

Mount Rainier National Park

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Accessibility



Entrance Fee Passes

Interagency Access Passes and Interagency Senior Passes are lifetime entrance passes to all federal fee areas, including national parks such as Mount Rainier. They admit the pass holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle at no charge. Where entry is not by private vehicle, the passes admit the pass holder, three additional people 16 or older, and children at no charge. The passport also provides a discount in federal campgrounds. Both Interagency Access and Interagency Senior Passes must be obtained in person, and

are available only to citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

The Interagency Access Pass is available at no cost to persons who are blind or permanently disabled.

The Interagency Senior Pass is available to persons who are 62 years old or older. Proof of age is required. There is a one-time \$10 charge. Both passes may be obtained at any park entrance station.

Accommodations

Lodging is available within the park at two locations: at **Longmire**, in the National Park Inn (open year round, elevation 2761'), and at **Paradise**, in the Paradise Inn (open late May to early October, elevation

5400'). Wheelchair accessible rooms are available on the main floors of both hotels. Both are non-smoking facilities. For reservations, call Mount Rainier Guest Services, Inc. at (360) 569-2275.

Meals

The dining rooms in the National Park Inn and the Paradise Inn and the deli in the Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise are fully

accessible. The Sunrise Lodge snack bar is accessible by ramp.

Restrooms

Comfort stations located in hotels, campgrounds, visitor centers, and picnic areas, are either accessible or accessible

with help. Assistants may enter restrooms designated for either gender.

Picnic Areas

Picnic areas offering accessible tables and restrooms are located at:

- Kautz Creek
- Cougar Rock
- Ohanapecosh

Campgrounds

Interagency Access and Interagency Senior Passes entitle the bearer to a discount on camping fees. Campgrounds that offer accessible sites are located at:

• **Ohanapecosh:** SE entrance, elevation 1900', 188 total campsites, two accessible family sites, accessible restroom in Loop D, accessible amphitheater, nearby visitor center restrooms are accessible with help

• **Cougar Rock:** SW entrance, elevation 3200', 173 total campsites, four accessible family sites, restrooms and the amphitheater are accessible

• **White River:** NE entrance, elevation 4400', 112 total campsites, none designed for accessibility at this time, accessible restrooms are located in Loop C

Museum and Visitor Centers

At **Longmire**, the museum is accessible via paved ramp. Although the information desk is accessible, passages through the interior exhibits are narrow.

At **Paradise**, the Jackson Visitor Center is fully accessible. Facilities include an information desk, theater, exhibits, deli, restrooms and a book & gift shop. Exhibits are located on the second floor via an accessible elevator. Audiovisual programs are captioned. An audio-described tour is

available for visitors who are blind or with low vision to experience the building and its interpretive exhibits. Wheelchairs are available at the information desk for use within the visitor center.

At **Sunrise** and **Ohanapecosh**, both visitor centers are accessible with help via inclined walkways. At the Sunrise Visitor Center, the new interpretive exhibits and information desk are accessible.

Trails

At **Kautz Creek**, the Kautz Creek Trail is a very short, fully accessible boardwalk that leads from the parking lot to a viewpoint of the creek and Mount Rainier. Signs along the boardwalk interpret local volcanic mudflow activity. This trail is not accessible when snow-covered in winter.

At **Longmire**, the Trail of the Shadows begins across from the hotel. Interpretive signs along this 0.7-mile loop tell of early history and local ecology. The first 0.3 mile of the trail is fairly level, compact dirt, and is passable by wheelchairs with help. The remainder of the trail is rougher and narrower with uneven wooden bridges, tree roots protruding from the trail, and a soft dirt/mud surface.

At **Longmire**, the Historic Walking Tour leads visitors along sidewalks and roads past some of the most significant cultural resources in the park. Look for interpretive signs in front of several of the 54 historic structures in this Historic Landmark District. Maps are available at the Longmire Museum.

At **Paradise**, wheelchair users with assistance can follow paved trails into the lower meadows by way of accessible ramps either at the main trailhead next to the Jackson Visitor Center, or across from the

entrance to the Paradise Inn. From either location, follow the Skyline Trail eastward, past the Guide House and the Paradise Inn. At the Waterfall Trail junction, either continue left on the Waterfall Trail through meadows and patchy forest for views of Paradise's subalpine terrain (retrace your route to the trailhead after reaching the Dead Horse Trail junction); or continue right, following the Skyline Trail to view meadows, Paradise Valley, Edith Creek Basin, and Mount Rainier (this section of the Skyline Trail is also paved but steeper, requiring assistance). Other trails are very steep with uneven surfaces. Benches are placed at intervals along trails. Obtain a free map of Paradise Trails at the visitor center.

At **Ohanapecosh**, a portion of the Hot Springs Loop trail is accessible to wheelchairs from Loop B of the campground. Further travel on the Silver Falls Trail to view the forest and Ohanapecosh River is possible, with assistance.

At **Sunrise**, the Emmons Vista Trail follows a compact dirt/gravel trail from the parking lot 0.5 mile to a spectacular view of Mount Rainier and the Emmons Glacier. Interpretive signs are posted at viewpoints along the trail.

Contact Us

Due to their age, most park buildings are less accessible than more modern ones. However, suggestions for ways we can improve access are helpful. Let us know! Send us an e-mail via our website (www.nps.gov/mora), or contact us at:

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