



# The Tahoma News

May - June 2005

*The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. Mount Rainier National Park is a source of inspiration, providing boundless opportunities for exploration, solitude, and contemplation.*



Skunk Cabbage  
(*Lysichitum americanum*)

## Signs of Spring

SPRING IS A TIME OF RENEWAL, AN AWAKENING OF NATURE. Watch for the many signs of spring while traveling through the park. Look for colorful lowland wildflowers like the odorous yellow skunk cabbage and the tri-petaled western trillium that turns from white to pink or purple as the flower ages. Spring brings the return of many birds to Mount Rainier following their winter vacation. Look for the orange flickering of the wings of the Northern Flicker and listen for the call of the chickadee (some say it sounds like "cheese-burger"). Snowmelt fills rivers and streams with clear running water unlike the silted, muddy glacier-melt water of summer. Listen for the greeting of chattering Douglas squirrels as they scamper through the forest on their never ending search for food. Take time to enjoy these and the many other signs of spring.



Western Trillium (*Trillium ovatum*)

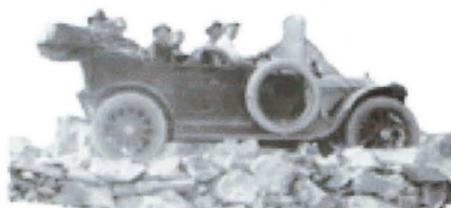
## Road Construction

Spring and summer are busy times for road construction in the park. These few snow-free months give park staff a very short time frame to improve park roads. If you are entering or leaving the park via SR706 you may encounter state road improvements just outside the park's southwest entrance.

Short duration, 1-4 day, construction projects on Stevens Canyon Road at Backbone Ridge, Nisqually Road at Kautz Creek, and on SR123 at Laughingwater Creek are anticipated to limit traffic to one lane with completion by May 20th. The Laughingwater Creek bridge project on SR 123 will completely close down traffic for up to 2 hours between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. during one day of construction. As you approach the park, watch for construction signs or ask for an update on road construction at an entrance station.

Rehabilitation of a 3.4 mile section of SR123 will begin in late April and continue through summer and fall, between Panther Creek Bridge and Deer Creek Bridge. Expect up to 20 minute delays.

The Longmire Suspension Bridge will be closed to replace the suspension towers beginning in May and up until project completion, estimated by late September. This closure does not affect access to Longmire or Paradise. A temporary footlog will be provided for pedestrian access across the Nisqually River to the Eagle Peak trailhead.



We appreciate your patience as we continue to improve visitor facilities throughout the park. Please drive carefully. Buckle up, obey speed limits, and please slow down in construction zones!

## Welcome ...

to Mount Rainier National Park, one of the crown jewels of the National Park system! Mount Rainier National Park was established on March 2, 1899, 106 years ago, to preserve and protect this unique place. Our dedicated staff of permanent, seasonal and volunteer employees works very hard to assure that your visit is enjoyable. I thank them all for their commitment to this beautiful park we call Mount Rainier.



Superintendent  
Dave Uberuaga

As of the end of February, park snow levels were at a record low – about 20% of average. The park may be facing drought conditions this summer if there isn't a significant increase to the snow pack. Please do your part while in the park to conserve water – make every drop count!

Due to the low snow pack spring melt may be early, causing animals to emerge from winter hibernation earlier, an increase in hazardous climbing conditions, as well as, a decrease in glacial size. Another possible result is an early wildflower season. Look for the blooming season up to a couple of weeks early – peak blooming period is normally the end of July to early August.

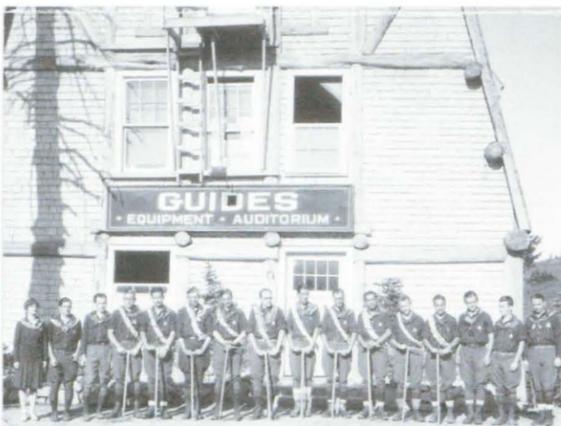
Mount Rainier is gearing up for a record early opening of some park roads. Low snow levels will allow the park to open most roadways well ahead of schedule – see the road opening schedule on page 4.

During the early opening, services will be very limited in the park outside of Longmire until mid-May when we and our concession partners will begin to staff and open facilities. A full range of services are available in the gateway communities surrounding the park. Gateway businesses are our partners in making your visit enjoyable.

John Muir wrote "Of all the fire mountains which like beacons, once blazed along the Pacific Coast, Mount Rainier is the noblest."

Thank you for visiting this noble place – we hope you will come visit us again!

Dave Uberuaga  
Park Superintendent



**You Are Invited To Visit  
The Historic Paradise Guide House**  
The new home of the Climbing Information Center. Please come by and see the rehabilitated historic building and the climbing and climbing history exhibits.  
*See page 4 for hours.*

## Interpretive Activities

Stop by a visitor center for information on interpretive activities offered during your visit. Park rangers and volunteers may be presenting talks, guided walks, or evening slide programs. These free programs explore the park's natural and cultural history.

**Hey Kids!** Ask for a Junior Ranger Activity Book. It's FREE and available at visitor centers. Complete it and you'll earn a badge and certificate. You'll also learn lots of cool stuff about your park!

### 3 Animal Encounters

What would you do if you came face to face with a black bear or mountain lion? Find out how to prepare for an encounter with the wilder side of Mount Rainier.

### 3 Hiking or Climbing?

Do you need a backcountry camping or climbing permit? How do you get one? Do you have the 10 Essentials with you? Are you prepared to Leave No Trace of your visit in the backcountry?

### 4 Park Information

Where are the visitor centers? When are they open? Which roads are open? Where can I get something to eat? Are the campgrounds open? It's all on the back page!

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## Explore Mount Rainier From Home!

Learn more about park resources, recreation opportunities, facilities, and much more on the web at [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora) or go directly to one of these website pages:

### Education Page

[www.nps.gov/mora/education/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/education/index.htm)

Information on teacher workshops, field trip opportunities and more!

### Employment Page

[www.nps.gov/mora/employment.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/employment.htm)

Great information on jobs within the park.

### Nature and Science Page

[www.nps.gov/mora/pphtml/nature.html](http://www.nps.gov/mora/pphtml/nature.html)

Learn more about the park's natural resources.

### Weather Links

[www.nps.gov/mora/current/weather.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/current/weather.htm)

Links to Mount Rainier and area weather and avalanche conditions.

### Nature Notes

[www.nps.gov/mora/notes/nn-intro.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/notes/nn-intro.htm)

Learn about the park through the writings of old-time rangers. Nature Notes were originally published from 1923 through 1939.

## Doing Our Part!

We all share the responsibilities of caring for our environment and conserving scarce natural resources. You probably do your part at home by carpooling and by turning down your thermostat and switching off your lights. Staff at Mount Rainier National Park do these things and many more out of concern for the environment.

At Mount Rainier National Park we focus on using new "green" products as they are developed. Many of our park vehicles and one of our generators run on emissions-reducing fuel. Recently we added 18 new vehicles to the park fleet with a propane fuel option.



As an ENERGY STAR Partner organization we are committed to lowering our energy consumption by purchasing ENERGY STAR rated devices including refrigerators, furnaces, and computers.

## Mount Rainier is a place of great beauty and inspiration.

You may be inspired to take a picture or to get a close-up look at a wildflower. But stop and consider your actions before you step off the trail.



With each step you take onto a meadow, an average of 20 plants are crushed!

Subalpine vegetation survives in a harsh environment. With a short growing season, plants take longer to recover from damage. Much of the plant's energy is spent on rapid flowering. Even if a plant survives the weight of your footstep, it may be stunted for years.

Please remember this when exploring Mount Rainier's fragile meadows and...

*Please hike only on maintained trails or thick patches of snow.*

## EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA WITH A NATIONAL PARKS PASS OR A MOUNT RAINIER ANNUAL PASS



Purchase your **National Parks Pass** at any Mount Rainier Entrance Station, on-line at

[www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org),

or by calling 1-888-GO-PARKS.

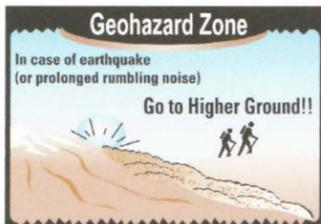
Just \$50\* (plus shipping and handling if you buy on-line or by phone). Good at any national park site for one full year.



If you only plan to visit Mount Rainier National Park, consider the **Mount Rainier Annual Pass**. It costs \$30 and, like the

National Parks Pass, is good for one full year. Available at any Mount Rainier Entrance Station or by calling (360) 569-6003.

\*A National Parks Pass can be upgraded to a Golden Eagle Pass for \$15. This covers additional sites such as Forest Service trailheads requiring the Northwest Forest Pass, Mount St. Helens, and the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge.



## Mount Rainier: An Active Volcano

Recent research has improved our understanding of Mount Rainier, an active volcano. Active steam vents, periodic earth tremors, and reported historical eruptions provide evidence that Mount Rainier is sleeping, not dead. Seismic monitoring stations around the mountain should provide days or weeks of advance warning of impending eruptions. However, other geologic hazards like debris flows and rockfall can occur with little warning.

Needless to say, the longer you stay in an area where there are geologic hazards, the greater the chance that you could be involved in an emergency event. While most people consider the danger to be relatively low, *you* must decide if you will assume the personal risk of visiting these potentially dangerous locations.

If you are near a river and notice a rapid rise in water level, feel a prolonged shaking of the ground, and/or hear a roaring sound coming from upvalley – often described as the sound made by a fast-moving freight train – move quickly to higher ground! A location 160 feet or more above river level should be safe. Detailed information is available at park visitor centers and from scientists at the U.S.G.S. Cascades Volcano Observatory, 1300 SE Cardinal Court, Building 10, Suite 100, Vancouver, WA 98661, <http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov>.



## Accessibility

Most comfort stations, visitor centers, picnic areas, and designated campsites are accessible or accessible with help for wheelchair users. Accessible lodging is available inside the park and in local communities. In the Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise, written information, exhibits, and scripts for uncaptioned audiovisual programs are available. TDD: (360) 569-2177

## Park Partners

Who's responsible for protecting Mount Rainier National Park? Everyone! Here are some people who deserve special thanks:

### Visitors Like You

Just by paying the entrance fee, you make a difference. Eighty percent of the fees collected at Mount Rainier are kept in the park, while twenty percent are made available to other parks in need. Your money is helping several projects right now:

- Planning for a new Education Center
- Rehabilitating park trails
- Meadow restoration at Sunrise and Reflection Lakes
- Upgrading exhibits and media
- Rehabilitating picnic areas

As you explore the park, look for signs of your fees at work!

### UserFee

*improves this park*

### Volunteers

Each year more than 85,000 volunteers donate over 3,000,000 hours of service in the national parks. They come from every state and nearly every country in the world to help preserve and protect America's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. At Mount Rainier National Park, 1,105 volunteers contributed a total of 38,442 hours in 2004. We express our deep appreciation to them and to all who are volunteering in 2005! If you are thinking about volunteering, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304. (360) 569-2211 ext. 3385.



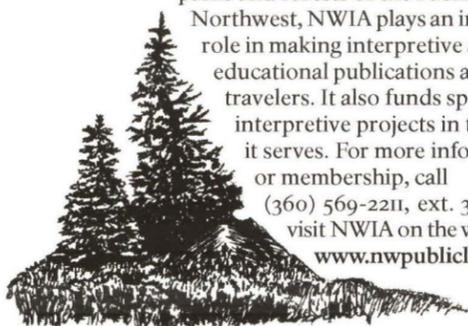
## Washington's National Park Fund

Every year millions visit Washington State's spectacular National Parks: Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic. Since 1993, Washington's National Park Fund has connected people to parks and inspired contributions of time, talent and money to help ensure that visitors have high quality, memorable experiences in our parks. This fund supports projects that enhance the visitor experience, promote volunteerism, engage communities, and provide educational opportunities. By securing financial contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations and businesses, Washington's National Park Fund supports park restoration, enhancement and preservation. Washington's National Park Fund is an affiliate of the National Park Foundation—a congressionally chartered 501(c) 3 nonprofit which was rated "A" by the American Institute of Philanthropy for responsible use of donor funds. For more information about how you can help Washington's National Parks call (206) 770-0627, visit the website at [www.wnfp.org](http://www.wnfp.org), or look for brochures in any of the park's visitor centers.



## Northwest Interpretive Association

NWIA operates bookstores in the park's visitor and information centers. As a nonprofit organization benefitting educational programs in the national parks and forests of the Pacific Northwest, NWIA plays an important role in making interpretive and educational publications available to travelers. It also funds special interpretive projects in the areas it serves. For more information or membership, call (360) 569-2211, ext. 3320, or visit NWIA on the web at: [www.nwpubliclands.com](http://www.nwpubliclands.com).



## The Secret to a Great Hike...

Mount Rainier National Park offers excellent opportunities for adventure, exploration, learning, and just plain having fun! The secret to a great visit? Staying safe! Reduce your risk of spoiling your trip by following these guidelines:

### Pay Attention to the Weather

Think about all the ways weather can outsmart you. It's easy to get lost or injured when the weather deteriorates, the trail is covered with snow, and you don't know where you are. You might be in an avalanche zone and not even know it.

### Eyes on the Trail

You may be hiking before trail crews have a chance to clear away fallen trees or replace missing foot logs at river crossings. Be especially careful at river crossings. Many people underestimate the power of the water and are unaware of the large, rolling boulders it carries. If you must cross, go in the morning when rivers are generally lower. Beware of snow-covered trails and steep, icy slopes; thin snowbridges over streams and crevasses; snow moats; wet, slippery rocks, especially near rivers and waterfalls; and snow cornices.

### Prepare and Take Care

Bring the "10 Essentials" with you and know how to use them. Tell someone your travel plans so they can notify the park if you fail to return. Do not travel alone. If visibility is poor, do not travel at all. Taking these few precautions could save your day...and your life!

## Protect Yourself and Your Park

Mount Rainier National Park was established in 1899 to preserve its resources and to provide for public benefit and enjoyment. By observing the rules, you protect your park and yourself:

- Pets must be on leashes no longer than six feet and are not allowed in buildings, on trails, or on snow
- Do not feed or disturb the wildlife
- Stay on designated trails
- Make fires only in a fire grill. Collecting firewood is prohibited
- Weapons are prohibited in the park. Firearms transported through the park must be unloaded, broken down, and stored to prevent use
- Bicycle only on roads, not on trails
- Camp in designated campsites only. Sleeping in vehicles outside of campgrounds is not permitted

## Animal Encounters

The beauty and wonder of Mount Rainier National Park doesn't just come from the scenic grandeur of a single, towering mountain. The presence of wild creatures remains an essential part of the experience of wilderness. Being in the home of large creatures like black bear and mountain lion (cougar) can make Mount Rainier an exciting – and sometimes scary – place to visit. Though you are not likely to see them, if you do meet one of these larger mammals, learning more about them serves as your best defense – and theirs!

### Black Bear Sense



Black bear  
(Ursus americanus)

- Never feed a black bear, either intentionally or by leaving food unsecured
- Do NOT approach bears or cubs
- If a black bear approaches you, try to scare it away by shouting and making noise
- If attacked, fight back aggressively
- Report all sightings at the nearest ranger station or call (360) 569-2211 ext. 3373 or ext. 2334

### Avoiding Mountain Lions



Mountain lion (Felis concolor)

- Hike in a group rather than alone. Avoid running – don't look like prey
- Keep children close to you – preferably in view just ahead of you
- Never approach cougar kittens – leave the area immediately
- Follow the rules regarding pets in the park – don't take

your pet on trails or in the backcountry and never leave it unattended at the campground – you could lose it!

### Close Encounters With Mountain Lions

- DON'T RUN! Stand still and face the lion with your companions
- Immediately pick up and hold small children
- Stand upright to make yourself appear larger – wave your arms and make a noisy commotion if the animal moves toward you
- Back away slowly while facing the animal
- If attacked, fight back aggressively
- Report all sightings at the nearest ranger station or call (360) 569-2211 ext. 3373 or ext. 2334



Martha Falls,  
Wonderland Trail

## Climbing Mount Rainier

Over 10,000 people attempt to climb Mount Rainier each year. About half actually make it to the 14,410 foot summit. Climbing information is available at ranger stations and on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/mora/climb/climb.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/climb/climb.htm). For prerecorded route conditions, call (360) 569-6009. Climbers pay a Cost Recovery Fee of \$30 per person, per calendar year.

Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. (RMI) conducts guided climbs and related seminars. Call (360) 569-2227. Guides for the Emmons Glacier Route include **Alpine Ascents International** (206) 378-1927, **American Alpine Institute** (360) 671-1505, **Cascade Alpine Guides** (800) 981-0381, and **Mount Rainier Alpine Guides** (360) 569-2889.

## Wilderness Permits



Wilderness Permits are required for backcountry camping and are available at all Wilderness Information Centers and most visitor centers. Permits are free, but an optional, fee-based reservation system for campers and climbers is in effect May through September. Reservations may be made between April 1

and September 30. Backcountry reservations are \$20 per party (1-12 people) for 1 to 14 consecutive nights. Sixty percent of all backcountry sites and zones are available for reservation. The remaining 40% are issued on a first-come, first-served basis on the day the trip begins. Go to [www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/wic.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/wic.htm) to learn more.

A Reservation Request Form is available at Wilderness Information Centers and on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/rsvpform.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/rsvpform.htm). Fax or mail completed forms to: Wilderness Reservation Office, Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304-9751. Fax (360) 569-3131.

## Hiking the Muir Snowfield?

The Muir Snowfield, a permanent field of snow, ice, and rock outcrops, is located north of Paradise between 7,000 and 10,000 feet in elevation. Thousands of people hike on the Muir Snowfield each year en route to Camp Muir. On a clear day, the hike is spectacular. But when the weather deteriorates, as it often and unpredictably does, crossing the Muir Snowfield can be disastrous.

### Don't Become a Muir Snowfield Statistic!

- Avoid the snowfield in questionable weather, especially if you are alone or unprepared. Weather conditions can change suddenly and drastically.
- If you're ascending and clouds or fog start rolling in, turn around and head back to Paradise. If that's not possible, stop moving, dig in, and wait for better weather.
- Without a compass, map, and altimeter, it is extremely difficult to find your way to the trailhead in a whiteout. Carry these items and know how to use them!
- Do not attempt to descend from Camp Muir in poor weather. Do not descend on skis or a snowboard in limited visibility – you could become quickly lost!
- When hiking to Camp Muir, be sure to carry emergency bivouac gear so that you can spend the night out if you have to.
- While it may be disappointing to abandon your hike to Camp Muir, remember that the snowfield will be there for you next time, in better weather.
- Hike only on trails or snow to protect fragile alpine vegetation.

Ask a ranger for tips on other areas to explore during your visit.

### Leave No Trace

- ☒ plan ahead & prepare
- ☒ travel & camp on durable surfaces
- ☒ dispose of waste properly
- ☒ leave what you find
- ☒ minimize campfire impacts\*
- ☒ respect wildlife
- ☒ be considerate of others

\*for emergency use only; fires are not allowed in Mount Rainier's Wilderness.

### Carry the "10 Essentials" and know how to use them!

- ☒ map of the area
- ☒ compass
- ☒ extra food & water
- ☒ extra clothing (warm!) & rain gear
- ☒ emergency shelter
- ☒ first aid kit
- ☒ flashlight or headlamp
- ☒ sunglasses & sunscreen
- ☒ pocketknife
- ☒ matches (waterproof!)\*

Wilderness camping permits are required for all overnight stays in the park's backcountry. Climbing permits are required for travel above 10,000' and/or on glaciers.

**Emergency: Dial 911 from any phone located in the park**

Please conserve water while visiting the park. A record low snow pack has created drought conditions throughout the park. Your help in conserving water will help park water supplies last through summer. Please use water wisely.



## Visitor Centers

**Longmire Museum (360) 569-2211 ext. 3314**  
 Information, exhibits, book sales, climbing permits.  
**May - June 30:**  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**Jackson Visitor Center - Paradise (360) 569-6036**  
 Information, exhibits, movies, book sales, food service, gifts, showers.  
 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

**Ohanapecosh Visitor Center (360) 569-6046**  
 Information, exhibits, book sales.  
**May 27 - May 30:**  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday - Sunday and Holiday

**June 3 - June 24:**  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**June 25 - June 30:**  
 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

**Sunrise Visitor Center (360) 663-2425**  
 Information, exhibits, book sales.  
**June 24 - June 30:**  
 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily



## Food & Lodging

For lodging reservations in the park call Mount Rainier Guest Services at (360) 569-2275 or go to [www.guestservices.com/rainier](http://www.guestservices.com/rainier)

**National Park Inn - Longmire**  
 Lodging, post office, and dining room serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Open year-round.**

**General Store - Longmire**  
 Groceries, gifts, firewood. **Open year-round.**  
**May 1 - June 10** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily  
**June 11 - Sept. 4** 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily

**Jackson Visitor Center - Paradise**  
 Grill, Gift Shop and Showers in the basement open during building hours.  
**May 1 - Sept. 4** 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

**Paradise Inn**  
 Lodging, lounge, gifts, and dining room serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday Brunch.  
**Opens May 20**

**Sunrise Lodge**  
 Food and gifts. Day use only/no overnight lodging.  
**June 25 - Sept. 4** 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. daily



## Wilderness Information Centers

**Longmire WIC (360) 569-HIKE**  
 Wilderness camping & westside route climbing permits.

**May 13 - May 26:**  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily

**May 27 - June 30:**  
 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**Climbing Information Center at the Paradise Guide House (360) 569-6009**  
 Climbing information & permits. May close in the event of a rescue or other emergency.

**May 7 - May 22:**  
 8:00 a.m. - noon Saturday & Sunday

**May 27 - June 30:**  
 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday - Friday  
 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday

**White River WIC (360) 569-6030**  
 Wilderness camping & eastside climbing permits.

**May 28 - June 30:**  
 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday - Wednesday  
 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday  
 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday  
 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday

**Wilkeson WIC (360) 569-6020**  
 Wilderness camping & northside climbing permits.

**May - June 12:**  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday

**June 13 - June 30:**  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday - Sunday

## Please Recycle!

Mount Rainier National Park has been involved in recycling since the late 1960's. We reduce our consumption of resources by reusing and recycling. We recycle aluminum cans, plastic (no. 1 and 2), glass, office paper, mixed paper, cardboard, scrap metal, used oil, batteries, and a number of other items.

We also purchase recycled plastic products such as plastic bags, picnic tables, and plastic lumber; paper products made of pre- and post-consumer recycled paper; automobile products; and other products.

Be part of the effort! Please deposit aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass in the recycle cans provided.



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### Mount Rainier National Park

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### EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA



## Road Opening Schedule



Estimated Dates (subject to change)

Nisqually to Paradise	Open all year
Westside Road to Dry Creek	Open
Paradise Valley Road	May 1
Stevens Canyon Road	May 1
Chinook Pass (SR 410)	TBD by WSDOT
Cayuse Pass (SR 123/SR 410)	TBD by WSDOT
White River Road to White River Campground Parking Lot	May 1
Sunrise Road	June 11
Carbon River Road	Open all year
Mowich Lake Road to Mowich Lake	May 22

**Use caution while driving this spring. Roads can be snow covered, icy or slick!**



Gasoline, lodging, dining, recreation equipment rentals, and other services are available in local communities. A list of these services is available at park visitor centers and on the park's website: [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora). Religious services are available in local communities.

**GAS IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE PARK.**

## Drive-in Campgrounds

Campground	Open Dates	Elev.	Sites	Fee	Group Sites	Group Fees	Toilets	Water	Dump Station
Sunshine Point	Year-round	2000'	18	\$10			Pit	*	
Cougar Rock*	May 27 - Oct. 10	3180'	173	\$12/15*	5	\$40-64	Flush	*	*
Ohanapecosh*	May 27 - Oct. 10	1914'	188	\$12/15*	1	\$40	Flush	*	*
White River	June 24 - Sept. 18	4400'	112	\$10			Flush	*	
Ipsut Creek	Year-round (Closed to car camping Sept 13-24)	2300'	28	\$8	2	\$20-25	Pit	No Potable Water	
Mowich Lake	May 22 - Oct. 10	4950'	30	None			Pit	No Potable Water	

\* Advance reservations are required for Cougar Rock and Ohanapecosh Campgrounds from the last Friday in June through Labor Day (group sites from May 28 - October 11). Call 1-800-365-CAMP up to 5 months in advance or reserve your site on-line at <http://reservations.nps.gov>. The nightly fee during the reservation period is \$15 per site. All other campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first-served basis.