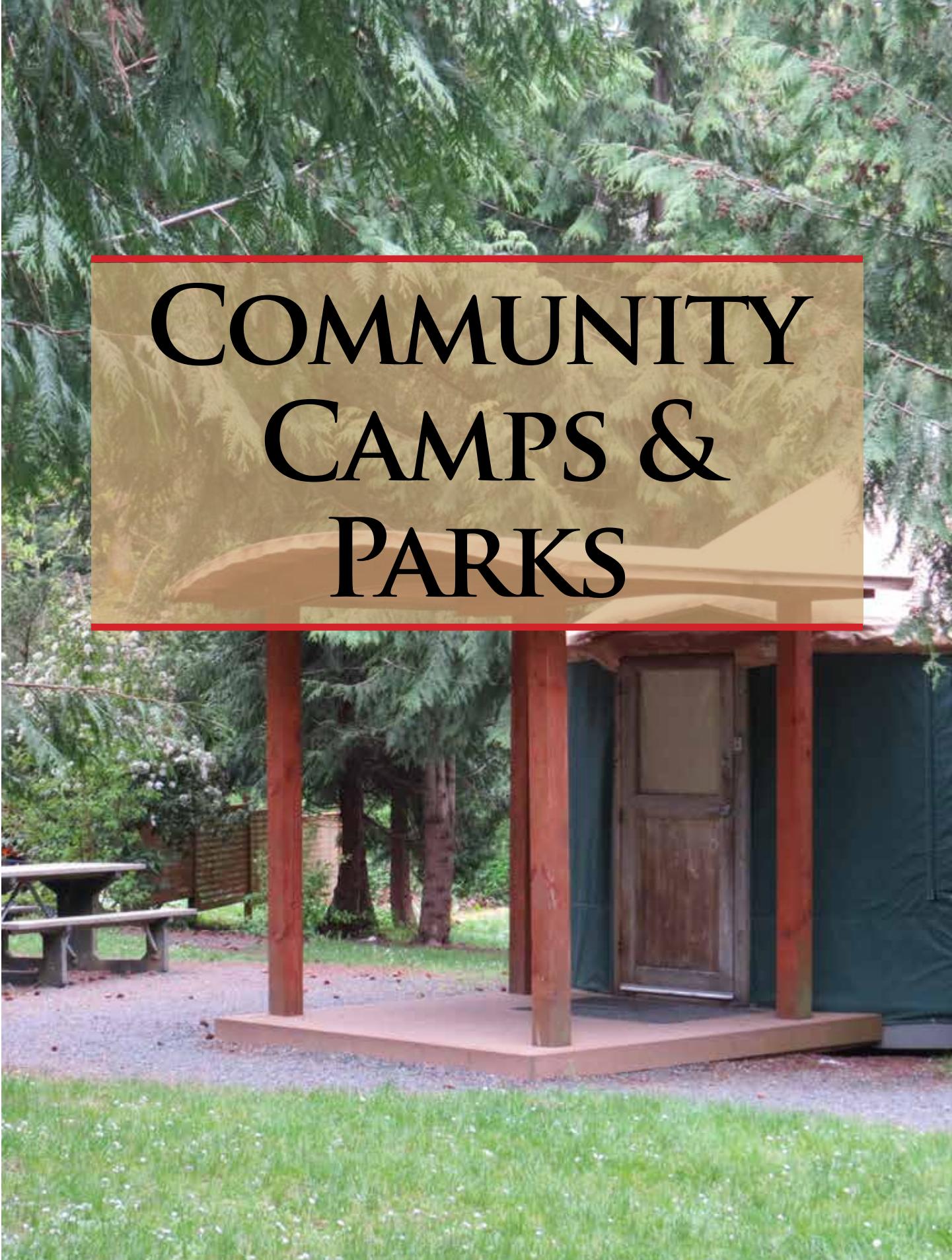
There is a fishing dock at the boat launch area. Fishing is seasonal.

Lakeside Grill & Boats is open seasonally and features hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, beverages, candy and ice cream. They have kayaks, paddleboards and pedal boats for rent. Reservations can be made by calling (360) 539-7303.

A recreational license is required for fishing and shellfish harvesting at Washington state parks.



Submitted by Steve Conyers, Troop 677



COMMUNITY CAMPS & PARKS

COMMUNITY CAMP: CURRAN

Camp Curran is located in East Pierce County between Parkland and South Hill. It features a 2,500 square foot lodge with a kitchen, 2 bathrooms, and a fireplace. In addition to the fireplace, a furnace warms the lodge for year round comfortable use.

The 5-acre grounds include a parade field with flagpole, firebowl with stadium seating, and picnic tables.

This camp is mostly used for troop meetings and short overnight stays, and is often used for advancement and training. It is open to troops and youth groups wishing to rent the facility.

Contact Information

Camp Curran Community Association
campcurranca@gmail.com

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Pack 692*



COMMUNITY PARK: ALDER LAKE

Alder Lake is a 7 mile-long reservoir on the Nisqually River in Eatonville. At the very eastern end of the lake is the town of Elbe.

Created by the construction of the 300-foot Alder Dam in 1945, this enormous reservoir is well equipped to handle the summer crowds it inevitably receives. In addition to day use amenities such as picnic shelters, boat ramps, and playgrounds, the 161-acre park that spreads out on the north shore of the lake from the dam east to Sunny Beach Point is home to four campgrounds; an additional campground is located at Rocky Point, bringing the total number of campsites on Alder Lake to 173.

The Main, Osprey, and Elk Plain campgrounds are located in the main section of Alder Lake Park near the park entrance. Sixty-two dedicated tent sites are distributed between the Main Campground and Osprey Campground (which is entirely tent camping). Including Rocky Point, you'll find 37 sites with full hookups and 74 sites with water and electric. In addition, the group camping area is its own entity, and there are site options ranging from primitive to full hookup.

Generally speaking, the sites are spacious and generously distributed for such a large campground. Several sites sit among trees, and even the more exposed sites have enough space around them to feel autonomous. Small touches such as dish cleaning stations and lighting throughout the campground make your stay a little easier, but also certainly less rustic. Fire rings and picnic tables are in every site, and you'll find potable water easily accessible throughout the campground. Showers are coin operated. You can make reservations for any site in Alder Lake Park up to 9 months in advance if you will be staying between May 15 and September 15, and all sites are first-come, first-served the rest of the year. Note that some access points to the reservoir close when water levels fall.

Contact Information

Park office: (360) 569-2778

Fishing and recreation line: (888) 502-8690

Reservations: (888) 226-7688^{MS}

Submitted by Monique Larson, Pack 604



COMMUNITY PARK: KAYAK POINT

A spectacular saltwater beach park located along the shores of picturesque Port Susan. From its 3,300 feet of shoreline to its evergreen forests, Kayak Point Park offers a rich setting for pier fishing, windsurfing, picnicking, hiking, camping, and boat launching. A pier extends 300 feet into Puget Sound and is the site for crabbing and fishing. At high tide, the water depth is 50 feet off the pier's end. Baited crab pots are used to attract Dungeness and red rock crab.

Fishing enthusiasts catch flounder, sole, true cod, rockfish, and walleye pollock year-round and migrating sea perch in spring and summer. Casting from the shoreline will occasionally bring in dolly varden or a sea-run cutthroat.

For camping enthusiasts, the campground offers 30 large, mostly wooded campsites with electric hook-up, nearby water, and privacy not found in most campgrounds. All sites can be reserved or occupied on a walk-in basis.

In addition to fire pits that dot the shoreline, there are eleven picnic shelters that offer convenient proximity to parking and superior views of the Sound. All shelters can be reserved. A single lane boat launch provides access to Port Susan.

Features

- Beach
- Boat Launch
- Campsites
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms/Sanicans
- Swim Area (No Lifeguard)
- Vacation House - Kayak Cottage
- Group Site with Yurts

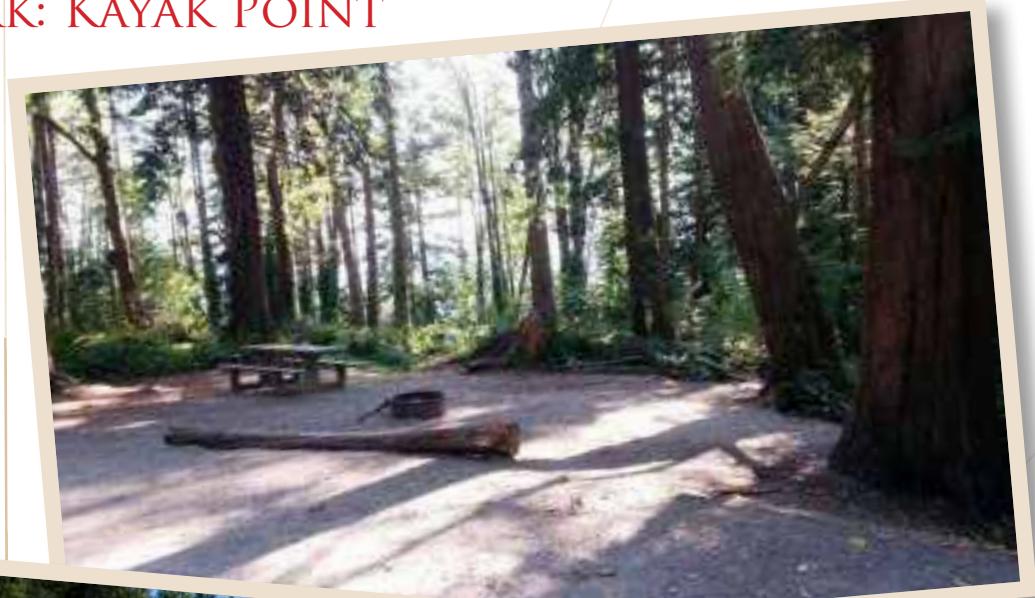
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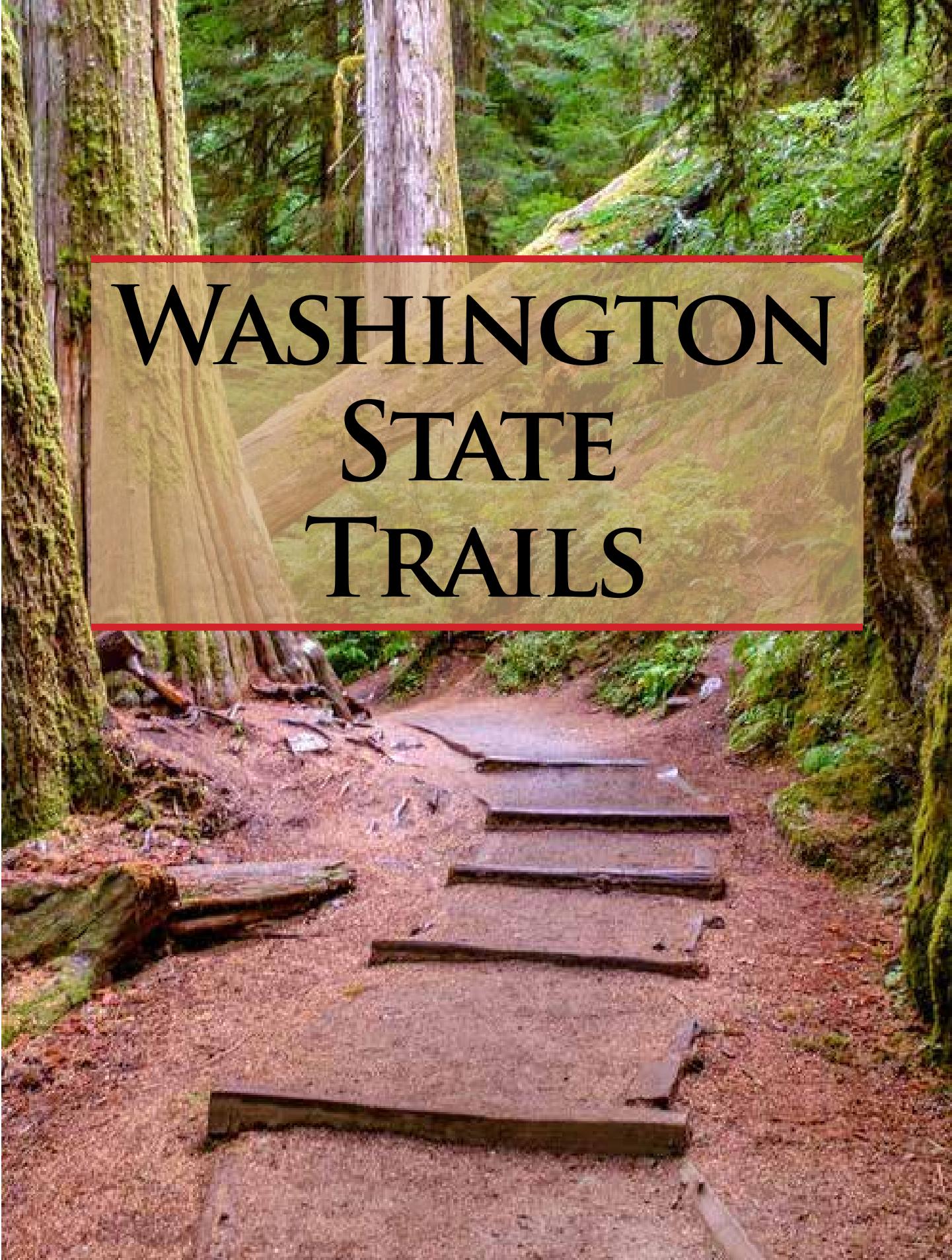
Exit 199 of I-5 at Marysville. Turn left onto Marine Drive. Follow Marine Drive for 13 miles. Park is on the left. Highly recommend GPS to reach the park. It seems like there are multiple Marine Drives. We got lost, more than once.

Reservations

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation
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WASHINGTON STATE TRAILS

TRAILS - WASHINGTON

Following are some of the most popular trails in Washington.

Big Creek Falls (Taylor River)

Less than an hour from Seattle, you'll find quiet solitude on a backcountry trail leading through ancient cathedral forests and past magnificent waterfalls. Trail head: North Bend, WA. Length: 10 Miles.



Black Diamond Coal Mine (Mountain Biking)

Located on the edge of the historical town of Black Diamond, the Coal Mine trails weave and bob around the south end of Lake Sawyer, Frog Lake, and Ravensdale Creek. Trail head: Black Diamond, WA. Length: 20 Miles

Central Alpine Lakes Loop (Backpacking)

The 75-mile stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail between Snoqualmie Pass and Stevens Pass is a very popular backpack trip, and it deserves to be. The route is supremely scenic with countless viewpoints. Trail head: Cle Elum, WA. Length: 35 Miles.

Commonwealth Basin (Hiking, Snowshoeing)

The Pacific Crest Trail north of Snoqualmie Pass is a popular hiking trail in summer, but a little known snowshoeing trail in winter. Trail head: North Bend, WA. Length: 10 Miles.

Enchantment Lakes

The quintessential Alpine Lakes Wilderness hike to the fabled Enchantment Lakes. No hike in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness compares with a walk through the Enchantment Lakes. Trail head: Leavenworth, WA. Length: 25 Miles.

Grove of the Patriarchs

The Ohanapecosh River surrounds an island of towering, thousand-year-old Douglas fir and western red cedar trees. Walk the trail to discover the grandeur and peace of this island. The Grove is just west of Stevens Canyon Entrance on the Ohanapecosh River. Walk the trail along the river to an island of ancient Western red-cedar, Douglas-fir, and Western hemlock. The sheer size of these ancient (some of which are over 1,000 years old) trees is staggering. Length: 0.3 Miles

Hoh River (Backpacking)

A 17.5-mile backpack from the Hoh Rainforest Visitor Center to Glacier Meadows. This trail offers an outstanding sample of diverse habitats of Olympic National Park. Trail head: Forks, WA. Length 35 Miles.

John Wayne Pioneer Trail

The John Wayne Pioneer Trail crosses most of Washington state. The developed portion lies within the Iron Horse State Park. It parallels I-90 from Cedar Falls near North Bend to Kittitas, then drops. Trail head: North Bend, WA. Length: 113 Miles.

Olympic Coast (Backpacking)

The wild Olympic coast is a national treasure. With most of our country's shoreline altered by roads, cities, and mobs of tourists, it's a blessing to have this stretch of wilderness beach. Trail head: Forks, WA. Length: 24 miles.



Olympic Hot Springs

A day hike or overnighter to popular soaking pools in Olympic National Park and includes Appleton Pass and Boulder Lake. Trail head: Port Angeles, WA. Length 5 Miles.

Seattle Trail (Biking)

The route offers more than 25 miles of delightful bicycling separated from motor vehicle traffic. Along the way you'll see Seattle at its best and enjoy the beauty of the quiet countryside. Trail head: Seattle, WA. Length: 24 Miles.

Wonderland Trail Loop (Backpacking)

The famous Wonderland Trail, which completely circles Mount Rainier, is not only the finest long hike in Washington; it is considered by many to be one of the best in the world. Trail head: Buckley, WA. Length: 93 Miles.



NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER ARE LOST.
-J.R.R. TOLKIEN

