



# Focus on Stehekin

2004 - 2005



North Cascades National Park Service Complex, located in north-central Washington State, is characterized by a mix of jagged mountain peaks, glaciers, lush and diverse forests, and tumbling waterfalls. The park complex includes North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. Nestled in the glacier-carved Stehekin Valley, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area encompasses the upper 4.5 miles of Lake Chelan and remote Stehekin. This small community has no road connection to the rest of the world. Visitors and residents arrive by passenger ferry, private boat, floatplane, horseback, and on foot. Trails into large areas of wilderness branch off the Stehekin Valley Road ascending to the rugged mountains. The road begins at the boat landing and follows the meandering Stehekin River to Cottonwood Camp, 23 miles upvalley, though a fall 2003 flood severely damaged this road.

2004 marks the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. This act, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 3, 1964, established the National Wilderness Preservation System to "...secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness." Later, in 1988, the Washington Park Wilderness Act was passed establishing Wilderness Areas in Mount Rainier, Olympic and North Cascades National Parks. Today 634,614 acres within the North Cascades National Park Service Complex are managed as the Stephen Mather Wilderness.

The Wilderness Act defines Wilderness as a place that is not controlled by humans, where natural ecological processes operate freely, and where the land's primeval character and influences are retained; a place that is not occupied or modified by mankind, where humans are visitors, and the imprint of their activity is largely unnoticeable, and a place with outstanding opportunities for the solitude necessary for a primitive and unconfined recreation experience.

The floods that occurred throughout Washington State last fall are a reminder of nature's endless wonder and power. There is much to be learned from places like the North Cascades' Wilderness where ecological processes, such as floods, take place with minimal or no human control. This season we hope that you will explore the trails and backcountry of the Stehekin area and see nature first hand. Although many places have been altered by the floods, it is no less awe-inspiring. Enjoy the natural rugged character of this special place.

## Golden West Visitor Center

The Golden West Visitor Center is open daily, mid-March through mid-October (8:30 am - 5:00 pm with reduced hours in spring and fall). Follow the pathway from the boat landing to the Visitor Center on the hill where you can find the following:

- ▶ **Rangers** available to assist you with trail information, backcountry permits and general information about the area.
- ▶ **Naturalist Programs** including evening programs and short-talks presented daily. Check area bulletin boards for more information about ranger-led walks, bicycle tours and children's activities.
- ▶ **Exhibits and Relief Map**
- ▶ **The Golden West Gallery** displaying artwork related to Stehekin and the North Cascades. Programs and workshops presented by the artists throughout the summer.
- ▶ **A Wilderness Place**, a ten-minute audiovisual program includes narration and images of Stehekin and the surrounding wilderness area.

For additional information, including the latest park and trail conditions:

- ▶ visit the website [www.nps.gov/noca](http://www.nps.gov/noca) or
- ▶ call the Golden West Visitor Center at: (360) 856-5700 ext. 340, then ext. 14



Loading the Lady of the Lake

## Getting to Stehekin

**Lake Chelan Boat Company:** Passenger boats provide round-trip transportation service between Chelan and Stehekin with scheduled stops at Field's Point and Lucerne. Daily service is available from March 15th through October 31st with reduced service during the winter months. Prices vary by vessel and season. Write Lake Chelan Boat Company at P.O. Box 186, Chelan, WA 98816; call (509) 682-4584 or visit [www.ladyofthelake.com](http://www.ladyofthelake.com) for more information.

**The Tour Boat:** Flexible schedules, pets welcome. Write to Lake Chelan Tours, P.O. Box 1119, Chelan, WA 98816; call (509) 682-8287 or visit [www.thetourboat.com](http://www.thetourboat.com)

**Chelan Airways:** Flights to and from Stehekin scheduled daily during summer months and on reduced schedules during the winter. Flight tours 15 to 30 minutes in length available - prices variable. Write to Chelan Airways, P.O. Box W, Chelan WA 98816; call (509) 682-5555, email [info@chelanairways.com](mailto:info@chelanairways.com) or visit [www.chelanairways.com](http://www.chelanairways.com).

## Stehekin Transportation

The Stehekin Valley Road is paved for the first four miles from the Stehekin Landing and becomes gravel at Harlequin Campground. Traveling the road by foot, bicycle or bus provides views of the Stehekin River, glacier-clad jagged peaks, and forests.

**The Stehekin Shuttle:** For your enjoyment and convenience, the Stehekin Shuttle operates daily, from mid-May through mid-October, between the Stehekin Landing and just above Stehekin Valley Ranch. The bus accommodates backpacks, bicycles and pets. A *Bakery Special* ride between Stehekin Landing and the Stehekin Pastry Company is available for \$1 one way. You may get on or off the buses at any location.

**See shuttle schedules and fares on back page.**

**Stehekin Valley Road Status:** In the fall of 2003, Stehekin experienced its largest recorded flood event. Much of the 23-mile Stehekin Valley Road was damaged. This summer, 9.5 miles of the road will be accessible to vehicles, from the Stehekin Landing to just beyond Stehekin Valley Ranch. From this point, the Bullion Loop Trail will allow hikers, stock and bicycles to bypass a flooded road section to reach the upper valley trailheads and campgrounds. For more information, including current trail conditions, please visit [www.nps.gov/noca](http://www.nps.gov/noca) or contact the Golden West Visitor Center at (360) 856-5700 ext. 340 then ext. 14.

**National Park Service Shuttle Van:** Due to severe road damage the NPS Shuttle, which formerly operated between High Bridge and Glory Mountain, will not operate during the 2004 season.

**Horse Support:** The mild-mannered horses and guides of Cascade Corrals can transport gear to base-camps throughout the backcountry. See back page for contact information.



Horse-supported excursion into the backcountry

Visit the following websites for more information on businesses, lodging and activities:

- ▶ [www.stehekinchoice.com](http://www.stehekinchoice.com)
- ▶ [www.stehekinvalley.com](http://www.stehekinvalley.com)
- ▶ [www.golakechelan.com](http://www.golakechelan.com)
- ▶ [www.stehekin.com](http://www.stehekin.com) (North Cascades Stehekin Lodge)

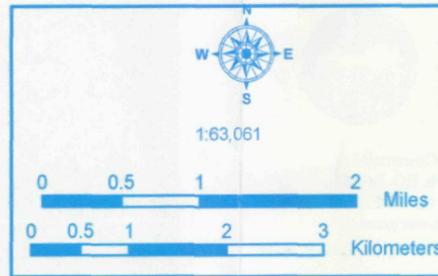
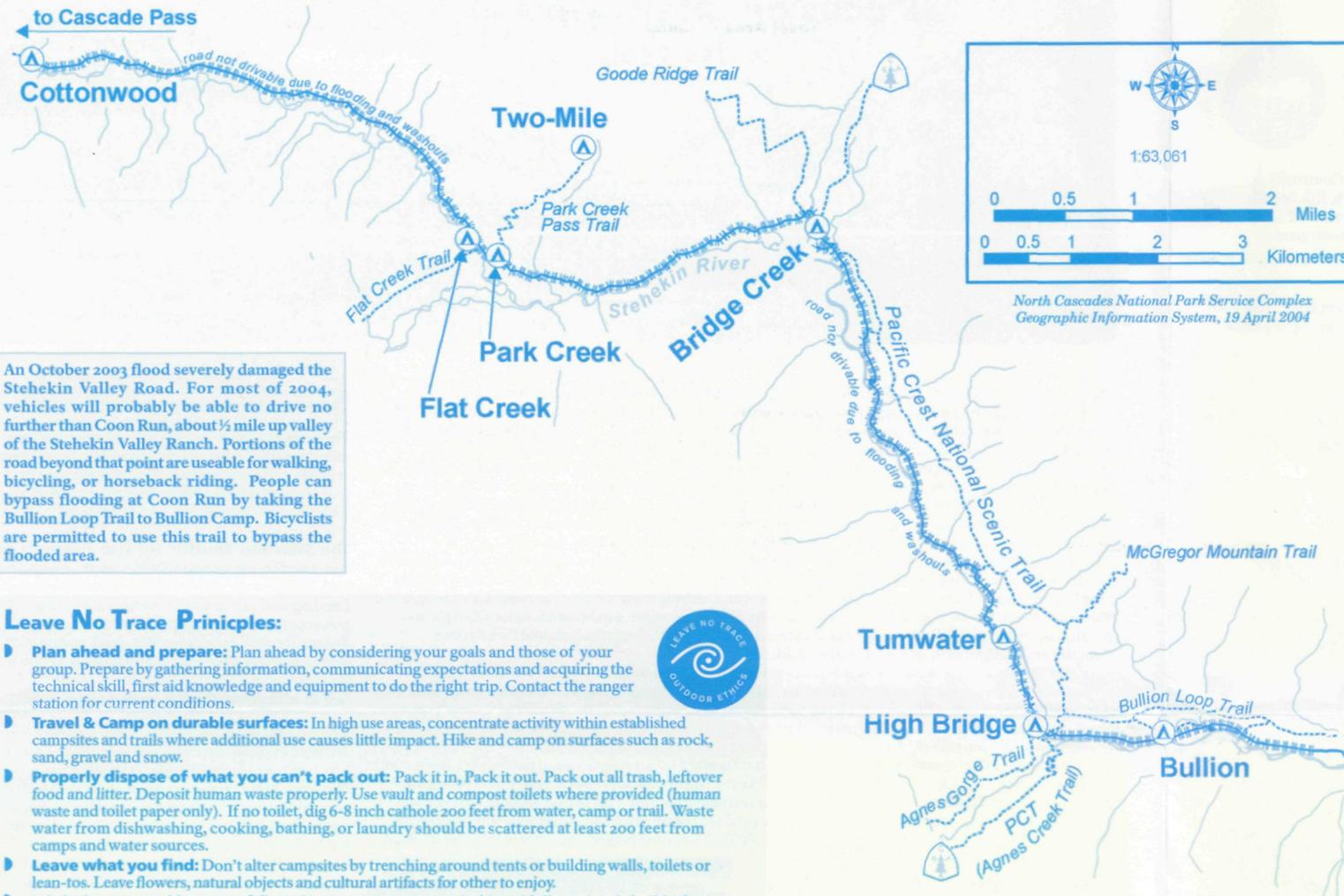
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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Lake Chelan National Recreation Area  
P.O. Box 7  
Stehekin WA 98852



# Stehekin Valley Road Area Map



North Cascades National Park Service Complex  
Geographic Information System, 19 April 2004

An October 2003 flood severely damaged the Stehekin Valley Road. For most of 2004, vehicles will probably be able to drive no further than Coon Run, about 1/2 mile up valley of the Stehekin Valley Ranch. Portions of the road beyond that point are useable for walking, bicycling, or horseback riding. People can bypass flooding at Coon Run by taking the Bullion Loop Trail to Bullion Camp. Bicyclists are permitted to use this trail to bypass the flooded area.

## Leave No Trace Principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan ahead by considering your goals and those of your group. Prepare by gathering information, communicating expectations and acquiring the technical skill, first aid knowledge and equipment to do the right trip. Contact the ranger station for current conditions.
- Travel & Camp on durable surfaces:** In high use areas, concentrate activity within established campsites and trails where additional use causes little impact. Hike and camp on surfaces such as rock, sand, gravel and snow.
- Properly dispose of what you can't pack out:** Pack it in, Pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter. Deposit human waste properly. Use vault and compost toilets where provided (human waste and toilet paper only). If no toilet, dig 6-8 inch cathole 200 feet from water, camp or trail. Waste water from dishwashing, cooking, bathing, or laundry should be scattered at least 200 feet from camps and water sources.
- Leave what you find:** Don't alter campsites by trenching around tents or building walls, toilets or lean-tos. Leave flowers, natural objects and cultural artifacts for other to enjoy.
- Minimize use and impact of fires:** Use campstoves instead of fires. If allowed, only build a fire in existing firepits.
- Respect Wildlife:** Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Never feed animals as it damages their health, alters natural behaviors and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Be considerate of Other Visitors:** Let nature's sounds prevail by avoiding loud voices and noises. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

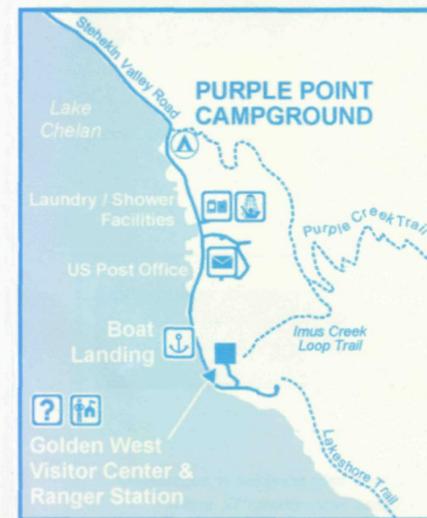


Stehekin Trails	Trailhead from Landing	Distance (One Way)	Elevation Gain	Difficulty	Remarks	
Lakeshore	Golden West Visitor Center	17.2 miles	500 feet	moderate	Trail follows north shore of Lake Chelan with scenic views of the lake	
Purple Creek	Golden West Visitor Center	7.5 miles	5,700 feet	strenuous	Hike an additional 1/2 mile to Boulder Butte for a panoramic view	
Rainbow Loop		2.6 miles	4.4 miles	1,000 feet	moderate	Bluffs overlooking scenic Stehekin River Valley
Stehekin River	4.4 miles at NPS Maintenance Yard	4 miles	level	easy	Trail follows river. Beaver ponds; birds; fishing holes	
Coon Lake	11.1 miles at High Bridge	1.3 miles	600 feet	moderate	Coon Lake is an excellent place for watching birds	
McGregor Mountain	11.1 miles at High Bridge	7.7 miles	6,525 feet	very strenuous	Steep hike to excellent views. Check at Park Service visitor center for route information	
Agnes Gorge	11.3 miles	2.5 miles	400 feet	easy	Excellent views of deep gorge & waterfall	
Bridge Creek	15.9 miles	14.3 miles	2,600 feet	moderate	Pacific Crest Trail heading north	
Goode Ridge Lookout	16.1 miles	5 miles	4,800 feet	strenuous	Trail ends at old fire lookout site with a panoramic view	
Cascade Pass	23 miles	8.1 miles	3,000 feet	moderate	Well-used trail through talus slopes and wooded ridge to Cascade Pass	
Horseshoe Basin	23 miles	3.9 miles	1,850 feet	moderate	More than 13 waterfalls cascade from snowfields off cliff-ringed cirque. Evidence of mining history, including Black Warrior Mine.	

Lake Chelan National Recreation Area - Camping Information								
Travel Area	Camp	Number of Sites	Miles from Landing	Elevation (feet)	Fires Allowed	Group Camping Access: (R) Road, (B) Boat, (F) Foot	Comments	
Lower Valley	Purple Point	7	0.3	1100	Y	R, B, F	Only campground near Stehekin Landing. Treated water. Stock corral.	
	Harlequin	7	4.4	1200	Y	R, F	Has separate group camps (reservations required). Nearest camp to Rainbow Falls, Rainbow Loop and River Trail.	
High Bridge Area	Bullion	2	10	1250	Y	F	Small camp in forest	
	High Bridge	2	11	1650	Y	F	Located at junction of Agnes Creek Trail, Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) South and Stehekin Valley Road. Stock corral.	
	Tumwater	2	12	1750	Y	F	Near a thunderous river gorge	
Mid-Valley	Dolly Varden	2	13	1920	Y	F	*Severe flood damage	
	Shady*	1	14.7	1920	Y	F	*Severe flood damage	
Upper Valley	Bridge Creek	6	16	2100	Y	Y	F	Located at junction of PCT North and Stehekin Valley Road. Separate group camp (reservations required). Stock corral.
	Park Creek	2	18.5	2250	Y	F	Located at the Park Creek Trailhead	
	Flat Creek	4	18.8	2300	Y	F	Located across bridge from the road.	
Lakeside (\$5 docking permit required)	Cottonwood	4	23	2750	Y	F	Located at official end of Stehekin Valley Road, 23 miles from the Stehekin Landing.	
	Weaver Point	22	N/A	1100	Y	B, F	Popular camp spot on weekends. Only direct access to Stehekin Landing by boat. Four miles to Harlequin via River Trail. Treated water available.	
	Manly Wham	1	N/A	1100	Y	B	Lakeshore camp near Bridal Veil Falls.	
	Flick Creek	1	N/A	1100	Y	B, F	Camp Located near Lakeshore Trail.	

- Free backcountry permits are needed for overnight stays at all North Cascades National Park Service Complex camps. Permits available at Ranger Stations on a first-come, first-served basis up to a day in advance.
- No NPS backcountry permit needed for Lake Chelan boat-in sites. Use of all federal docks on Lake Chelan requires a U.S. Forest Service dock permit, costing \$5 per day or \$40 for the season (May 1 through October 31).
- Reservation requests for group camps must be made in writing: National Park Service, PO Box 7, Stehekin, WA 98852. For further information call (360) 856-5700 ext 340 then ext 14.

## STEHKIN LANDING



## Activities & Services

**Cascade Corrals:** Horse supported hiking and riding trips into the Cascades are available, as well as drop camps and upper valley base camps. For trip times and costs visit the Courtney Log Office located 200 yards from the boat landing, write to Cascade Corrals, Box 67, Stehekin, WA 98852, or email [courtneystehekin@msn.com](mailto:courtneystehekin@msn.com). [www.courtneycountry.com](http://www.courtneycountry.com)

**Discovery Bikes:** Mountain bike rentals by the hour or day. Feature trip is Ranch Breakfast Ride. Stop by Courtney Log Office, write P.O. Box 8, Stehekin WA 98852, or email [discoverybikes@starband.net](mailto:discoverybikes@starband.net). [www.stehekindiscoverybikes.com](http://www.stehekindiscoverybikes.com)

**The House That Jack Built:** Located near the Golden West Visitor Center. For sale are a variety of handcrafted items including t-shirts, cards and jewelry made by residents of Stehekin. The store is open during the summer.

**In My Hands Massage:** State and nationally licensed. Located 3.5 miles from the landing at the Buckner Orchard. For reservations stop by the Courtney log office, write P.O. Box 55, Stehekin, WA 98852, or email: [wendy@stehekinvalley.net](mailto:wendy@stehekinvalley.net).



**Laundry and Shower Facilities:** Public telephone, coin operated laundry and shower located 200 yards uplake from Landing. Open April - October.

**North Cascades Kayaking & Rafting:** guided kayak (two and six hour) and rafting trips. Located at the junction of the Stehekin Valley Road and Silver Bay Road, 1.5 miles from the landing. Reservations required for some trips. [www.stehekinguideservice.com](http://www.stehekinguideservice.com)

### North Cascades Stehekin Lodge:

Call (509) 682-4494. Services include:

- **Convenience Store:** Small selection of beverages, food items, gifts and souvenirs.
- **Boat & Bicycle Rentals:** Mountain bike and boat rentals by the hour or day.
- **Bike and Lunch Self-guided Tour:** Picnic lunch and bicycle rental for half day rental price.
- **Rainbow Falls Bus Tour:** Narrated bus trip to the 312' falls. Tour leaves Stehekin Landing year-round upon arrival of all passenger vessels.
- **Restaurant:** Year-round. Limited operation in winter.

[www.stehekin.com](http://www.stehekin.com)

**Rafting the Stehekin River:** Raft the lower 11 miles of the Stehekin River. See Stehekin Valley Ranch under *Accommodations* for reservation information.



### Stehekin Pastry Company:

Located 1.9 miles from the Landing. The bakery offers fresh baked goods, coffee, refreshments and ice cream. Newly expanded

lunch menu and special order cakes and desserts. Open Memorial Day to October.

**Winter Activities:** Recreational activities are available throughout the year. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are popular winter pursuits. North Cascades Stehekin Lodge rents snowshoes and offers transportation to and from ski and snowshoe destinations. Contact the North Cascades Stehekin Lodge for more information.



Ranger-led tour of the Historic Buckner Homestead

## Naturalist Programs

The National Park Service offers a variety of Naturalist Activities including talks, guided walks, children's activities and bicycle tours. For a complete schedule of activities please visit the Golden West Visitor Center or look on area bulletin boards.

## Family Activities

### Children's Programs:

Check at the Golden West Visitor Center during summer months.

• **Family Fun Packs:** Available to borrow at the Golden West Visitor Center, these free packs are great tools for exploring the area. They include field guides, books, binoculars, games and an activity journal.

• **Junior Ranger Program:** By becoming a Jr. Ranger, kids can experience the national park setting with opportunities for learning, teaching and protecting this national treasure and earn a badge and certificate! Stop by the Golden West Visitor Center for additional details.



## Accommodations

**North Cascades Stehekin Lodge:** Write to North Cascades Stehekin Lodge, P.O. Box 457, Chelan, WA 98816, call (509) 682-4494 or email: [info@stehekin.com](mailto:info@stehekin.com) [www.stehekin.com](http://www.stehekin.com)

**Silver Bay Inn Resort:** Write to Silver Bay InnResort, P.O. Box 15, Stehekin WA 98852, call (509) 687-3142 or 254-377-3912 or email: [stehekin@silverbayinn.com](mailto:stehekin@silverbayinn.com). [www.silverbayinn.com](http://www.silverbayinn.com)

**Stehekin Rainbow Lodge:** write to P.O. Box 66, Stehekin, WA 98852, call 206-669-1777, or email: [rainbowlodge@stehekinvalley.net](mailto:rainbowlodge@stehekinvalley.net). [www.stehekinrainbowlodge.com](http://www.stehekinrainbowlodge.com)



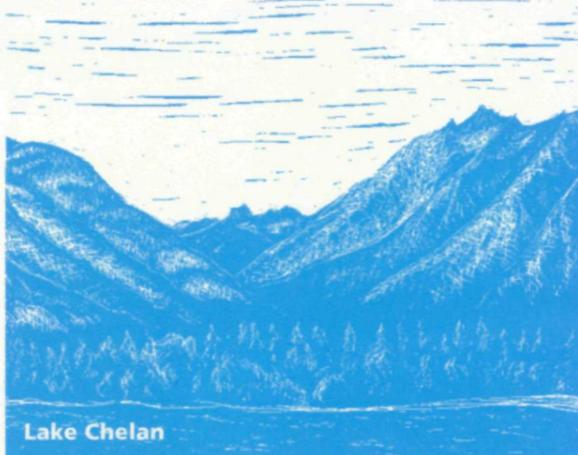
**Stehekin Valley Ranch:** Visit the Courtney Log Office or write: Stehekin Valley Ranch, P.O. Box 881, Chelan WA 98816, call (509) 682-4677 or 1-800-536-0745, or email: [ranch@courtneycountry.com](mailto:ranch@courtneycountry.com). [www.courtneycountry.com](http://www.courtneycountry.com)

### Housekeeping Cabins:

These are individual housekeeping cabins available for rent by owners. Locations vary from 1.5 to 6 miles from the landing. Inquire with owners. (All addresses Stehekin, WA 98852)

- **Flick Creek**  
P.O. Box 25, (509) 884-1730  
email: [barnhartphoto@earthlink.net](mailto:barnhartphoto@earthlink.net)
- **Stehekin Cedar Home**, P.O. Box 14
- **Stehekin Log Cabin**, P.O. Box 67  
(509) 682-7742
- **Stehekin Mountain Cabin**, P.O. Box 38  
email: [pittscabin@starband.net](mailto:pittscabin@starband.net)

**NOTE:** There is no ATM in Stehekin and few businesses accept credit cards.



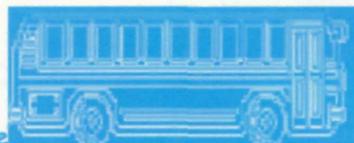
Lake Chelan

## 2004 Stehekin Valley Road Shuttle Service

SPRING				
May 17 - May 27	Stehekin Landing	End of Drivable Road	Stehekin Landing	
* Demand Only (see note)	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
	9:00	9:45	10:00	10:45
	1:00	1:45	2:00	2:45
SUMMER				
May 28 - May 31	Stehekin Landing	End of Drivable Road	Stehekin Landing	
	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
	8:15	9:00	9:00	9:45
	11:15	noon	noon	12:45
	2:15	3:00	3:00	3:45
	5:15	6:00	6:00	6:45
FALL				
Sept. 27 - Oct. 10	Stehekin Landing	End of Drivable Road	Stehekin Landing	
	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
	9:00	9:45	10:00	10:45
	1:00	1:45	2:00	2:45

### One way fares:

- \$6.00 Adult
- \$4.00 Children 4 - 12 years old
- \$3.00 Bicycles
- Children under 4 years & dogs ride free



--- Cash or Check Only ---

\* May 17 - June 17 is demand only. Service only provided if passengers board at Stehekin Landing or with advance reservations. To make reservations contact the Stehekin Shuttle at [jpwilliams1040@yahoo.com](mailto:jpwilliams1040@yahoo.com).