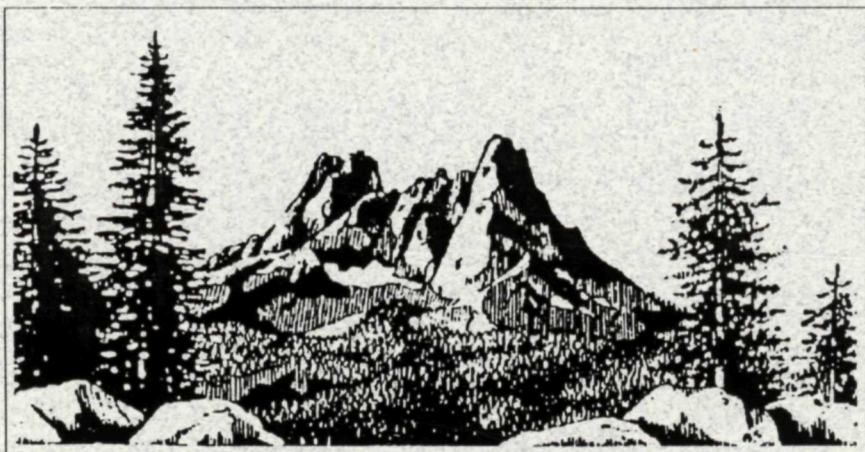


OKANOGAN NATIONAL FOREST
Winthrop Ranger District

RECREATION GUIDE



North Cascades Scenic Highway

POINTS OF INTEREST

Early Winters Information Station: National Forest and Area information. Exhibits. Books and maps for sale.

Washington Pass: Highest point on highway. Picnic area and scenic overlook. Information booth, books and maps. Overlook trail accessible to people with disabilities.

Rainy Pass: Picnic area, day hikes. Trail to Rainy Lake accessible to people with disabilities. Pacific Crest Trail crosses highway here.



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Picnics

Picnicking is allowed in campgrounds, however the camping fee applies for this use.

Washington Pass: Shaded picnic sites with tables. Restrooms. Short, paved loop trail to overlook accessible to people with disabilities.

Rainy Pass: Picnic sites with tables and some shade. Restrooms. Day hikes to Rainy Lake and Lake Ann.

Canyon Creek: (Junction of Granite and Canyon Creeks). Undeveloped area with room for walk-in picnicking.

Camping

Camping or fires are not allowed within 1/4 mile of the highway except in developed campgrounds. No camping at Rainy Pass. Stay limit in most of the campgrounds is five days.

Early Winters Campground: (Both sides of highway). 13 units/outhouses/running water/garbage service. Near stream and highway. Fee charged.

Klipchuck Campground: (1 mile off highway). 46 units/flush toilets/running water/garbage service. Best for large vehicles. Good tent sites. Near stream. Fee charged.

Lone Fir Campground: 27 units/outhouses/running water/garbage service. Located along Early Winters Creek near Cutthroat Lake trailhead. Good overnight spot for bicyclists. Fee charged.

Questions?

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Hiking

Because of soil and plant damage from heavy use, camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of Cutthroat Lake, Rainy Lake, Blue Lake or Lake Ann.

Cedar Creek: 9 miles to Abernathy Pass, fairly level with steep climb last 1.2 miles. Double falls at 2 miles. Follows creek for most of length.

Cutthroat Creek: Mostly level 1.7 mile walk to Cutthroat Lake, followed by a continuous 3.8 mile climb (1800') to Cutthroat Pass, where it joins the Pacific Crest Trail. Excellent views from the pass.

Blue Lake: 1100' climb in 2.2 miles to a very scenic lake in a small rock-walled basin.

Rainy Lake: Easy, paved 1 mile trail suitable for people with disabilities. Observation platform at lake with views of glacier waterfall.

Lake Ann: Moderate (700') 2 mile climb to lake via short side trail. Main trail leads past lake to Heather Pass and Maple Pass above. Good views and wildflowers.

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail: Well maintained route leading from Rainy Pass north to Hart's Pass and Canada, south to Mexico.

Easy Pass: Strenuous 2800' climb (5.1 miles) to very scenic, high pass bordering North Cascades National Park. Views of glaciers and rugged peaks. No camping at pass.

Chancellor Trail: Trail runs along narrow, steep-walled valley and scenic Canyon Creek. Limited campsites. Chancellor ghost town at 9 miles.

More To Do

Fishing: Fishing is allowed in most streams and lakes, but not in Ruby Creek. All State fishing regulations apply, including license requirements. Rainbow/Cutthroat trout.

Berry Picking: Huckleberries can be found in open areas along the highway in late summer and fall. Salmonberries, thimbleberries and elderberries occasionally discovered in places.

Mountaineering: Popular climbs for experienced mountaineers include Silver Star, Whistler, Crater Mountain and Black Peak. Cutthroat Peak, Liberty Bell Mountain and Early Wintes Spires are possible technical climbs.

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