

ONE-DAY TRAILS

Recreation Guide



Winthrop Ranger District
Okanogan National Forest

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Welcome to the Okanogan, a National Forest well worth exploring. If you have time and a little bit of energy, you can find hideaways and views and adventures you won't soon forget. A good way to make those discoveries is by trail.

This guide will lead you to the best one-day trail trips available on the Winthrop Ranger District in the northwest third of the National Forest. Used along with a more detailed map, it should provide all the information you need to find and enjoy these routes.

If you would like more information, just ask a ranger, or write or call one of the offices listed inside the back cover.

We're glad to have you visit, and hope you enjoy your stay.

Please keep in mind:

- Many of the trails have restrictions on motorized use, bicycle use, horse use, or camping. Check a trip's description before planning your trek. The symbols show what uses the trail is open to.
- Inside the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth wilderness areas, group size is limited to 12 people and 18 head of stock. Motorized or mechanized equipment is not allowed.
- Pets are allowed on the forest but must be kept under control. Pets are not allowed within the neighboring national park, except on the Pacific Crest Trail, where they must be under physical control at all times.
- The entire Pacific Crest Trail is closed to bicycles.
- Fishing and hunting are allowed in the National Forest, subject to state laws.

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 (For example, Easy Pass is further west than North 20-Mile Lookout.)

The difficulty ratings are approximate. Be sure to read each trail's description and distance before deciding if the trip fits your interests and abilities.

Rowley's Chasm

This is a shorter, mostly level hike to an impressive, 200 foot deep cleft in a rocky hillside. On the way, there is magnificent old-growth timber and views now and then of the narrow, V-shaped Canyon Creek drainage. The chasm was named after prospector Jack Rowley, who is credited with starting the 1878 Skagit gold rush when he found nuggets in nearby Ruby Creek. A 10' bridge crosses the chasm, and an unmaintained trail continues from there down toward Canyon Creek.

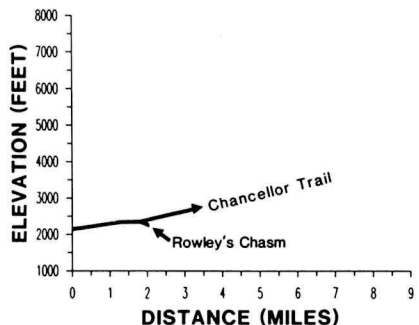
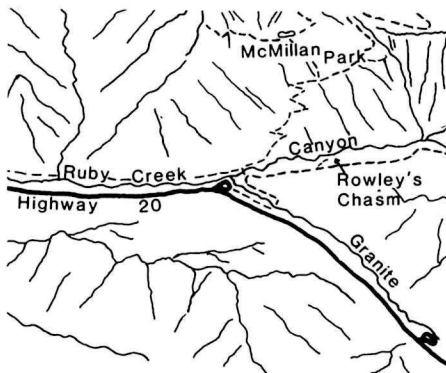
Length One Way:
1.8 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop over Washington and Rainy passes to the Canyon Cr. Trailhead (55.1 miles west of Winthrop, 32.8 miles east of Marblemount). There are no stock-unloading facilities at the trailhead. **Route Description:** Follow a path from the parking area a short 1/4 mile upstream to a bridge across

Granite Creek. Continue downstream on the other side to the start of the trail, marked by a sign reading Chancellor Trail #754. The route climbs quickly, then levels out. At 1.6 miles another sign indicates the short side trail to the Chasm. **Maps:** USGS Crater Mtn., GREEN TRAILS Mt. Logan.

Season:
May — October

Restriction: No motorized vehicles permitted. **Considerations:** Though it is short, the bridge over the chasm has no hand rails. Small children should be restrained in this area. Please be careful.



Lake Ann/Maple Pass

It's a steady, uphill walk to Maple Pass, but the trail keeps an even, tolerable grade and is suitable for families. From the top and along the way, the views are tremendous. Lake Ann (below Maple Pass) is stocked with cutthroat trout and is a good destination for those looking for a shorter, easier trip. Experienced hikers can also follow cross country routes from Heather Pass to Lewis Lake and from Maple Pass along the ridge to Frisco Mountain.

Length One Way:
Lake Ann — 1.9 mi.
Maple Pass — 3.1 mi.

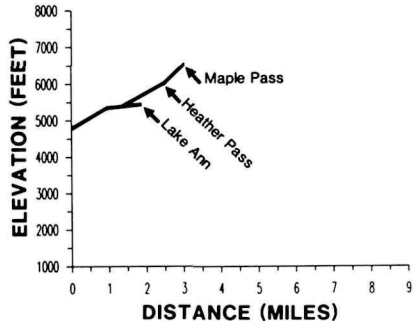
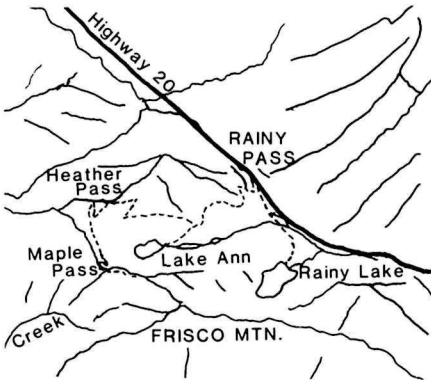
Access: Turn off Hwy 20 into the south parking lot at Rainy Pass. Trail begins a tenth of a mile east of the parking lot.

Route Description: The trail zigzags up through dense forest, crosses an open avalanche path, then winds through more timber to a junction with the side trail to Lake Ann. From there it climbs steadily up an open hillside to Heather Pass where a rougher trail

leads off toward Lewis Lake. Beyond here the path continues up the rocky slope to subalpine Maple Pass. **Maps:** USGS Washington Pass, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass, Mt. Logan.

Season:
Mid July — Early October

Restrictions: No overnight camping within a quarter mile of Lake Ann, Heather Pass, or Maple Pass. Trail closed to pack and saddle stock and to motorized vehicles.



Rainy Lake

The pleasant walk to glacier-fed Rainy Lake is one of the easiest on the district, and a refreshing break from driving the North Cascades Highway. A paved, level path suitable for wheelchairs winds through dense forest and across small streams, ending at a small observation deck at the water's edge. The lake is surrounded by tall cliffs with waterfalls cascading down. An excellent fall hike.

Length One Way:
.9 mi.

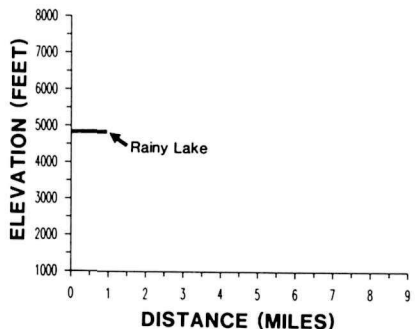
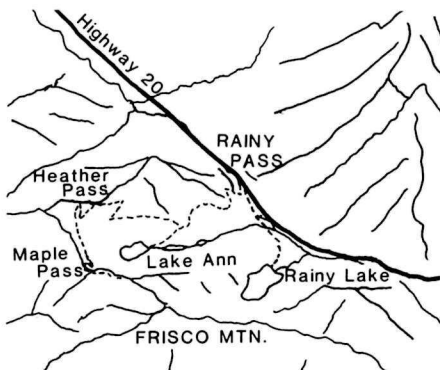
Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop 30 miles to Rainy Pass. Park to the left, in the south parking lot. **Route Description:** The trail follows alongside the rest area access road a short way, then winds through thick timber and across mountain streams on its way to the lake. Interpretive signs along the path explain some of the

interesting features of the surrounding forest. Larger information signs mark the start of the trail. **Maps:** USGS Washington Pass, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season:
Late June — Early October

Restrictions: Not open to horses, bicycles or motorized vehicles. No camping allowed at the lake.

Considerations: This trail gets heavy use. Visitors should be careful to stay on the trail to avoid damaging the surrounding, fragile forest.



Early Winters Creek

This fairly level, streamside trail is actually part of the original route that connected the Methow and Skagit valleys before the North Cascades Highway was built. It runs through tall timber and across several avalanche paths, and makes a good day trip out of Klipchuck Campground. Mountain bikers can make a loop by riding the trail to where it intersects Highway 20, and then returning by way of the highway and the campground access road.

Length One Way:
4.0 mi.

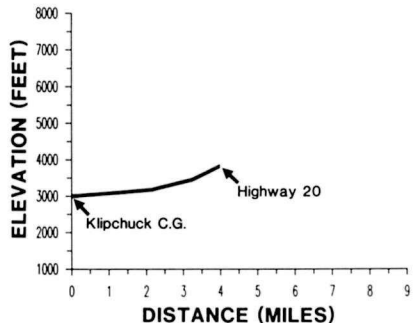
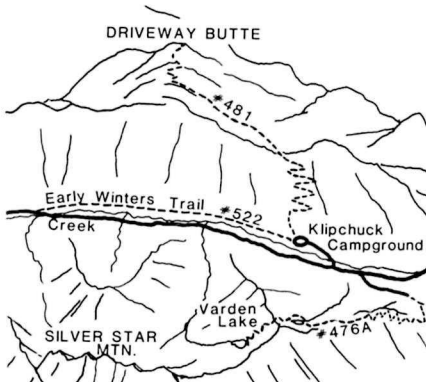
Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Early Winters 5.0 miles to Klipchuck Campground. The trail begins between sites 7 and 8, and is signed. **Route**

Description: The trail leaves the west end of Klipchuck Campground (watch for a small oak sign) and follows the north side of Early Winters Creek until it meets Highway 20 (4.0 miles). The route is mostly level, passing through

old-growth timber and across open, brushy avalanche paths. **Trail Facilities:** Toilets are available at the campground. **Maps:** USGS Star Mtn. and Mazama, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season:
June — October

Restriction: No motorized vehicles. **Considerations:** One should be on the lookout for the occasional rattlesnake in this area. Generally these creatures are timid and will leave long before you see them.



Eureka Creek Canyon

Quiet stands of big timber, stream-side wildlife, and a close-up look at a narrow, rocky gorge are the attractions on this route. The trail rises and falls as it follows Lost River and enters the Pasayten Wilderness, eventually crossing a bridge over the quiet, clear water at the mouth of Eureka Creek. Good lunch spots here. The route is low elevation and usually snow-free earlier in the spring.

Length One Way:
3.7 mi.

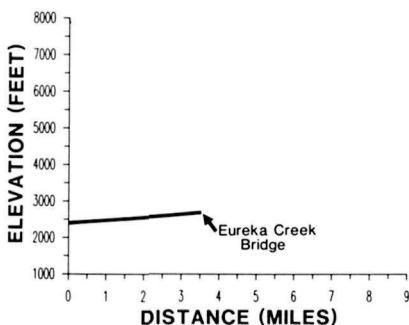
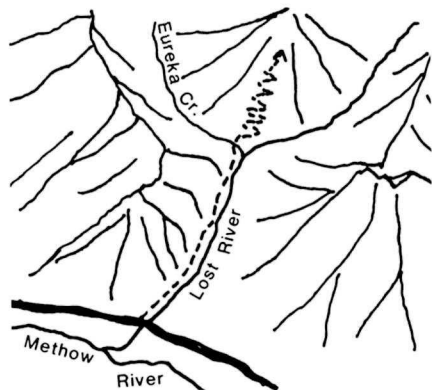
Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop to the Mazama junction. Turn right, then left at Mazama onto the Harts Pass Road. Drive 0.2 mile past the Lost River Bridge and turn right into the Monument Creek Trailhead road.

Route Description: The first half mile of the trail winds through a splendid old-growth forest on a level bench above Lost River. The remainder passes through stands of cedar and fir and crosses large rock slopes along the

river until it reaches the footbridge across Eureka Creek. Beyond the bridge, the trail switchbacks steeply up a rocky, dry hillside then traverses along the side of a tall ridge as it heads for Pistol Pass. **Trailhead Facilities:** stock ramp, hitchrail. **Maps:** USGS Robinson Mtn., Mazama; GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass and Mazama.

Season:
May — November

Restrictions: no motorized or mechanized vehicles. **Considerations:** The trail beyond the Eureka Creek Bridge is not recommended for stock. Occasionally rattlesnakes are seen along this trail. These creatures will normally try to avoid you and you should do your part by trying not to disturb them.



Upper Methow River

A good choice for those who just like to wander along a river, this trail travels through the deep, timbered valley of the upper Methow River, eventually connecting with the Pacific Crest Trail. There is fishing for trout along the way, and simple campsites located about every 2 miles. Best in the spring and fall when temperatures are cooler.

Length One Way:
8.0 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop to the Mazama junction. Turn right, then left at Mazama onto the Harts Pass Road. Drive to River Bend Campground and turn in. Drive the rough road about 0.3 miles past the campground, then park. **Route**

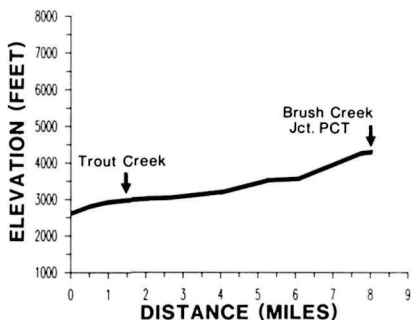
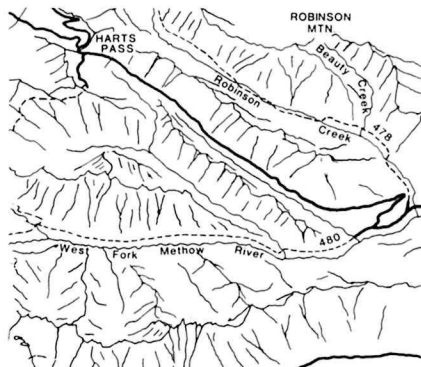
Description: Keep following the gravel road past where you park to where it narrows into a trail and immediately crosses Rattlesnake Creek (this ford can be difficult during high water). The route passes through stands of lodge-

pole pine and crosses brushy avalanche paths as it follows the Methow River, occasionally dipping down close to the stream. **Maps:** USGS Robinson Mtn., Slate Pk.; GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season:
Late June — September

Restrictions: No motorized vehicles.

Considerations: A horse-unloading ramp will be built in the future, but at present there is only a dirt bank for unloading.



Windy Pass

If you're looking for a classic high alpine trail and are willing to drive a narrow, winding gravel road to get to it, this is a good choice. The trip is on the Pacific Crest Trail north of the spectacular Slate Peak area. From high meadows, and rocky mountainsides you can look out to surrounding peaks or down into the abandoned Slate Creek mining district and old town of Barron. A memorable but also popular and often crowded trail.

Length One Way:
3.5 mi.

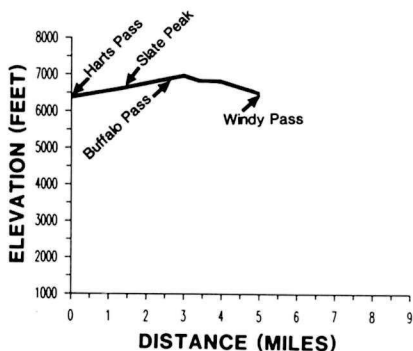
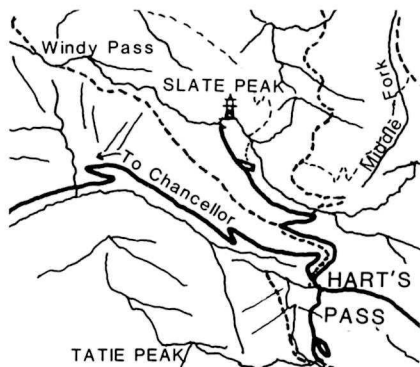
Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop to the Mazama junction. Turn right, then left at Mazama onto the Harts Pass Road. Drive 20 miles to Harts Pass and turn right towards Slate Peak (Forest Road 5400-600) 1.5 miles to the Pacific Crest Trail. **Route**

Description: Start at the wide switch-back in the Slate Peak road that serves as the trailhead. (Limited parking — use the developed trailhead 1 mile back

down the road if necessary). The route hangs on a steep sidehill as it circles the side of Slate Peak then dips into two grassy basins on its way to Windy Pass. **Maps:** USGS Slate Pk. and Pasayten Peak, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass and Pasayten Peak.

Season:
Late July — September

Restrictions: No motorized or mechanized vehicles. All trailers prohibited on Harts Pass Road beyond Ballard Campground.



Grasshopper Pass

Here's another splendid trip on a piece of the Pacific Crest trail that does its best to hug the ridgetops. All above timberline, the route winds across high, rocky hillsides before reaching the open, larch-dotted meadows of Grasshopper Pass. From the pass there is an impressive close-up view of rugged Mt. Ballard as well as vistas down the surrounding valleys.

Length One Way: 5.5 mi.

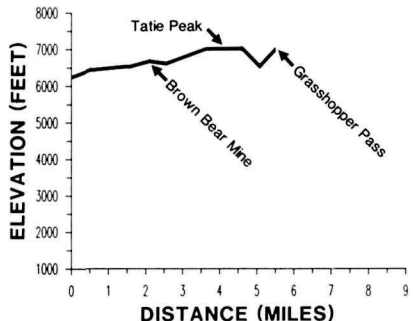
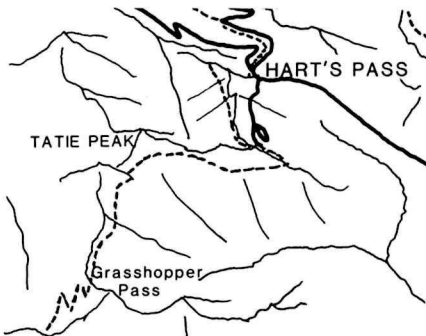
Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop to the Mazama Junction. Turn right, then left at Mazama onto the Harts Pass Road. Drive 20 miles to Harts Pass and turn left at the sign for Meadows Campground. Stay right at the fork in the road and continue to the road's end and trailhead. **Route**

Description: The Pacific Crest Trail actually passes by the undeveloped trailhead, so you'll start by following a short connecting path marked by a small bulletin board. From there the

trail keeps an even grade up to a sharp pass, then reverses direction and begins winding its way along the open ridge. Grasshopper Pass is wide and flat (no sign). **Maps:** USGS Slate Peak, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season: Late July — September

Restrictions: No motorized or mechanized vehicles. All trailers prohibited on Harts Pass Road beyond Ballard Campground. **Considerations:** Snow patches may linger into late July. This is generally not a problem for the hiker, but horse users may want to check with the ranger station for trail status or save this ride for later in the season.



Black Lake

Both hikers and horseback riders favor this valley-bottom trail for either day or overnight trips. The trail climbs gently through heavy timber alongside Lake Creek, then follows the steep shore of Black Lake to some well-used campsites at its north end. The lake is deep and cold and there are several spots for fishing along the banks. Not a good choice for solitude, but a pleasant trail with a variety of plants, animals and streamside settings.

Length One Way: 4.2 mi.

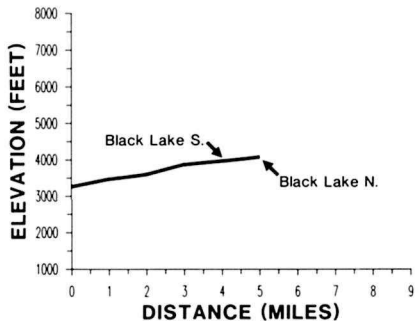
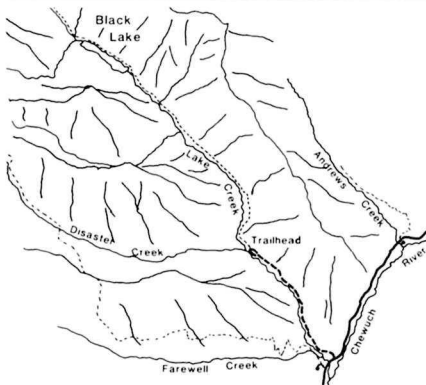
Access: From Winthrop drive north on the West Chewuch road, 19 miles. Just after the Lake Creek bridge turn left and drive 2.0 miles to the Lake Creek trailhead. **Route Description:** A bulletin board and horse-unloading ramp mark the start of the trail, which quickly enters heavy forest and soon after passes into the Pasayten Wilderness. At first the trail hangs on a steep side-

slope above Lake Creek. Later the valley widens a little and the path is on flatter ground. There is a comfortable, sheltered campsite at about 2.5 miles.

Trailhead Facilities: Campsites, corral, hitchrail, toilet, stock loading ramp. **Maps:** USGS Mt. Barney, GREEN TRAILS Coleman Peak.

Season: Early June — Mid October

Restrictions: Wilderness use restrictions apply here. **Considerations:** Horses are not permitted to graze or run loose within 200 feet of the shore — bring pelletized feed. The trail beyond Black Lake is not recommended for stock. Lakeshores are fragile. Please use existing fire rings, do not build new camps, leave the vegetation intact, and pack out all of your garbage... plus a little more.



Blue Lake

Well-named Blue Lake is a deep turquoise pool tucked in against towering rock walls. The trail to it climbs easily through dense forest and skirts just below the massive granite faces of Liberty Bell Mountain and Early Winters Spires. From the lake there are grand views back down to the highway and across to Whistler and Cutthroat peaks. This is a very popular day hike — for a little more solitude, try it in the fall.

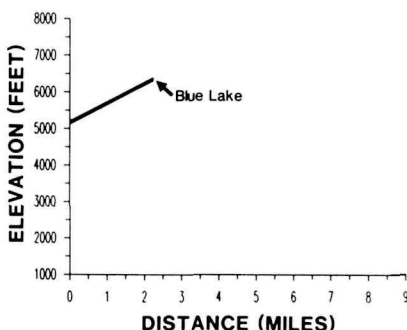
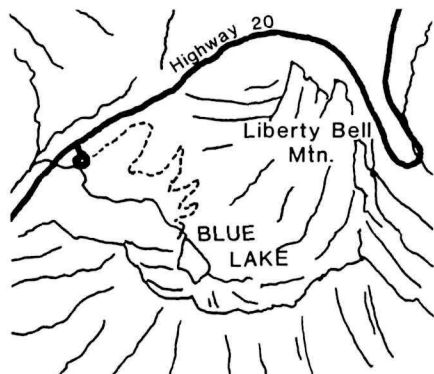
Length One Way:
2.2 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 eight-tenths of a mile west of Washington Pass. The trailhead is on the south side of the highway. **Route Description:** The trail goes to the left at the trailhead information sign (another, dead-end path leads off to the right) and parallels the highway. In about 1/4 mile it begins a slow, steady climb up the lower slopes of Liberty Bell Mountain, mostly in timber. An unmaintained climbers' trail

branches off to the left about 1/2 mile before the lake. **Maps:** USGS Washington Pass, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season:
Late July — September

Restrictions: Not open to horses, bicycles or motorbikes. No camping allowed within a quarter mile of the lake.

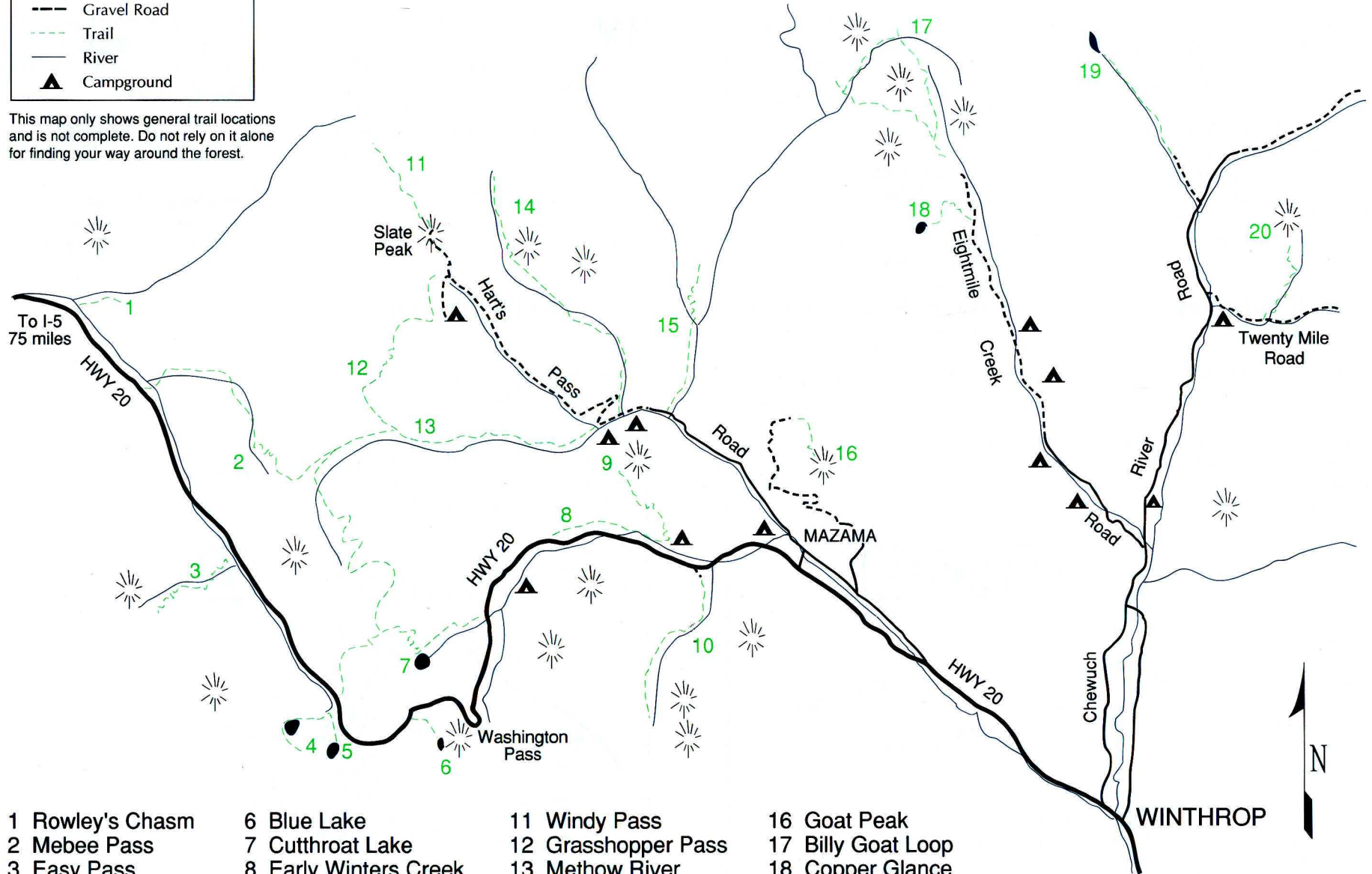


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LEGEND

- Road
- - - Gravel Road
- - - Trail
- River
- ▲ Campground

This map only shows general trail locations and is not complete. Do not rely on it alone for finding your way around the forest.



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Cutthroat Lake/Pass

This is a mostly level hike to a quiet lake cradled in the bottom of a shaded, high-walled basin. As far as the lake, the trail meanders easily along Cutthroat Creek, passing through open stands of lodgepole pine and thickets of spruce. Past the lake it climbs on a steady, moderate grade through timber and open, rocky slopes to Cutthroat Pass where mountain goats are often seen. Splendid alpine views from the pass.

Length One Way:
5.5 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 west 1.5 miles from Lone Fir Campground (or 4.6 miles east of Washington Pass). Turn on the Cutthroat Creek road, then drive a mile to the trailhead. **Route**

Description: The trail begins near the horse-unloading ramp and immediately crosses Cutthroat Creek on a sturdy log bridge. On the other side, it starts its long, gentle climb upstream. A short 1/4 mile before the lake the trail forks:

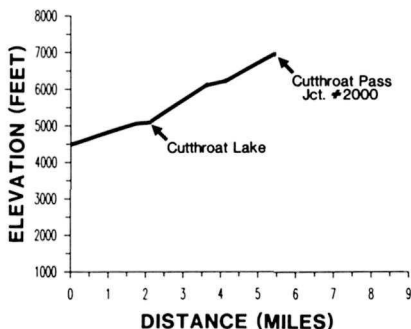
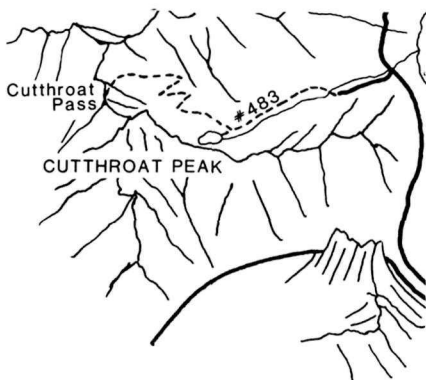
left leads to the lake (no bridge across the small outlet stream); right takes you up to Cutthroat Pass. **Trailhead**

Facilities: Stock ramp, hitch rail, toilets. **Maps:** USGS Washington Pass, GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season:
July — Mid-October

Restrictions: No overnight camping or horses allowed at the lake. No motorized vehicles on the trail.

Considerations: Water may be scarce beyond the lake later in the summer. Be sure to fill water bottles before going on to the pass.



Driveway Butte

This fairly steep, less travelled trail was once used by thousands of sheep, who grazed the meadows on top, and later provided access to a Forest Service lookout. The climb is a little more strenuous, but the impressive panoramic view from the summit makes it worth it. Popular with hunters in the fall, the trail also makes for an enjoyable trip early in the season before the heat of summer sets in.

Length One Way: 4.0 mi.

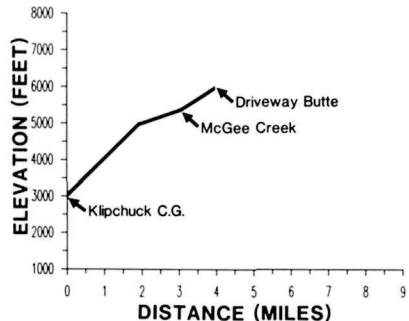
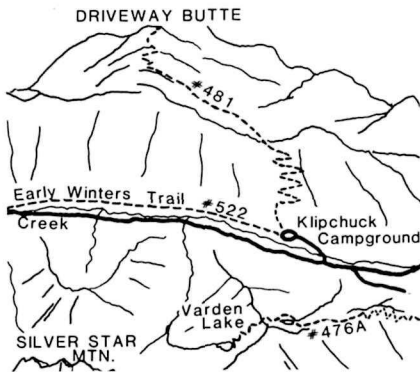
Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Early Winters 5 miles to Klipchuck Campground. Near the self-service fee station there is a gated service road. (Please do not park in front of the gate.)

Route Description: The beginning of the trail follows an old logging road uphill for the first 1/2 mile, then narrows down into an actual trail as it heads off into the pines toward the base of Driveway Butte. It then climbs steeply up, starts to level out and reaches a

small pass. Beyond, it climbs again before breaking out into the meadows on top. There are unsigned, dead-end hunter trails branching off in a few places. **Trailhead Facilities:** Toilets are available at Klipchuck Campground. **Maps:** USGS Silver Star Mtn. and Robinson Mtn., GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass.

Season: Late June — September

Considerations: The trail from the summit down to the Methow River is no longer maintained. There are no horse-unloading facilities at the trailhead.



Cedar Falls

Here's a good early season hike to a thundering double waterfall almost 60 feet high. The trail climbs up the Cedar Creek valley through forests of ponderosa pine to the rock bluffs alongside Cedar Falls. Short scramble trails lead you to viewpoints above both falls (WATCH YOUR STEP!). Beyond, the trail continues 7.5 miles to the head of the valley then climbs steeply to Abernathy Pass on the ridge above.

Length One Way:
1.7 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop 18 miles to Forest Rd. 5310-200. The trail begins near the gravel pit at the end of the road. There are no stock facilities at this trailhead. **Route**

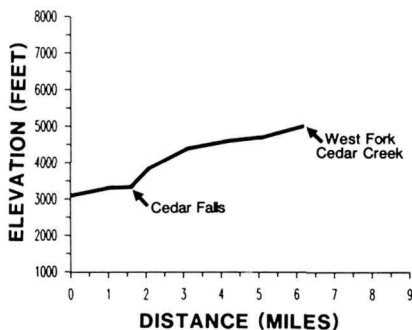
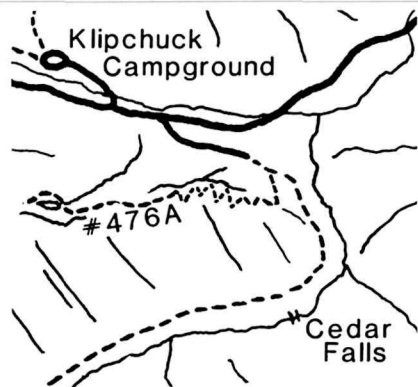
Description: The beginning of the trail is marked by a small sign on a tree to the southeast, just above the parking area. After winding through an open stand of pine, the path enters thicker forests of spruce and fir, climbing gently

all the way to the falls. Three miles farther up the valley there is room for camping in a pleasant grove of aspens.

Maps: USGS Silver Star Mtn., Mazama; GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass, Mazama.

Season:
May — Early November

Restriction: No motorized vehicles. **Considerations:** The area around the falls is quite precipitous and there are no fences or barriers. Mountain bikers should use caution as there are some steep sidehills and blind corners on this trail.



Goat Peak Lookout

This is not the most convenient trail to get to, and part of it is very steep; but the view of the Methow Valley and surrounding peaks from the summit is one of the best you can find. The lookout on Goat Peak is still staffed in the summer and visitors are welcome inside when there is someone on duty. If you're willing to get an early start, the view of nearby Silver Star Mountain in morning light can be magnificent.

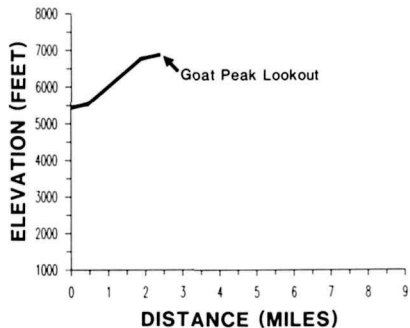
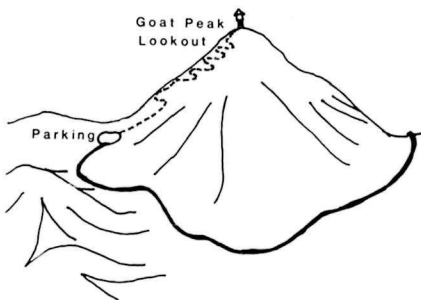
Length One Way:
2.5 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop and turn right just before the Weeman Bridge onto County Rd. #1163. Drive 3.4 miles and turn right onto Forest Rd. #52. Drive 2.2 miles and turn left on Forest Rd. #5225. Drive 3.3 miles and turn right on spur road 5225-200. Drive 2.5 miles to the trail-head. **Route Description:** From the small gravel parking area the trail heads off quickly into scattered timber, climbing a little as it goes. In about 1/2

mile it crosses a large open area, then climbs steeply up a timbered hillside. The last 1/2 mile is along a scenic, open ridge that rises up to the summit and lookout site. **Maps:** USGS Mazama, GREEN TRAILS Mazama.

Season:
Mid-July — Early October

Consideration: There is no water along the trail; be sure to carry some with you.



Robinson Pass

Perched on the divide between the ice-carved Robinson Creek drainage and the broad, U-shaped Pasayten River valley, Robinson Pass is a subalpine meadow thick with wildflowers in the early summer. The trip is long and all uphill, but the waterfalls, views, and variety of forests along the way keep it interesting. Good trip on horseback.

Length One Way:
9.1 mi.

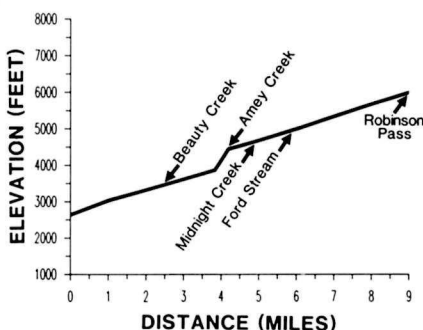
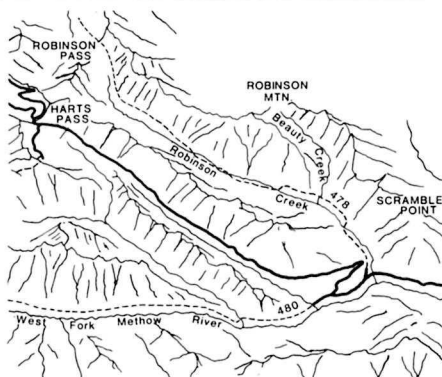
Access: Drive Hwy 20 14 miles west from Winthrop to the Mazama Junction. At Mazama turn left onto the Harts Pass Road and drive 9 miles to the Robinson Creek Trailhead. **Route**

Description: The trail leaves the parking area, follows an old road for a short distance, then climbs quickly up the steep lower end of the Robinson Creek valley. From there to the pass it winds and climbs through forest and open avalanche paths, crossing the creek three times. At 3.5 miles is tall,

tumbling Beauty Creek falls. **Maps:** USGS Robinson Mt., Slate Pk., and Pasayten Pk.; GREEN TRAILS Washington Pass and Pasayten Pk.

Season:
Late June — Mid-October

Restrictions: No motorized or mechanized vehicles. **Considerations:** Stream crossings.



Billy Goat Loop

If you're feeling energetic and want a taste of the Pasayten Wilderness, this route takes you over two scenic passes and along the narrow, rocky Drake Creek valley. Although most of the trail is in timber, there are several openings that give impressive views of the wilderness, the Eightmile Creek valley, and across to the tall gray cliffs of Eightmile and Big Craggy peaks. An old, rougher trail from Billygoat Pass to Burch Mountain offers a possible side trip.

Length One Way:
12.0 mi.

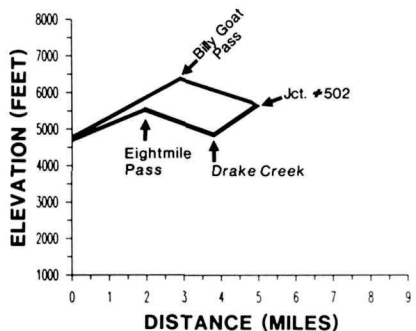
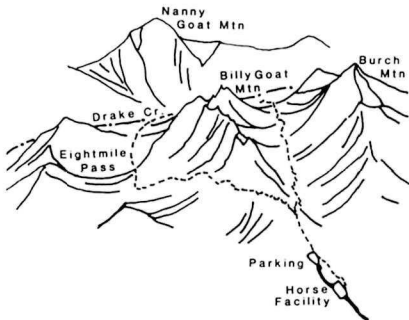
Access: Drive the West Chewuch Road north from Winthrop 9.0 miles to Eightmile Ranch. Turn left onto Eightmile Creek Road and follow the signs, 17 miles to Billy Goat Trailhead. Horse-riders can take a steep trail near the hitchrails or ride the road to the upper hiker trailhead. **Route**

Description: Find the trail by the gate at the upper end of the hiker parking

area and follow it 0.3 mile to a junction. Go right. From there the trail climbs up over Billygoat Pass and winds down past Drake Creek to another junction. Go left. At the next junction go left and across the creek again. The last leg of the loop climbs steadily up to Eightmile Pass then drops easily back down to the trailhead. **Trailhead Facilities:** Stock ramp, hitchrail, toilets. **Maps:** USGS Billy Goat Mtn., GREEN TRAILS Billy Goat Mtn.

Season:
Late July — September

Restrictions: No motorized or mechanized vehicles.



Easy Pass

This route was called "Easy" Pass because it was the only place possible to put a trail across the appropriately named Ragged Ridge. The hike to the pass is a steady, strenuous climb that pays off with breathtaking views of active glaciers and sharp, ice-carved peaks. The trail continues beyond Easy Pass into the North Cascades National Park, where camping permits are required (available in Marblemount, WA, at the Early Winters Visitor Center or the Winthrop Ranger Station).

Length One Way:
3.7 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 to 6.2 miles west of Rainy Pass (or 46 miles east of Marblemount.). The trailhead is on the south side of Hwy 20. **Route**

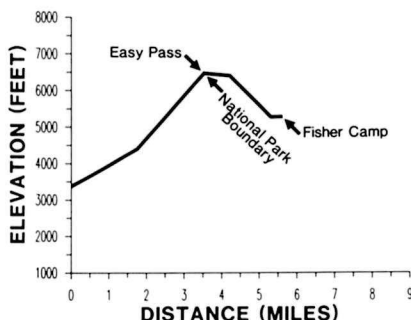
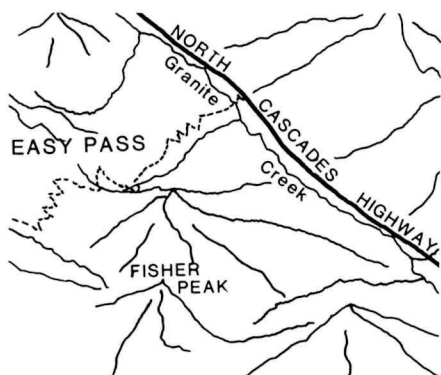
Description: From the parking area (be sure to check the regulations and notices on the sign there) the trail drops briefly to a footlog crossing of Granite Creek, then starts a long, steady climb

through dense forest and open, meadowy avalanche chutes to the pass. Water is limited along the way.

Trailhead Facilities: Toilets. **Maps:** USGS Mt. Arriba, GREEN TRAILS Mt. Logan.

Season:
Late July — Late September

Restrictions: No camping at the pass. Trail closed to horses, mountain bikes, and motorbikes. Dogs are not allowed in the national park, except on-lead along the Pacific Crest Trail. **Considerations:** The park does not allow campfires at Fisher Camp or the Fisher Creek Basin. Be sure to carry a stove if you are planning an overnight trip.



Mebee Pass

Although Mebee Pass is only one ridge away from the North Cascades Highway, being there gives you the feeling you are miles from anywhere. In one direction you are face to face with the sheer cliffs of Mt. Hardy; in the others you gaze down into glacier-formed valleys. The walk up East Creek to the pass is strenuous in places, but changes in vegetation, stream crossings, and remnants of old mining days keep it interesting.

Length One Way:
8.0 mi.

Access: Drive Hwy 20 west from Winthrop over Washington and Rainy passes to the signed trailhead. **Route**

Description: The trail begins near the restroom and drops quickly to a log bridge over Granite Creek. From there it climbs steadily through timber and winds along a sidehill to the first of three creek crossings. Heading up the valley, the trail continues to climb through timber and across grassy

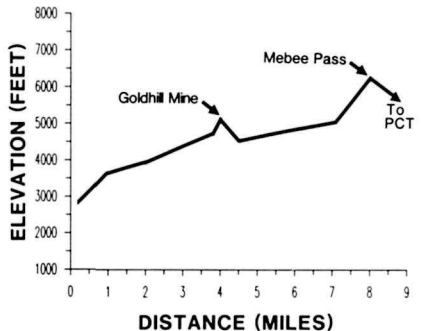
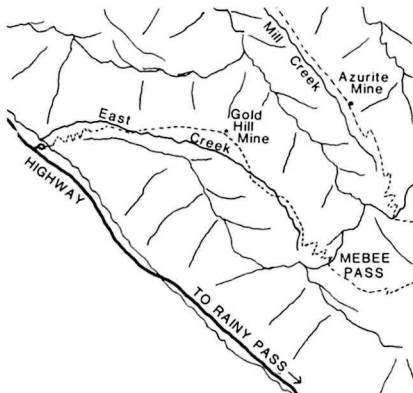
avalanche chutes. Near the head of the valley it heads up steeply through subalpine meadows to Mebee Pass.

Maps: USGS Azurite Pk., GREEN TRAILS Mt. Logan.

Season:
July — September

Restriction: Closed to motor bikes.

Considerations: There are no stock facilities at the trailhead. The first ford of East Creek can be difficult in high water.



Copper Glance Lake

This is not an easy hike, but the payoff is high. At the end of the steep, winding route is a crystal clear gem of a lake nestled below the soaring granite walls of Isabella Ridge. It's rocky around most of the lake, but there are cutthroat trout, a couple of pleasant campsites, and scramble routes to the cliffs and ridges nearby. Nice in the fall when the larch trees turn gold.

Length One Way: 3.3 mi.

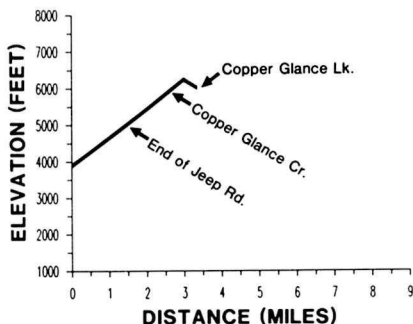
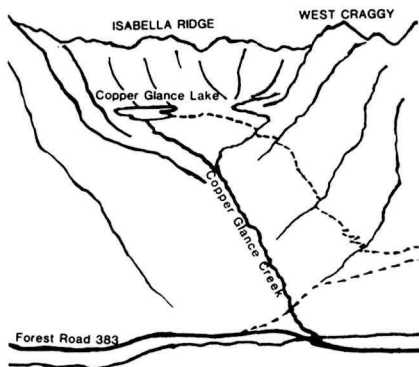
Access: From Winthrop drive the West Chewuch Road 9 miles to Eightmile Ranch. Turn left onto the Eightmile Creek Road and drive 13.0 miles to the signed trailhead. **Route Description:** The first 1.5 miles of this trip is on a steep, narrow road that once climbed to the Copper Glance mine. The remainder of the sometimes steep and rocky trail winds through timber and small meadows, and across the rocky shoulders of Isabella Ridge before dropping

into the shallow basin the lake lies in.

Trailhead Facilities: There are no horse facilities at the trailhead, and only limited parking space.

Season: Mid-July — Early October

Consideration: Horse feed is scarce at the lake.



North 20-Mile Lookout

Although the lookout is no longer staffed and parts of the trail are steep, North 20-Mile is still an interesting and scenic destination. At the rocky, open summit a modern tower stands next to its 1920's counterpart, a log groundhouse with a small observation room perched above. To the north and west are commanding views of the Chewuch valley and Pasayten Wilderness.

Length One Way:
5.7 mi.

Access: Drive the West Chewuch Road north from Winthrop about 20 miles to Camp Four Campground. Cross the bridge on Forest Rd. 5010. In half a mile turn left on spur road 700. Drive 2.0 miles to the trailhead. **Route**

Description: From the small, undeveloped trailhead the trail follows the road for half a mile, then climbs steeply up a dry hillside and into the narrow Honeymoon Creek valley. From there it continues uphill through timber then

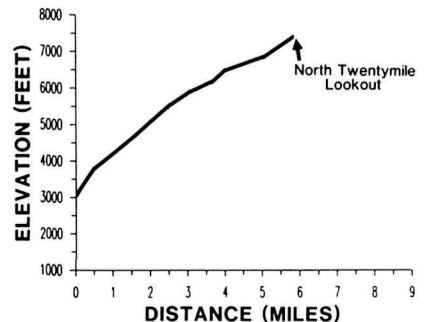
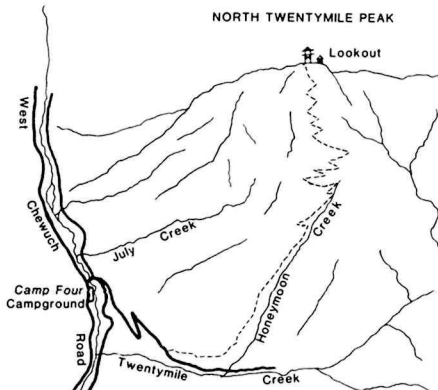
breaks out into a large, grassy opening that slopes up to the rocky summit.

Trailhead Facilities: Hitchrail, limited parking. **Maps:** USGS Doe Mtn., Coleman Pk.; GREEN TRAILS Doe Mtn., Coleman Pk.

Season:
June — Mid-October

Restriction: No motor bikes.

Considerations: The trail is open to mountain bikes, but due to its steepness, cyclists should consider it a most difficult route. The trail has a southern exposure and can be hot and dry in the summer. Be sure to carry water.



Tips & Helpful Hints

Weather:

While summer weather on this side of the Cascades is often mild, it changes fast and snow in the mountains is possible any time of the year. Check local forecasts and be ready for anything.

Wildlife:

Watch all you like, but respect their instincts and territory. Animals, especially those with young, don't like to be surprised or threatened. They will react either by fleeing, which wastes energy and makes them harder to observe next time; or by attacking, which can ruin your whole day. Feeding the animals upsets their normal routines and teaches them harmful habits.

Being Prepared:

A good policy on a day trip is to carry just enough to get by for a night. At a minimum you should take sun protection, a coat and raincoat, matches, map, food and water, knife, flashlight, and basic first aid supplies. Leave word with someone or leave a note in your vehicle that tells your route, plans, and time you expect to be out.

In Case of Trouble:

Don't panic. If you're lost or stuck on the trail, stay put and use markers, a fire, bright colors, or a light to make yourself easy to find. If you're looking for help for someone else, contact the nearest ranger station or the County Sheriff's Office.

Request & Info

Doing Your Part:

A lot of these trails take you into delicate alpine areas, where growing conditions are harsh and plants struggle to survive. Any damage you do can mean the difference between life and death to wild vegetation and animals. You can avoid doing that damage and help preserve the mountains you came to enjoy if you:

- 1: Carry out ALL your garbage (including food scraps) as well as any other garbage you find along the way.
- 2: Stay on the trails. If you travel cross-country, spread your group out and look behind you to make sure you aren't starting new trails.
- 3: Keep soap and other pollutants out of the water.
- 4: Avoid building fires, particularly near or above treeline. If you need a fire, use ONLY dead and down wood and build it in a dug hole where you can scatter the ashes and replace the sod when you are done.

Minimum impact is easy and worth it.

Numbers and Addresses:

Please feel free to write, call, or stop by any of these offices:

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Okanogan, WA 98840
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