



A MAJESTIC DEBUT



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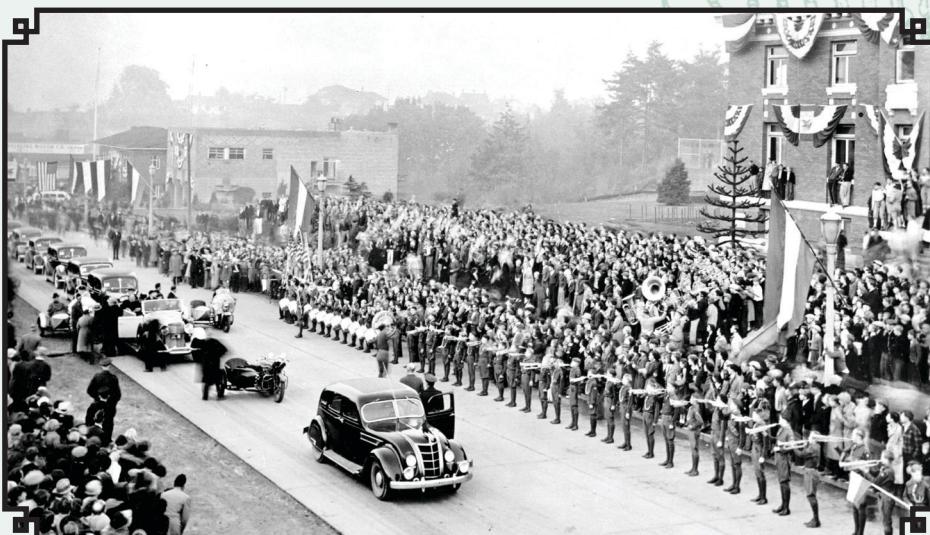
GAY HUNTER, Park Curator

In September 1937, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt visited the Olympic Peninsula. He wanted to learn more from local citizens about the emotional controversy concerning a new national park. His decisions would forever change the fate of the Olympic Peninsula.

The trip itinerary included Port Angeles, a visit to Lake Crescent for critical meetings with U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service personnel, and a stop in Quinault. In Port Angeles throngs of citizens lined the streets to catch a glimpse of President Roosevelt’s motorcade. Schoolchildren waited for hours on the courthouse lawn. They held up a sign that caught the President’s attention: “Please Mr. President, we children need your help. Give us our Olympic National Park.”

President Roosevelt responded with an unrehearsed speech: “Mr. Mayor and my friends of Port Angeles, that sign on the schoolhouse is the appealingest appeal that I have seen in all my travels. I am inclined to think it counts more to have the children want that park than all the rest of us put together. So you boys and girls, I think you can count on my help in getting that national park, not only because we need it for us old people and you young people but for a whole lot of young people who are going to come along in the next hundred years of America.”

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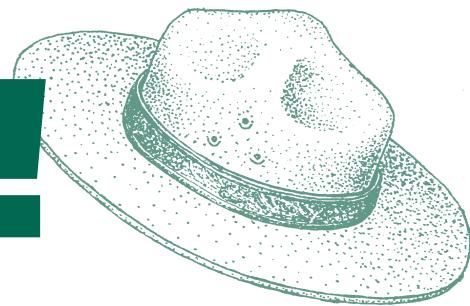


Upon returning to Washington DC, President Roosevelt supported efforts to create a national park on the Olympic Peninsula. On June 29, 1938, he signed a bill that created the 648,000-acre Olympic National Park. Later additions expanded this spectacular national park to nearly one million acres.

“The 75th anniversary of Olympic National Park gives us a chance to reflect on the outstanding natural and cultural heritage protected in the park,” said Olympic National Park Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum. “Olympic is a treasured part of our nation’s heritage for millions of visitors to enjoy today and in the future.”

Are We There Yet?

Trip Tips!



Welcome to Olympic National Park. Whether you are here for a day, two days, a week or more, many spectacular sights await your discovery in this vast and diverse wilderness park.

	Elwha		Fairholme		Heart O' The Hills		Hoh Rain Forest		Hurricane Ridge		Kalaloch		Lake Crescent		Mora		Port Angeles		Seattle (by ferry)		Sol Duc		Staircase		Quinault	
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Highway 101 encircles the park and several spur roads lead to mountains, forest and coast. Look for interpretive exhibits along park roadways. The center of the park, untouched by roads, offers incredible wilderness adventures. **Olympic National Park Visitor Center** in Port Angeles provides information, exhibits, children's discovery room, park film, park passes, bookshop and trails. Located in the visitor center, the **Wilderness Information Center (WIC)** offers wilderness trip planning assistance and camping permits, minimum impact tips and bear canisters. Also visit the ranger stations and visitor centers located throughout the park. Pick up a free park map for trip planning or purchase topo maps for hiking. Ask for handouts about day hikes, accessible facilities, campgrounds and more! Self-guiding trail brochures are available for \$1.00 donation at various park trailheads. **Park programs**, including talks and guided walks, are offered throughout Olympic. See program schedules in this newspaper and check park bulletin boards for further details. Most programs and facilities are seasonal.

Are you entering the park from the north, east or west?

Along the north side of the park, you can visit Hurricane Ridge, Elwha, Lake Crescent or Sol Duc. Staircase is a popular destination on the east side of the park. On the west side, the rain forests of Quinault or Hoh, and beaches at Kalaloch, Mora and Ozette await your discovery.

How long is your visit? Mountains, lakes, forests or coast?

In one day on the north side you can drive up to Hurricane Ridge in the morning, and then visit either Elwha, Lake Crescent or Sol Duc in the afternoon. On the west side, you can explore the rain forests at Quinault or Hoh in the morning and then enjoy the coastal sunset at Kalaloch. For another wonderful, varied day trip visit Rialto Beach (Mora) during low tide and hike trails at the Hoh in the morning or afternoon. Staircase offers a one-day trip to the southeast side of the park. Ozette is a unique destination in the park's northwest corner. You can create countless other trip combinations for a memorable vacation. Consider the distances between areas when you plan your visit.



MOUNTAINS

The most accessible mountain area is **Hurricane Ridge** at 5,242 feet, 17 miles up a paved road from Port Angeles. Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center offers information, exhibits, 20-minute film, snack bar and gift shop. Picnic areas

provide a chance to relax amid the breathtaking scenery. Along the trails you can capture views of glacier-clad mountains crowning miles of wilderness. Avalanche and glacier lilies, lupines, bistorts and tiger lilies dance beneath stunted subalpine fir trees. High-pitched whistles announce the Olympic marmot, found only on the Olympic Peninsula. Black-tailed deer feed in summer meadows and migrate downslope when cold recaptures the high country.



LAKES

Lake Crescent is located 21 miles west of Port Angeles on Highway 101. This 624-foot deep shimmering jewel was carved by a huge glacier thousands of years ago. Stroll along the shore or take day hikes on the Marymere Falls, Spruce Railroad or Moments in Time trails. The Storm King Ranger Station has information, books and maps. Lake Crescent Lodge and Log Cabin Resort offer restaurants, boat rentals and overnight lodging. Fairholme Campground and a convenience store with boat rentals are located at the west end of the lake. **Ozette**, a two-hour drive from Port Angeles, offers boating opportunities, a small campground on the lake and trails to the rocky beach (see COAST, page three).



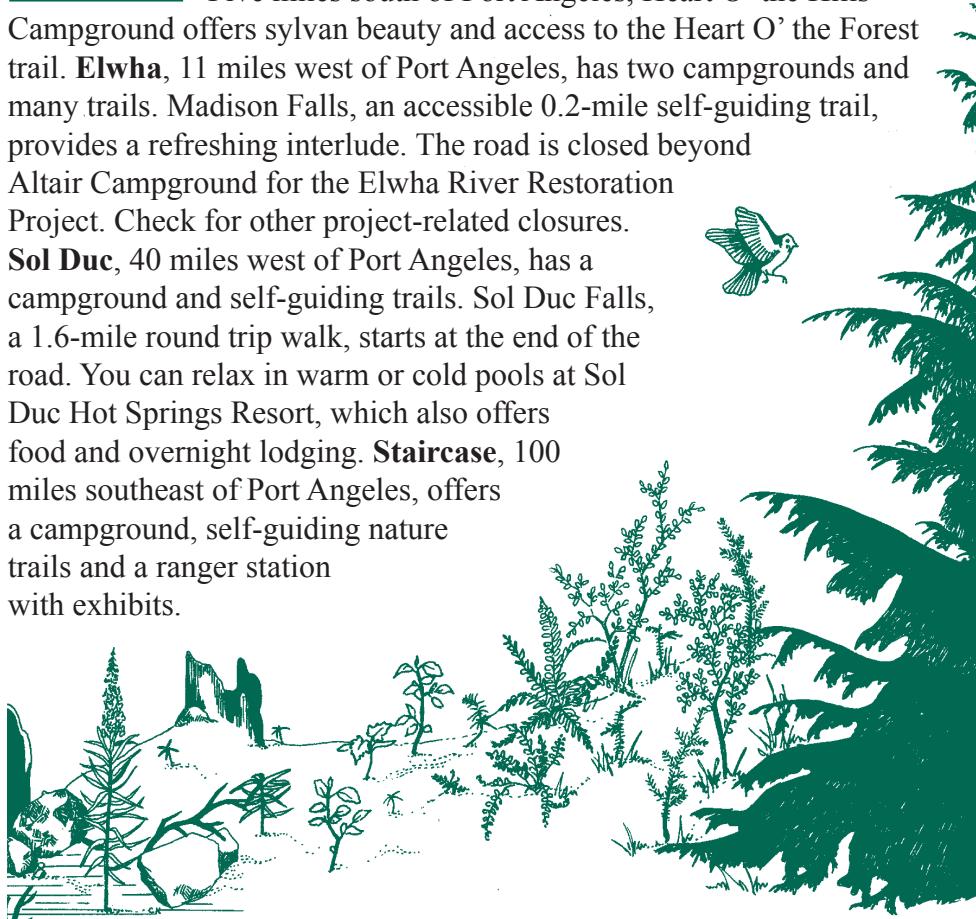
TEMPERATE RAIN FOREST

Drenched in over 12 feet of rain a year, west side valleys flourish with giant western hemlock, Douglas-fir and Sitka spruce trees. Moss-draped bigleaf maples create a magical scene that obliterates all sense of time. Roosevelt elk may linger along riverbanks at dawn and dusk. **Hoh Rain Forest**, 91 miles west of Port Angeles, offers a visitor center, exhibits, books, maps, self-guiding nature trails and a campground. **Quinault Rain Forest**, on the Quinault North Shore Road, is located 128 miles from Port Angeles. Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station offers information, exhibits, bookshop and self-guiding trails. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station and more trails are on the south shore of Lake Quinault. Throughout the valley, visitors enjoy rain forest hikes, lake activities, several campgrounds, lodging and restaurants.



LOWLAND FOREST

On the north and east sides of the park, the magnificent lowland forest cloaks lower elevations. This old growth is dominated by western hemlock and Douglas-fir trees. Five miles south of Port Angeles, Heart O' the Hills Campground offers sylvan beauty and access to the Heart O' the Forest trail. **Elwha**, 11 miles west of Port Angeles, has two campgrounds and many trails. Madison Falls, an accessible 0.2-mile self-guiding trail, provides a refreshing interlude. The road is closed beyond Altair Campground for the Elwha River Restoration Project. Check for other project-related closures. **Sol Duc**, 40 miles west of Port Angeles, has a campground and self-guiding trails. Sol Duc Falls, a 1.6-mile round trip walk, starts at the end of the road. You can relax in warm or cold pools at Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort, which also offers food and overnight lodging. **Staircase**, 100 miles southeast of Port Angeles, offers a campground, self-guiding nature trails and a ranger station with exhibits.

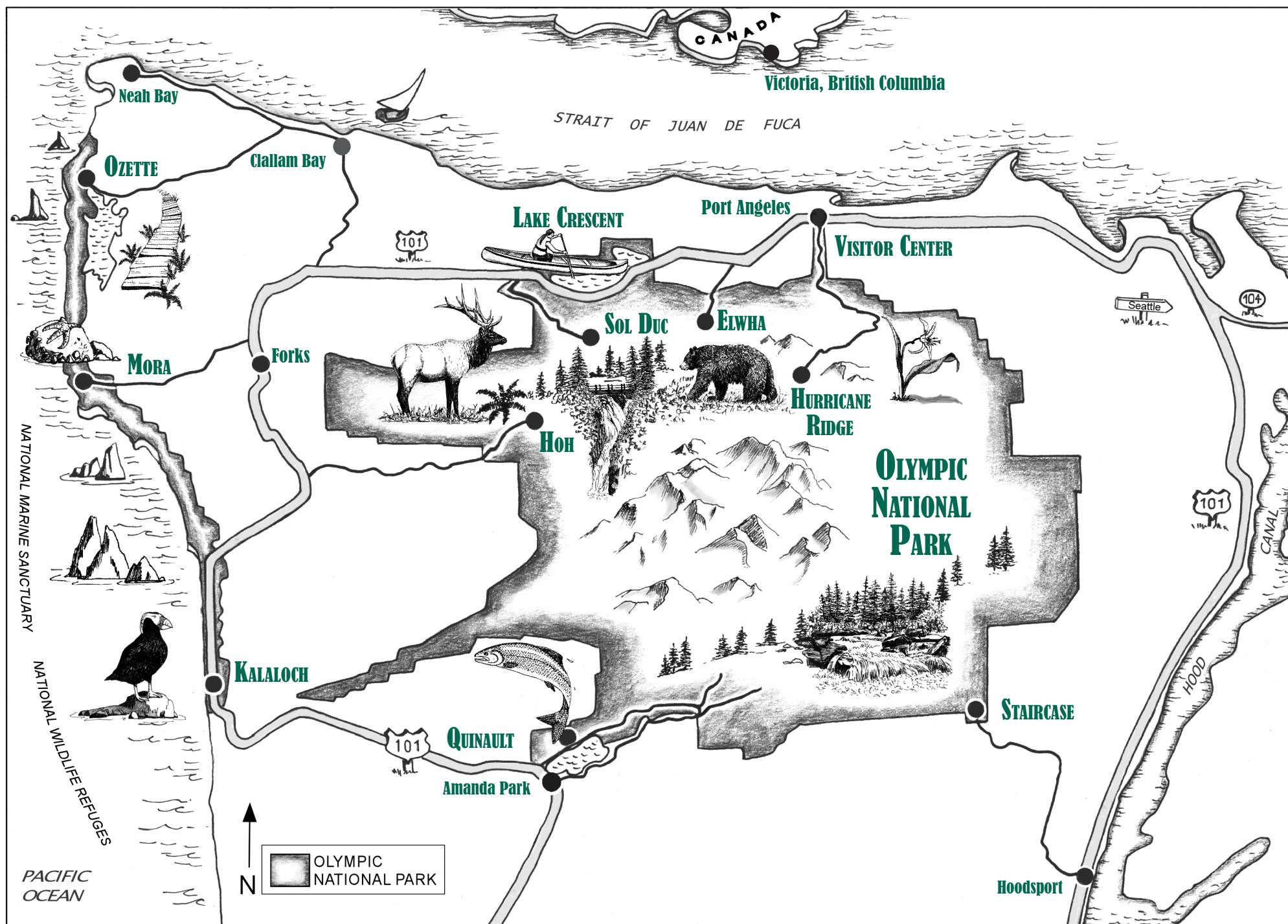


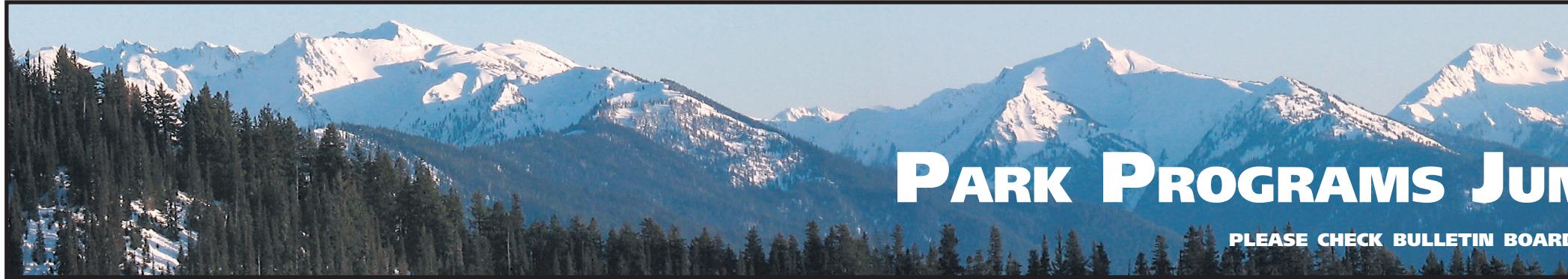


COAST

The park's wilderness coast provides a constantly changing scene. Low tide exposes sea anemones, red and purple sea urchins, sea stars and limpets, artistically and strategically arranged on the rocks. It is important to leave tide pool animals in their homes, as moving just one animal can injure it and disrupt an entire community. **Kalaloch** is an expansive sandy beach located 95 miles southwest of Port Angeles. Kalaloch Ranger Station has information, exhibits and a bookshop. Visitors also enjoy campgrounds, Kalaloch Lodge, a restaurant and convenience store. Advance reservations are available for Kalaloch Campground during the summer by calling (877) 444-6777 or visiting www.recreation.gov. Nearby Beach 4 and Ruby Beach are popular destinations accessed via 0.2-mile trails. **Mora**, 70 miles west of Port Angeles, offers a campground less than two miles from Rialto Beach. Along the beach, you can hike 1.5 miles north to picturesque Hole-in-the-Wall. Other hiking opportunities include the short Second or Third Beach trails. **Ozette** offers a small campground located on the lake near the ranger station. You can reach the beach along three-mile boardwalk trails to either Sand Point or Cape Alava. A popular day hike is the nine-mile loop, which includes a three-mile beach walk. For longer day hikes or overnight backcountry trips along the coast, check maps and tide tables. Contact the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) about food storage requirements, reservations and permits. Have a safe and enjoyable trip!

**Please return often,
perhaps during a
season of snow,
or in the spring
when
old and new
generations of green
share the palette of this
rare masterpiece called Olympic.**





PARK PROGRAMS JUN

PLEASE CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

NORTH SIDE

1. PORT ANGELES

Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open Daily 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Information, Discovery Room, park film, bookshop, maps, exhibits, nature trails, Wilderness Information Center. For park information call (360) 565-3130. For recorded 24-hour road and weather information call (360) 565-3131.

2. HEART O' THE HILLS

Evening Program - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.
Heart O' the Hills Campground amphitheater. Check bulletin boards for topics.

Family Forest Activities - Saturday 10:00 a.m. beginning June 29.
Join us for one hour of forest activities. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

3. HURRICANE RIDGE

Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - Dusk
Information, maps, exhibits, orientation film, trails. The information desk is staffed daily 10:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. The snack bar and gift shop are open daily 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Terrace Talk - Daily 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. Learn about this amazing wilderness park at a 20-minute talk. Topics vary.

Meadow Walk - Daily 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Join this easy one-hour guided walk to explore life in the mountains. Discover wildlife, wildflowers and other features of the Olympic landscape.

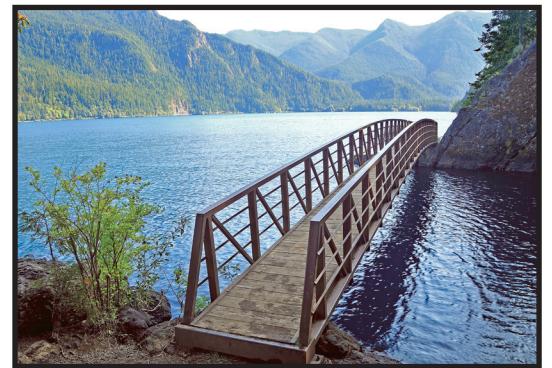


4. ELWHA

Elwha Ranger Station - Open Friday through Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Information, maps, trails.

5. LAKE CRESCENT

**Storm King Ranger Station
Open Friday through Monday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Closed for lunch.
Information, bookshop, maps, trails.



**Lake Crescent Lodge
Campfire Program
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 p.m.** Meet at the lakeside campfire circle near Lake Crescent Lodge.

Log Cabin Resort Campfire Program - Saturday 8:00 p.m.
Meet at the lakeside campfire circle at resort.

6. SOL DUC

Eagle Ranger Station - Hours vary.
Information, books, maps.

Evening Program - Sunday, Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Sol Duc Campground amphitheater. Topics on bulletin boards.

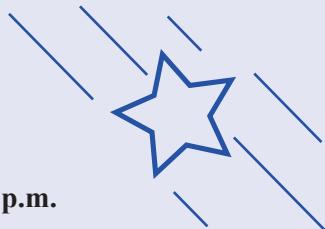
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DISCOVER THE NIGHT SKY

HURRICANE RIDGE ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS

Meet Master Observer John Goar at Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center for a one-hour astronomy program with telescopes. Look for the rings of Saturn or a distant galaxy.

- July 1 through July 14 - 10:45 p.m.
- July 27 through July 31 - 10:15 p.m.
- August 1 through August 11 - 10:00 p.m.
- August 24 through August 31 - 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 1 - Sept 3 and Sept. 6 - Sept. 9 - 9:00 p.m.



HURRICANE HILL SUNSET FULL MOON HIKES

Join astronomer John Goar for a 2 1/2-hour sunset full moon hike July 20, 21 and August 21. Meet at Hurricane Hill trailhead at 8:30 p.m. Bring flashlights and wear sturdy shoes. The walk is 1.6 miles one-way on a partially paved trail that climbs 700 feet to the top of Hurricane Hill.

If skies are cloudy, both programs will be canceled. For program status, call the park recording at (360) 565-3131 after 3:00 p.m. the day of the program.

Junior Ranger

Olympic National Park Junior Rangers learn exciting secrets about the park. Pick up a free activity booklet at park visitor centers and earn your Junior Ranger badge!

Discovery Backpack

Have fun exploring nature with a Discovery Backpack filled with binoculars, guidebooks and more! Borrow a backpack at park visitor centers for a \$5.00 donation.





SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 1

PROGRAMS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

EAST SIDE

7. STAIRCASE

Staircase Ranger Station - Hours vary.

Information, exhibits, maps, trails, wilderness permits, bear cans.

Forest Walk - Friday, Saturday, Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Meet on bridge for 1 1/2-hour guided forest walk along the Skokomish River.

Discover Staircase! - Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the ranger station for this 1/2-hour talk about the plants, animals or history of Staircase. Fun for all ages!

Evening Program - Friday, Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Meet at the Staircase amphitheater.

*...thing with feathers,
...perches in the soul,
...without the words,
...and never stops at all.*

Emily Dickinson



WEST SIDE

8. RECREATION INFORMATION CENTER - FORKS

NPS/USFS Recreation Information - Open Thursday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Information, books, maps, wilderness permits, park passes.

9. HOH

Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps, trails, wilderness permits, bear cans.

Rain Forest Walk - Daily 2:00 p.m.

Learn about giant trees, wildlife and more on this 1 1/2-hour easy walk on the Hall of Mosses or Spruce Nature Trail. Meet at the Hoh Visitor Center.

Evening Program - Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Hoh Campground amphitheater. Topics on bulletin boards.

10. QUINAULT

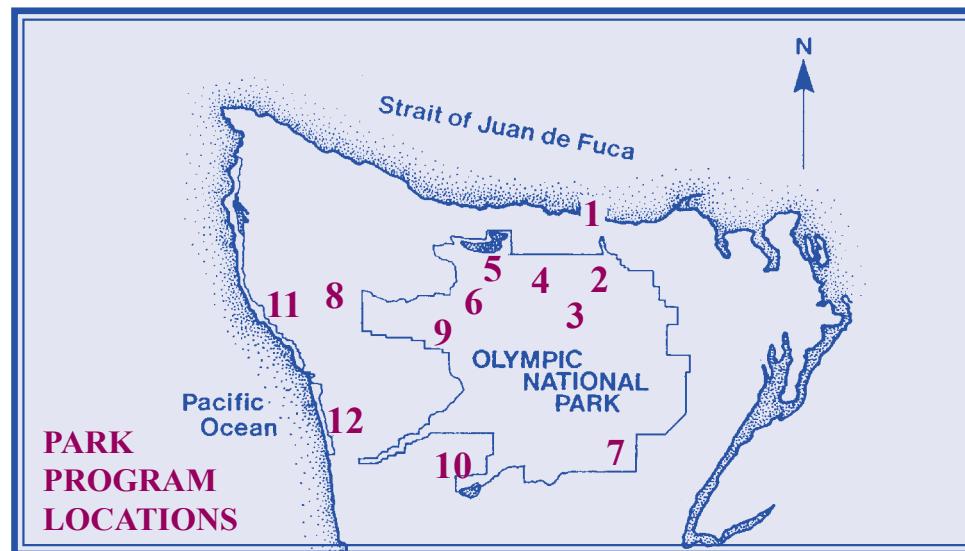
Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station - North Shore Road

Open Thursday through Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed for guided walks & lunch. Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps, trails.

Life in the Rain Forest Walk - Thursday through Monday 1:00 p.m.

Learn about rain forest plants, animals and homesteader lore. Meet at Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station for this easy 1 1/2-hour, 3/4-mile walk.



11. MORA

Mora Ranger Station - Hours vary. Information and park brochures.

12. KALALOCH

Kalaloch Ranger Station

Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps.

Beach walk *Or* Tide Pool Walk

Topics, locations, dates and times vary due to changing tides. See Kalaloch bulletin boards, call (360) 374-7566 for current schedules and information, or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/events.htm.

Ranger's Favorites! - Tuesday through Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Drop by the Kalaloch Lodge gazebo at any time during this one-hour hands-on exploration of Olympic's treasures. Bring your coastal curiosity!

Evening Program - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Kalaloch Campground amphitheater. Check bulletin boards for topics.

One of the most precious values of the national parks is their ability to teach us about ourselves and how we relate to the natural world.

This important role may prove invaluable in the near future as we strive to understand and adapt to a changing climate.



Jon Jarvis, Director,
National Park Service

INFORMATION

For a Safe Visit



In case of an emergency dial 911. Park rangers, stationed throughout the park, can assist you with safety or crime issues.



Please help protect marine life. All living organisms on the beach and in tide pools are protected.

If you encounter a seal pup on the beach please do not touch it. The pup does not need help and unfortunately your actions could lead to abandonment by its mother.



Filter or boil all backcountry water to a rolling boil to avoid infection by *Giardia*, a microscopic intestinal parasite.

Pack rain gear and warm clothing. Hypothermia, a dangerous lowering of body temperature, may result from exposure to wet or chilly weather.



Pets are not allowed on park trails. This is for the safety of your pets, park wildlife and you! Ask for our pet regulations handout.

Tread lightly please. Avoid walking on delicate vegetation by staying on trails. Help protect this beautiful wilderness park for future visitors.



Bicyclists beware. Travel around Lake Crescent and other park areas can be hazardous due to heavy traffic, narrow roadways and seasonal road construction. Please use extra caution.



Drift logs are dangerous! Avoid swimming in or walking near the ocean during storms or heavy surf.



Cougars inhabit all elevations of the park where deer, elk and other prey are plentiful. Sightings are rare and usually fleeting. But if you encounter a cougar, make yourself large and loud, wave your arms or a stick, face the cougar and slowly back away. Report all cougar observations at the nearest ranger station.



Wilderness camping permits for overnight hikes are available at the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) in Port Angeles. For more information about permits, reservations, minimum impact tips, bear canisters and camp locations visit www.nps.gov/olym. New in 2013, permit reservations are now accepted by fax or mail. See website for more information. For questions please call (360) 565-3100.



WILDlife!

Spotting wildlife can be a memorable part of your park visit. Some animals are elusive and rarely seen, such as fishers and bobcats. Others, like deer, chipmunks, gray jays and non-native mountain goats, have become overly accustomed to humans. Their natural reaction to your presence should be to flee and not approach you, but some habituated animals have lost their natural wariness. Do not follow when they move away. Thank YOU for keeping wildlife wild!



- **Stay fifty yards from wildlife.** If they approach, scare them away with waving arms and loud shouts.
- **Never feed park wildlife.** It is illegal, harmful to animals and hazardous to you. Animals fed by humans lose fear of people, which will alter natural animal behavior and may lead to aggression.
- **When camping or picnicking, secure food and trash from animals.** Whenever possible, store these items in your vehicle. At Olympic, diligent visitors have helped prevent dangerous interactions with bears.

Connect to the
Olympic National Park
audio tour!

Dial
360-406-5056
then select from the options below:

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Park Services

Park concessions offer food services, lodging and gift items at Lake Crescent Lodge, Log Cabin Resort, Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort and Kalaloch Lodge. Food and gift items are available at Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center and Fairholme Store. Boat rentals are available at Lake Crescent concessions. All of these facilities are operated seasonally, except Kalaloch, which is open year-round.

Programs are offered by Aramark interpretive guides at various locations in Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest. Activities may include walks, hikes, van and boat tours, campfire programs and festival events. For further details visit their website: www.olympicnationalparks.com.



- Kalaloch Lodge (360) 962-2271
- Lake Crescent Lodge (360) 928-3211
- Olympic Raft and Kayak (360) 452-1443
- Fairholme Store (Lake Crescent) (360) 928-3020
- Log Cabin Resort (Lake Crescent) (866) 574-2708
- Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort (360) 327-3583

To Learn More

Visit Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles or access the park website: www.nps.gov/olym for in-depth information about the park. For general park information please call (360) 565-3130. For 24-hour recorded park road and weather information call (360) 565-3131.

Making Your Memories Last



BOOKSHOP COUPON

DISCOVER YOUR NORTHWEST
Valid on all merchandise, except sale items, at park visitor centers and information stations in Port Angeles, Hoh, Kalaloch and Forks.
Expires 9/30/2013

30%
DYNW
members

15%
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members

Discover Your Northwest bookshops are located throughout the park. Your purchases help fund educational programs at Olympic National Park. Thank you for your invaluable support.

INFORMATION

Park Partners



Discover Your Northwest is a non-profit organization that provides educational materials at park sales outlets. Proceeds support Olympic's programs, exhibits and publications. Annual membership is \$15. For more information, please call the Olympic National Park Branch at (360) 565-3195. Write to: Discover Your Northwest, 164 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104.

NatureBridge

is a private, non-profit educational organization located on the shores of Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park. Field science courses are offered for students. For more information call (360) 928-3720. Write to: NatureBridge, 111 Barnes Point Road, Port Angeles, WA 98363.



Washington's National Park Fund

is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore and preserve national parks in Washington. The Fund supports projects in Olympic, North Cascades and Mount Rainier National Parks, including promoting volunteerism and stewardship, and funding ranger programs and essential research. Please call (253) 566-4644. Please mail donations to: P.O. Box 64626, University Place, WA 98464-0626.



Friends of Olympic National Park

support the park's natural, cultural and recreational resources for present and future generations. They promote understanding of Olympic's ecological, educational, economic and recreational importance, and they work on park projects. Website: www.friendsonp.org



Thanks to YOU...

Your recreation fees provide about \$2,000,000 annually to support visitor facilities and services at Olympic National Park. Current and recent projects include replacement of Staircase Rapids Bridge, production of Elwha wayside exhibits and printing park brochures, including the park map. Your support of the fee program is very important. Thank you!

ENTRANCE AND RECREATION FEES

ENTRANCE FEES - single visit up to seven consecutive days

\$15 — Vehicle (private) or \$5 — Individual (foot, bike)

ENTRANCE PASSES (Please show photo ID with passes.)

- \$30 — Olympic National Park Annual Pass
- \$80 — Interagency Annual Pass (multiple federal lands)
- \$10 — Interagency Senior Pass (lifetime, age 62+, U.S. citizen/resident)
- Free — Interagency Access Pass (lifetime, disabled U.S. citizen/resident)
- Free — Interagency Annual Pass - Military (certain military personnel and their dependents)

CAMPING FEES - per site, per night

50% discount with Interagency Senior/Access, Golden Age/Access Passes

- \$10 — Deer Park, Queets, South Beach
- \$12 — Altair, Elwha, Fairholme, Graves Creek, Heart O' the Hills, Hoh, Mora, Ozette, Staircase
- \$14 — Kalaloch (except summer*) and Sol Duc
- \$18 — Kalaloch*, June 19 - September 2. Make reservations at least three days in advance online at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777.
- \$5 — RV septic dump station use at Fairholme, Hoh, Kalaloch, Mora, Sol Duc

WILDERNESS USE FEES

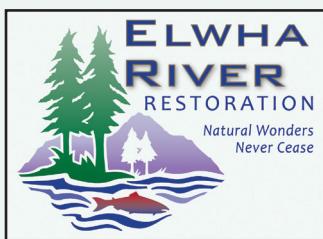
50% discount with Interagency Senior/Access or Golden Age/Access Passes

Permit required for overnight trips, \$5 plus \$2 per person per night. For further information, please call the Wilderness Information Center at (360) 565-3100.



New Life Emerges in the Elwha Valley

PAT CRAIN, Chief Fisheries Biologist



North America's largest dam removal began in September 2011 on the Elwha River. The 108-foot high Elwha Dam was dismantled by mid-March 2012. Removal of the 210-foot Glines Canyon Dam is expected to be complete by September 2014. For the first

time in over 100 years the Elwha River is flowing through its native channel. Restoring the Elwha to its natural, free-flowing condition will once again allow fish access to over 70 river miles of habitat now protected within Olympic National Park.

In less than two years, we are witnessing the early stages of transformation of the Elwha River basin. Highlights include:

- Chinook salmon, pink salmon and native steelhead have moved above the Elwha Dam. They have been spotted spawning in the park for the first time in over 100 years.
- Lake Aldwell and Lake Mills exist only as memories. Deer and elk are feeding in the former reservoir areas.
- The revegetation team planted 68,000 seedlings and sowed over 120 acres with 2,100 pounds of seed in restoration areas.

- Over six million cubic yards of sediment have moved downstream, initiating the restoration of the beaches at the mouth of the river.

This summer take the opportunity to stand near the banks of the Elwha River or explore the exposed bed of former Lake Aldwell (photo below). Return next year to witness more spectacular changes in the Elwha valley. For updates, photos and links to project webcams, visit Olympic National Park's website at www.nps.gov/olym. Share photos or ask questions at www.facebook.com/ElwhaRiverRestoration.



Washing Ashore



STEVEN FRADKIN, Coastal Ecologist

For as long as humans have lived by and travelled on the ocean, released marine debris has returned to coastal shores. On our outer Olympic coast, flotsam and jetsam from the high seas and far off lands have been a continual presence. In addition to its scenic impacts, debris can harm our diverse wild life and bring with it stowaway non-native species that may thrive and wreak havoc on our fragile marine communities.

On our outer Olympic coast, marine debris from the high seas and far off lands has been a continual presence.



Top: The Misawa dock is stranded on the Olympic Wilderness coast prior to removal.
Middle: Collected by waves and tides, a cache of marine debris, composed of fishing floats, plastic water bottles and disintegrating Styrofoam, finds a nook along the beach.
Bottom: A park employee removes encrusting non-native species from the Misawa dock shortly after it made landfall.

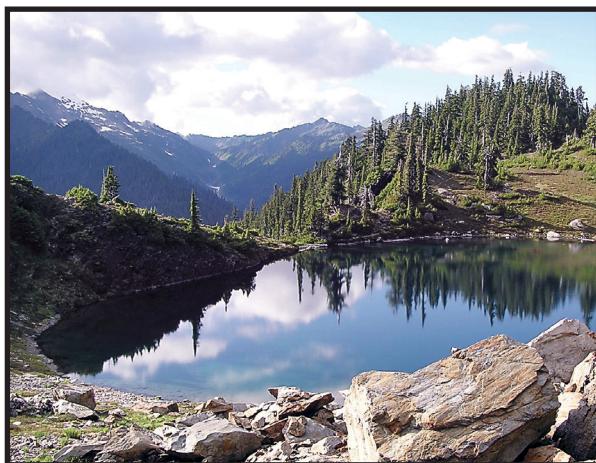
This issue has taken on added relevance since the devastating March 11th, 2011 Japanese Tohoku tsunami washed 5 million tons of debris into the ocean, some of which has already made its way to our coast. In December 2012, a 188 ton concrete dock from the Japanese fishing port of Misawa washed ashore near Mosquito Creek. The dock crushed intertidal boulders and was encrusted with at least 67 non-native species. A team of specialists sampled and decontaminated the dock, which was cut to pieces and removed in March 2013. The Misawa dock serves as a stark reminder of the vulnerability of our wilderness coast. **To report tsunami or hazardous debris, call the Olympic National Park marine debris hotline at 360-565-2941 or Washington State Department of Ecology at 1-855-922-6278.**



Celebrate the Olympic Wilderness

BRYAN BELL, Wilderness Information Center Supervisor; CHRISTINA MILLER, Environmental Protection Specialist

In 1964 Congress passed the Wilderness Act, creating the National Wilderness Preservation system and setting up the framework to preserve the wilderness character of some of America's last wild areas. Senator Daniel Evans of Washington introduced the Washington Parks Wilderness Bill in March 1988, which was signed into law by President Reagan later that year on November 16. It designated more than 1.7 million acres inside Washington's three national parks as wilderness, including 876,447 acres in Olympic National Park. With this act, Congress ensures the preservation and protection of the exceptional qualities of Olympic's wilderness.



This year we celebrate 25 years of Olympic National Park's wilderness designation.

Olympic is one of the most popular wilderness destinations in North America, with nearly 40,000 overnight wilderness visitors each year. To guide the preservation, management and use of Olympic's wilderness, the park is developing a Wilderness Stewardship Plan. The goal is to restore, protect and enhance the wilderness character of this spectacular national park's wilderness for all to enjoy. For more information please visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/olywild>.

Share Your Photos and Stories

On June 29, 2013 we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Olympic National Park. We invite you to add your Olympic photos, videos or written memories to the online memory album at www.olympicpark75th.com/.

"Olympic National Park holds special memories for countless people across the country and across the decades," said Olympic National Park Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum. "We hope anyone with memories of Olympic will consider sharing them in our online album."

For more information about Olympic's 75th anniversary, park history and more please visit www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/75thanniversary.htm

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