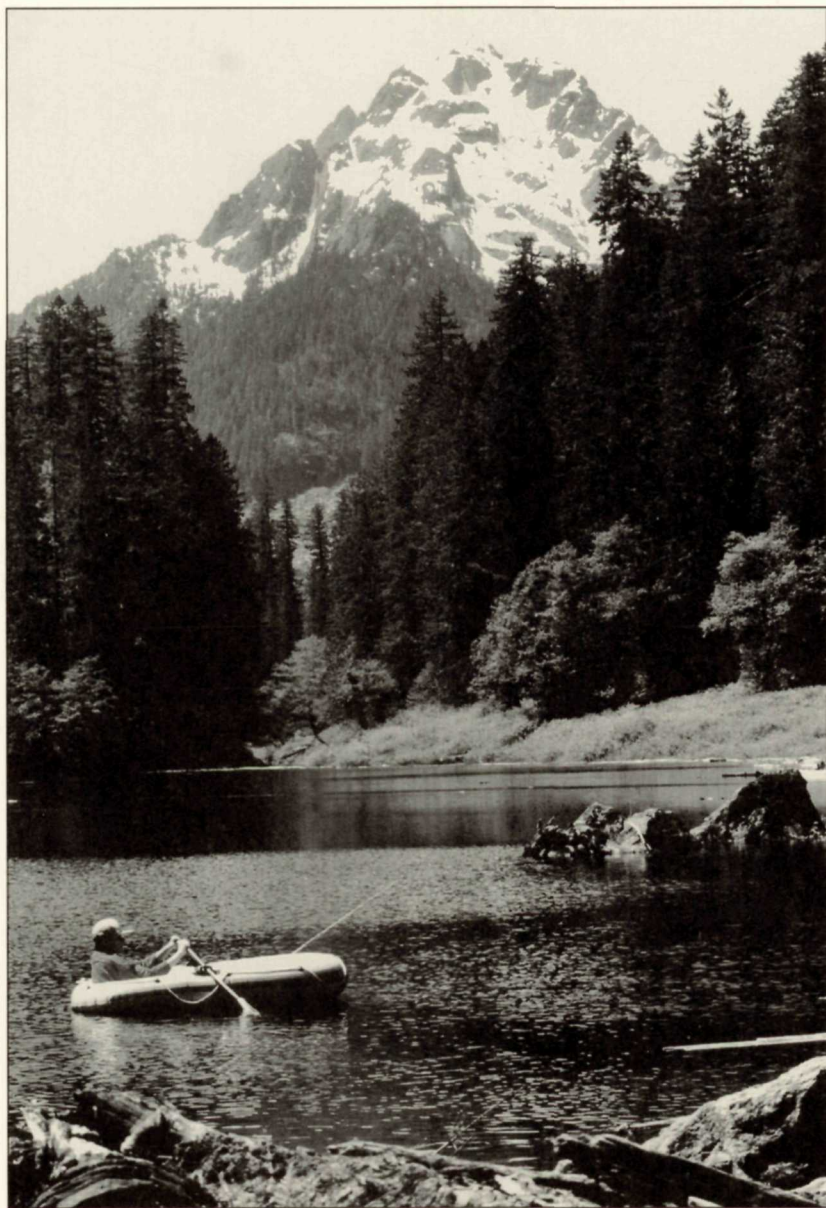


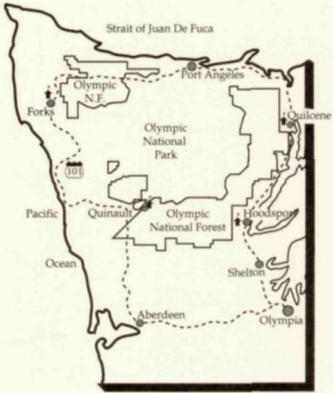
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Olympic Peninsula

Recreation Guide

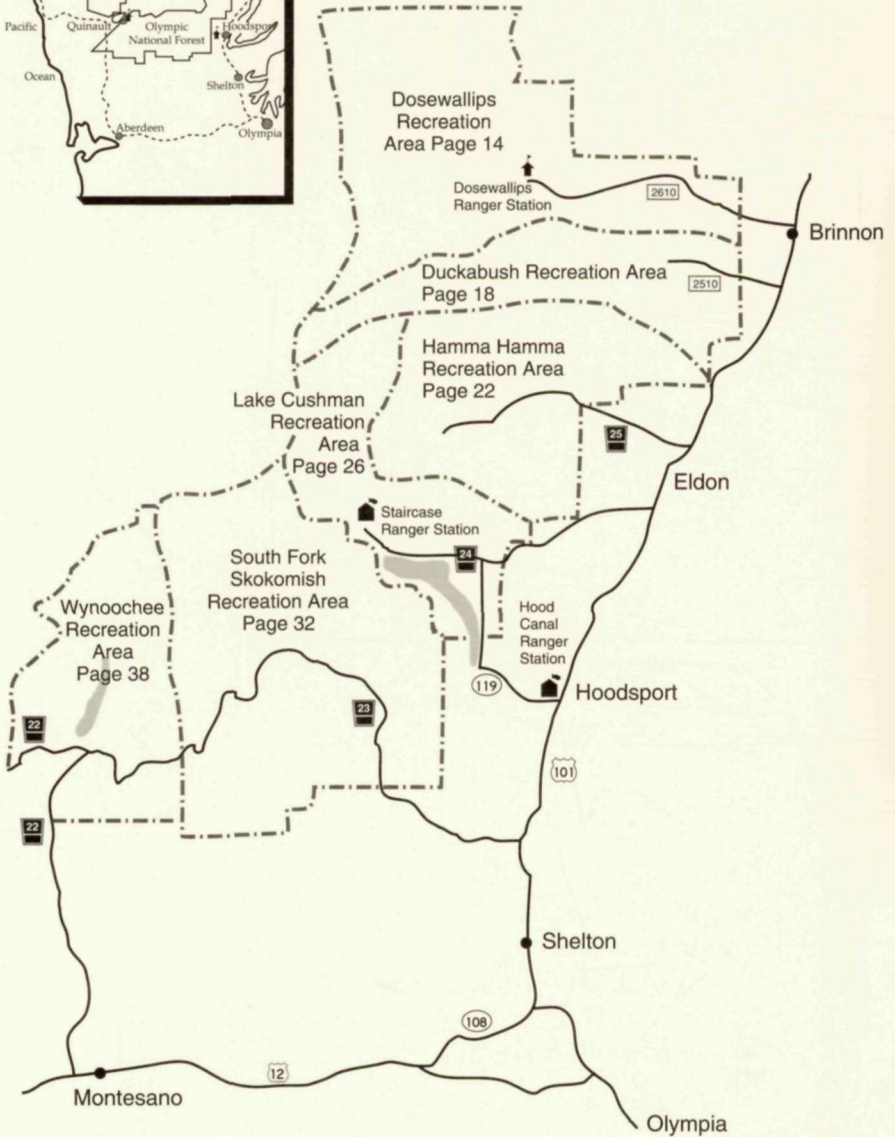


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## Key Map

Recreation areas include lands managed by Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest.



# Welcome to Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park

We are pleased you have chosen to explore the wealth of recreational opportunities available to you in the Hood Canal Ranger District of Olympic National Forest and the Hoodport District of Olympic National Park. This recreation guide describes many activities available in the area including points of interest, scenic drives, campgrounds, trails, and more.




















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## Using this guide

The following symbols used in this guide are the same as those on park and forest maps and on signs at trailheads:

 Forest Service Area	 Campground
 Park Service Area	 Rustic Campground
 Hiker Trail	 Fee Charged
 Stock Permitted on Trail	 Point of Interest
 Bicycles Permitted on Trail	 Wilderness (see pages 4-5)
 Motorcycles Permitted on Trail	 Ranger Station
 Universal Access	 Seasonal Ranger Station
 Boat Launch	 No Campfires Permitted
 Picnic Area	 Indicated Activity Not Permitted
 Wildlife Viewing	

### Trail Difficulty Level

- Easiest: Limited skill and challenge required to travel trail.
- Moderate: Some skill and challenge required to travel trail.
- Difficult: High degree of skill and challenge to travel trail.
- Most Difficult: Very high degree of skill and challenge to travel trail.

## Universal Access

The forest and park services are committed to providing access for all individuals to recreation facilities. For specific information, please contact the Hood Canal Ranger Station. Callers with hearing impairment may phone the ranger station via Telephone Text Yoke (TTY) at (360) 877-5254.

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## Planning Your Trip

When you begin to plan your trip, contact the Hood Canal Ranger Station at (360) 877-5254 for current regulations, weather, trail and road conditions, and other information. Situations change frequently and information in this guide may not be the most up-to-date. Detailed information on individual recreation facilities and opportunities is available at the ranger station.

Obtain maps of the area where you plan to travel. Topographic maps and general road maps may be obtained at the Hood Canal Ranger Station in Hoodport.

Summer Hours: Mid-May to Mid-September

7 days/week 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Winter Hours: Monday-Friday 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

## What Can I Do in the Park or Forest?

This guide covers two distinct management areas in the southeast corner of the Olympic Peninsula: the Hood Canal Ranger District of Olympic National Forest and the Hoodport District of Olympic National Park.

The phrase "Caring For the Land and Serving People" captures the U.S. Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people.

The National Park Service was established to conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife within the national parks in a way that will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

We ask that you become familiar with and follow the regulations and recommendations established for the particular area in which you are visiting.

<u>National Forest</u>	<u>Regulations</u>	<u>National Park</u>
Yes	Firearms allowed	No
Yes	State fishing license required	No*
Yes	Pets allowed on trails	No
Some	Trails open to motorized vehicles	No
Yes	Roadside camping allowed outside of developed campgrounds	No
Yes	Length of camping limited	Yes
Some	Trails open to pack and saddle stock	Some
No	Areas requiring reservations	Yes***
No	Wilderness overnight permit required	Yes***
Yes**	Wilderness limit on party size	Yes***
Yes**	Wilderness closed to open fires	Yes***

\* State salmon and steelhead punch card required.  
See below and next page for explanations of \*\* and \*\*\*.

## Wilderness Travel

To help maintain the wilderness resource, preserve its beauty for future generations, and foster the use of primitive skills and travel, the following regulations have been developed:

### \*\* Olympic National Forest Wilderness

About 14 percent of the Olympic National Forest is wilderness. Three wilderness areas exist within the Hood Canal Ranger District: The Brothers, Mount Skokomish, and Wonder Mountain. They make up 26,678 of the 220,000 district acres.

### Regulations

- Maximum party size limited to 12 persons and 8 head of stock.
- No open fires or gathering of wood above 3,500-foot elevation.
- Tethering of livestock to vegetation limited to 30 minutes.
- Use processed stock feed only. Hay, straw, grass and unprocessed grains are prohibited.
- Motor vehicles and mechanized equipment are prohibited. Use or possession of any form of mechanical transport such as bicycles or hang gliders is also prohibited.

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- Possessing or using any form of wheeled vehicle for the purpose of transportation of such things as people, equipment, personal property, supplies, or game is prohibited.
  - Caching or leaving equipment, personal property, or supplies unattended for a period in excess of 24 hours is prohibited.

### **\*\*\* Olympic National Park Wilderness**

Nearly 95 percent of Olympic National Park is wilderness. In the Hoodport District 119,000 of its 120,000 acres are wilderness.

#### **Regulations**

- Wilderness Use Permits are required for all overnight stays in the wilderness. They are free and can be obtained at park ranger stations and trailheads.
- Group size limited to 12 persons and 8 stock.
- No open fires above 4000-foot elevation—stoves only.
- Pets, weapons, bicycles, and motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Reservations required for overnight stays at Flapjack Lakes and Lake Constance from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Contact Staircase Ranger Station at (360) 877-5569.

Refer to Olympic National Park's *Wilderness Use Guidelines* hand-out for additional information.

## **Safety: Things You Should Know**

### **Avalanches**

Steep terrain and heavy snow in the Olympics can contribute to high avalanche conditions in the backcountry. Become familiar with avalanche factors and current conditions if you are planning a backcountry trip during winter conditions. Current avalanche condition reports and handouts on snow avalanches are available at the Hood Canal Ranger Station.

### **Campfires**

Use existing fire rings whenever possible. Build your campfire away from trees, logs, stumps, overhanging branches, dense dry grass and forest litter. Never leave a campfire unattended, even for a moment. Be certain your

fire is out completely when you leave. Abandoned campfires cause many forest fires. You may be held liable for any uncontrolled fires you start. Check wilderness regulations in this booklet for stove-only areas.

### Drinking Water



All surface water in the park or forest should be treated. Boil rapidly for one minute or use a filter or tablets designed to treat the microscopic organism *Giardia lamblia*.

### Equipment/Ten Essentials

Visitors going into the backcountry need to be prepared for rapid weather changes. Proper footwear and raingear are necessary for a safe, comfortable visit to the Olympics. Carry the **ten essentials** of backcountry safety. They are: **map of the area, compass, flashlight, sunglasses, extra food, extra clothes, pocket knife, first aid kit, matches, and fire starter.** Always let someone know where you are going and sign in at the trailhead register.

### Hypothermia—#1 Killer of Outdoor Recreationists

Hypothermia is caused by the lowering of body temperature. Even the loss of a few degrees can be incapacitating and should be guarded against whenever you are outdoors. Protect yourself by remembering a few basic tips: maintain your energy supply by eating high-calorie foods, avoid becoming overly fatigued, wear appropriate layered clothing, take care to stay dry, and carry the ten essentials—they may save your life.

### Mountain Climbing



The Olympic Mountains are composed of a soft rock that crumbles easily. Use proper climbing gear such as helmet, ice axe, climbing rope, etc. and make sure your climbing skill level matches the route you choose. A climbing register is available on the outside wall of the Hood Canal Ranger Station. Please sign back in on your return.



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## Vandalism

Because vehicles are periodically vandalized at trailheads, do not leave valuables in your vehicle. A locked vehicle, including the trunk, is not always a deterrent to a thief. At campgrounds, keep your valuables such as purse, wallet, and camera with you rather than lock them in your vehicle. Several professional break-ins have occurred at campgrounds while campers were asleep right next to their vehicle. Lock loose camping equipment, especially coolers, in your vehicle at night.

## Water Activities

Many of the rivers in "Hood Canal Country" are not floatable due to rapids, waterfalls, and narrow canyons. Know the river or lake before playing in or near it and come prepared with proper safety equipment such as life vests.

## Weather

Weather can change quickly on the Olympic Peninsula. A sunny day can turn to heavy rain within an hour, so come prepared for weather changes.

## Animals

### Bear



Black bears are widespread on the Olympic Peninsula. They are opportunistic, and, if successful in pilfering food even once, can develop behavior that may result in their eventual removal. It is important for visitors to manage their food storage, dirty dishes, and garbage to avoid attracting bears seeking food. If you do see a bear, stay calm and give it plenty of room. If a bear comes into your camp, knock pots and pans together and make noise to discourage any further exploration. Refer to the park's *Bear* handout for additional information.

## Cougar (Mountain Lion)

Cougars are rarely seen but are increasing in numbers on the Olympic Peninsula. If you meet a cougar, stop, stay calm, and do not run. Fleeing or quick movements may trigger an attack. Face the animal, stand upright, do all you can to appear larger, and talk calmly and firmly to it. Give it a way to escape if you can. Refer to the park's *Traveling in Cougar Country* handout for more information.

## Horses and Pack Animals



Call the ranger station to find out if the trail you plan to travel is cleared for stock. Follow regulations for the area you will be visiting.

## Pets



In the park, pets are not permitted on trails and must be on a leash in campgrounds and on roads. In Olympic National Forest, pets are allowed on trails; however, they must be on a leash in campgrounds. For their own safety, it is recommended they be leashed on trails.

# Vehicles

## Bicycles



Park trails are closed to bicycles. Check with a Forest Service Ranger Station to get regulations and recommendations for bicycle trails in the forest.

## Motorized Vehicles



Few trails in the Hood Canal Ranger District and none in the park are open to off-road vehicles. Check with the ranger station for recommended riding areas. To operate on forest or park roads, all motorized vehicles are required to have a licensed driver and the vehicle must be street legal according to Washington State law.

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## Special Areas

### Historic and Cultural Areas

Historic cabins, shelters, and sites of past human activities are protected by the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and the National Historic Preservation Act along with other laws and regulations. Please help protect these unique facilities and sites for future use and study.

### Picnic Areas



These are areas developed for day-use activities, such as picnicking, rest stops, and enjoyment of an area for its scenic qualities. Overnight camping is prohibited.

### Watchable Wildlife Viewing Areas



Chosen for the National Watchable Wildlife Program, these areas offer a reasonable chance of viewing wildlife in their natural habitat. An inexpensive *Washington Wildlife Viewing Guide* can be purchased at the Hood Canal Ranger Station. Sites are marked with brown and white road signs featuring a "binoculars" logo.

## Other Information

### Backpacking



Overnight wilderness users in the park are required to obtain a wilderness permit. Permits are free and available at trailheads and park ranger stations. No permit is required for overnight hikes in the forest. Practice "Leave-No-Trace" skills and follow regulations for the area you are visiting.

### Fishing



Regulations governing the seasons and catch limits for fishing in Olympic National Forest (license required) can be found in the current *Fishing in Washington* pamphlet published by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Regulations for fishing in Olympic National Park

(no license required) can be found in the park's *Fishing Regulations* handout.

### **Lost and Found**

Lost and found articles may be left or claimed at the Hood Canal Ranger Station.

### **Special Use Permits**

Removing plants or resources from Olympic National Park is prohibited. Some resources or products may be taken from Olympic National Forest, but you must check with the ranger station to see if a permit is required and available.

### **Wildflowers**

From the lowland forests to the mountain meadows, you will find a wide variety of wildflowers. Some species are endemic (growing only in this area), others are sensitive species (only a few exist), and others grow profusely. Enjoy the beauty of the flowers and take pictures, but please do not pick them. Check at the ranger station for scheduled wildflower walks or talks.

### **Winter Recreation**



A variety of winter recreational opportunities exist in both the park and forest. There are lowland trails to hike or snowshoe, snow-covered roads for cross-country skiing, and areas for snow play. For a safe outing, make sure your vehicle is in good operating condition, carry a map of the area, bring extra food and clothing, and carry a shovel, chains, and bag of sand. Think twice before following a single vehicle track in the snow; it may lead to a dead end with no place to turn around. Always let someone know your plans and stick to those plans. Contact the ranger station for avalanche, road, and trail conditions.

## Camping in Olympic National Forest

### Rustic Campsites (Frontcountry and Backcountry)



Undeveloped campsites, hike-in or with vehicle access, usually with no drinking water. Tables and/or toilets may be available. No permits are required, and, in most cases, no fee is charged. Stays limited to 21 days per year.

### Wilderness Campsites

Primitive campsites within designated wilderness, no facilities. No permits are required. Maximum length of stay is 21 days. Please use existing campsites. Stoves only above 3,500 feet. Leave no trace by practicing minimum impact techniques (see page 12, *Wilderness Ethics*.)

### Developed Campgrounds



Toilets, potable water (in most cases), tables and fire rings are available. Violation notices are issued if fees are not paid in U.S. Fee Areas. Campsites available on a first come, first served basis. Stays limited to 14 days per year.

Pets are permitted on a leash in developed campgrounds.

Road use is restricted to street-legal vehicles.

Please pack your garbage home. Fees are kept at a minimum by your helping to "Pack It Out."

Gather only dead and downed wood for firewood.



## Camping in Olympic National Park

### Wilderness Camping

Permits are required for all overnight stays in the backcountry. They are free and can be obtained at park ranger stations, trailheads, or at the park boundary. Flapjack Lakes (p. 29) and Lake Constance (p. 15) require reservations during summer months. Practice minimum impact techniques (see page 12, *Wilderness Ethics*.) Camping limit is 14 days per year.

### Developed Campgrounds



Water, toilets, garbage containers, tables, and fire rings are provided. Limited services in the off-season. Campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. Camping is limited to 14 days per year.

Camping outside the designated wilderness areas in the park is restricted to developed campgrounds.

Firewood may not be collected within 0.25 mile of Staircase and Dosewallips Campgrounds.

Pets are permitted on a leash in campgrounds and parking areas. Pets are prohibited in all park buildings, in the backcountry, and generally on all park trails.

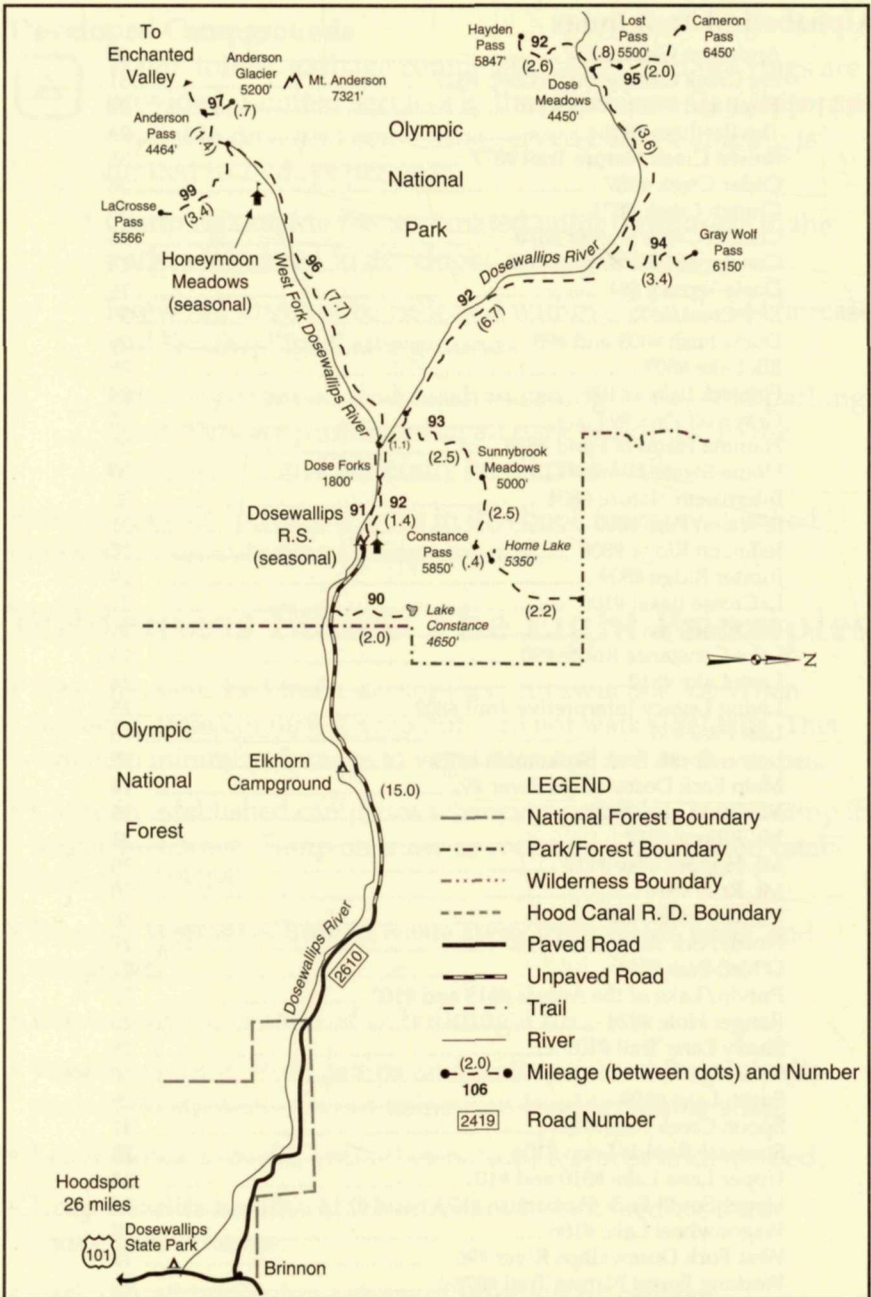
Refer to specific recreation areas in this book for more detailed information on individual campgrounds.

## Wilderness Ethics: The Eight Principles

- Stay on established trails; do not short cut switchbacks. When traveling cross-country, spread out—do not walk single file. This will help minimize damage to vegetation and soil on the slopes.
- Camp in established campsites whenever possible. Do not camp in fragile meadows. Camp on snow or rock when away from established campsites.
- Properly dispose of human waste away from water, trails, and campsites.
- Use a camp stove instead of building a fire.
- Wash well away from camps and water sources. Properly dispose of waste water; avoid using non-biodegradable soap.
- Leave flowers, rocks, and other natural features undisturbed.
- Keep wildlife healthy and self reliant by not feeding them. Leave pets at home.
- Pack out all trash plus a share of litter left by others.

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**LEGEND**

- National Forest Boundary
- - - Park/Forest Boundary
- ..... Wilderness Boundary
- - - Hood Canal R. D. Boundary
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- - - Trail
- River
- (2.0) • Mileage (between dots) and Number
- 2419 Road Number

Hoodport  
26 miles



Dosewallips State Park

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## DOSEWALLIPS RECREATION AREA

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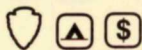
#### Dosewallips Ranger Station



Open mid-May to mid-October. Free wilderness permits for overnight hikes available at the ranger station. Stock unloading area near station. The road becomes steep and narrow beyond Elkhorn Campground and is recommended for tent trailers only. Gate at park boundary closes in October, leaving a 1.2-mile hike to ranger station and trailheads.

### CAMPGROUNDS:

#### Dosewallips



Elevation 1,540 feet. Open spring-fall. Thirty campsites, flush toilets, piped water, tables and fire rings. Recommended for tent trailers only due to road condition and limited campsite size.

#### Elkhorn (Quilcene Ranger District)



Elevation 645 feet. Open spring-fall. Twenty campsites, trailers to 21 feet, well, vault toilets, tables and fire rings.

### TRAILS:

*Remember: no pets, weapons, bicycles or motorized vehicles are permitted on Olympic National Park trails.*

#### Lake Constance Route #90 (2.0 miles)

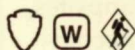


**Grade:** Extremely steep.

**Setting:** Mountain lake.

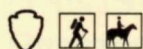
**Opportunities:** Views, fishing, mountain climbing.

**Note:** 3,400-foot elevation gain in 2 miles. NOT FOR THE NOVICE HIKER. Reservations required for overnight stays (limit of 20 people/night) between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Phone-in reservations; call (360) 877-5569.

**Dosie Terrace #91** (1.2-mile loop)**Grade:** Rolling.**Setting:** Forest and river.**Opportunities:** Loop trail, good family hike, fishing.**Note:** Interpretive pamphlets available at the trailhead.**Main Fork Dosewallips River #92** (15.4 miles)**Grade:** Gradual to steep.**Setting:** Forest, alpine meadows, and mountain pass.**Opportunities:** Views of the interior of the park, wildlife and wildflowers viewing.**Note:** STOVES-ONLY ZONE one mile before Dose Meadows.**Constance Pass #93** (5.0 miles) Access via Trail #92**Grade:** Very steep.**Setting:** Forest to ridgetop.**Opportunities:** Scenic views, wildflower and wildlife viewing.**Note:** Limited water.**Graywolf Pass #94** (3.4 miles) Access via Trail #92**Grade:** Moderate.**Setting:** Forest, meadows, to ridgetop.**Opportunities:** Fall colors, wildlife and wildflower viewing.**Lost Pass #95** (0.8 miles) Access via Trail #92**Grade:** Steep, rocky areas.**Setting:** Forest to ridgetop.**Opportunities:** Expansive views of the interior of the park, wildflowers and wildlife viewing.**Note:** Not recommended for stock.

## West Fork Dosewallips River #96 (9.1 miles) Access via Trail #92

**Grade:** Moderate.



**Setting:** Forest to mountain pass.



**Opportunities:** Subalpine views; wildflower, wildlife, and waterfall viewing; closest access to a glacier in the park.

**Note:** STOVES-ONLY ZONE begins 0.5 miles below Honeymoon Meadows. Trail is closed to all traffic until late fall 1996. Bridge replacement in progress.

## Anderson Glacier #97 (0.7 miles) Access via Trail #96

**Grade:** Moderate, 0.7-mile way trail.



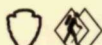
**Setting:** Alpine.



**Opportunities:** Goes to the moraine along Anderson Glacier, the largest glacier in the eastern Olympics.

## LaCrosse Pass #99 (6.4 miles) Access via Trail #96

**Grade:** Moderate to very steep.

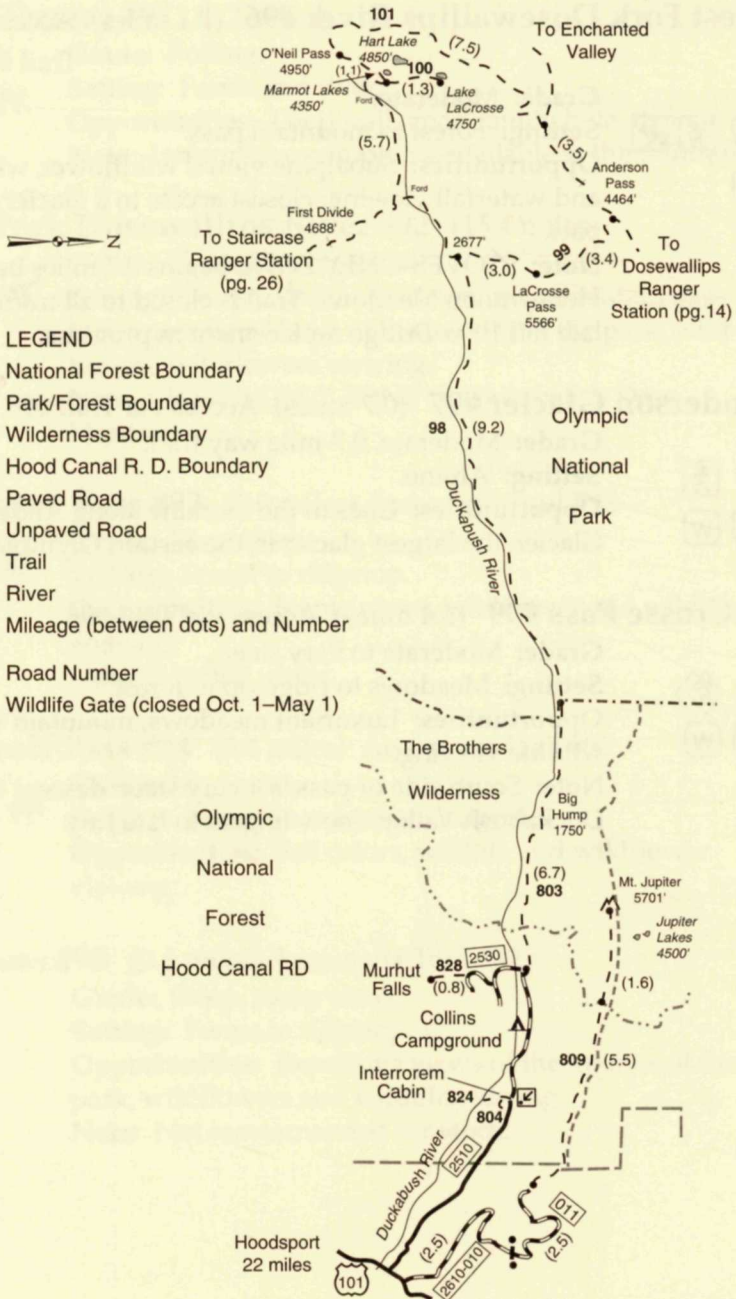


**Setting:** Meadows to ridgetop to forest.



**Opportunities:** Luxuriant meadows, mountain views, wildlife viewing.

**Note:** South side of pass is a very steep descent to the Duckabush Valley. Snow lingers to late July.



# DUCKABUSH RECREATION AREA

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

### Duckabush River



Proposed as a National Wild and Scenic River. Scenic views of The Brothers Wilderness along the river corridor.

**Hazard Warning:** The river contains swift water, rapids, and waterfalls and is not floatable. Use extreme caution in or near water.

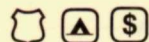
### Interrorem Cabin



Elevation 319 feet. This square one-story, peeled-log building was built in 1907 as the first administrative site of the Olympic National Forest and Monument (now forest and park). For overnight rental information of this primitive cabin, contact the Hood Canal Ranger Station. Three picnic sites with tables, fire rings and toilet.

## CAMPGROUNDS:

### Collins



Elevation 500 feet. Open spring-fall. Sixteen campsites, 10 accommodate trailers to 21 feet; many of the campsites are near the river. Well, tables, fire rings, and vault toilets.

## TRAILS:

### Jupiter Ridge #809 (7.1 miles)



**Grade:** Gradual to steep.

**Setting:** Ridgeline.

**Opportunities:** Views of the interior Olympics, Puget Sound, Seattle, and the Cascade Mountains.

**Note:** After five miles the trail becomes steeper with rougher tread conditions. Access to the trailhead is via a steep, rough, winding road. Wildlife gate closure from October 1 to May 1 adds 2.5 miles to the hike. Gate may be closed additional times due to high fire danger. Contact the Hood Canal Ranger Station for an update.

**Murhut Falls #828** (0.8 mile)**Grade:** Moderate.**Setting:** Forest, waterfall.**Opportunities:** Views of Jupiter Ridge, photo and viewing opportunity of high, picturesque waterfall.**Note:** Stay on trail, hazards exist off trail.**Ranger Hole #824** (0.8 mile)**Grade:** Flat, steep last 500 feet down to the river.**Setting:** Forest, river.**Opportunities:** Fishing, view scenic river.**Interrorem Nature #804** (0.25 mile)**Grade:** Flat.**Setting:** Forest.**Opportunities:** Interpretive loop trail through large second-growth forest. Rain-forest atmosphere with abundant moss and ferns.**Duckabush #803** (6.7 miles, continues as PS #98)**Grade:** Gradual for 2.5 miles, steep over Big Hump, then easy.**Setting:** Forest, old-growth forest, river valley.**Opportunities:** Old-growth forest beyond Big Hump with numerous campsites along the river, fishing.**Note:** Trailhead facilities include stock unloading area, toilet, trailhead register, and permit box for park over-night permits. Trail enters the park at 6.7 miles.**Duckabush #98** (14.9 miles, continues from FS #803)**Grade:** Gradual to steep rocky areas.**Setting:** Old-growth forest, river, meadows and subalpine lake.**Opportunities:** Fishing, solitude, mountain views, wildlife.**Note:** Two wet crossings are hazardous in the spring and early summer. Steeper climb into the subalpine headwaters at Marmot Lake, which is a STOVES-ONLY ZONE.

### Lacrosse Pass #99 (6.4 miles) Access via Trail #98

**Grade:** Very steep.

**Setting:** Forest to mountain pass.

**Opportunities:** Spectacular views from the pass.

**Note:** 3,000-foot elevation gain in three miles. No water on the south side of the pass. Snow lingers on the north side until late July.



### LaCrosse Basin #100 (1.3 miles) Access via Trail #98

**Grade:** Moderate.

**Setting:** High-country lakes in glacier-carved depressions, open meadowland.

**Opportunities:** Scenic views, wildflower viewing.

**Note:** Usually snowbound until mid-July.



### O'Neil Pass #101 (8.6 miles) Access via Trail #98

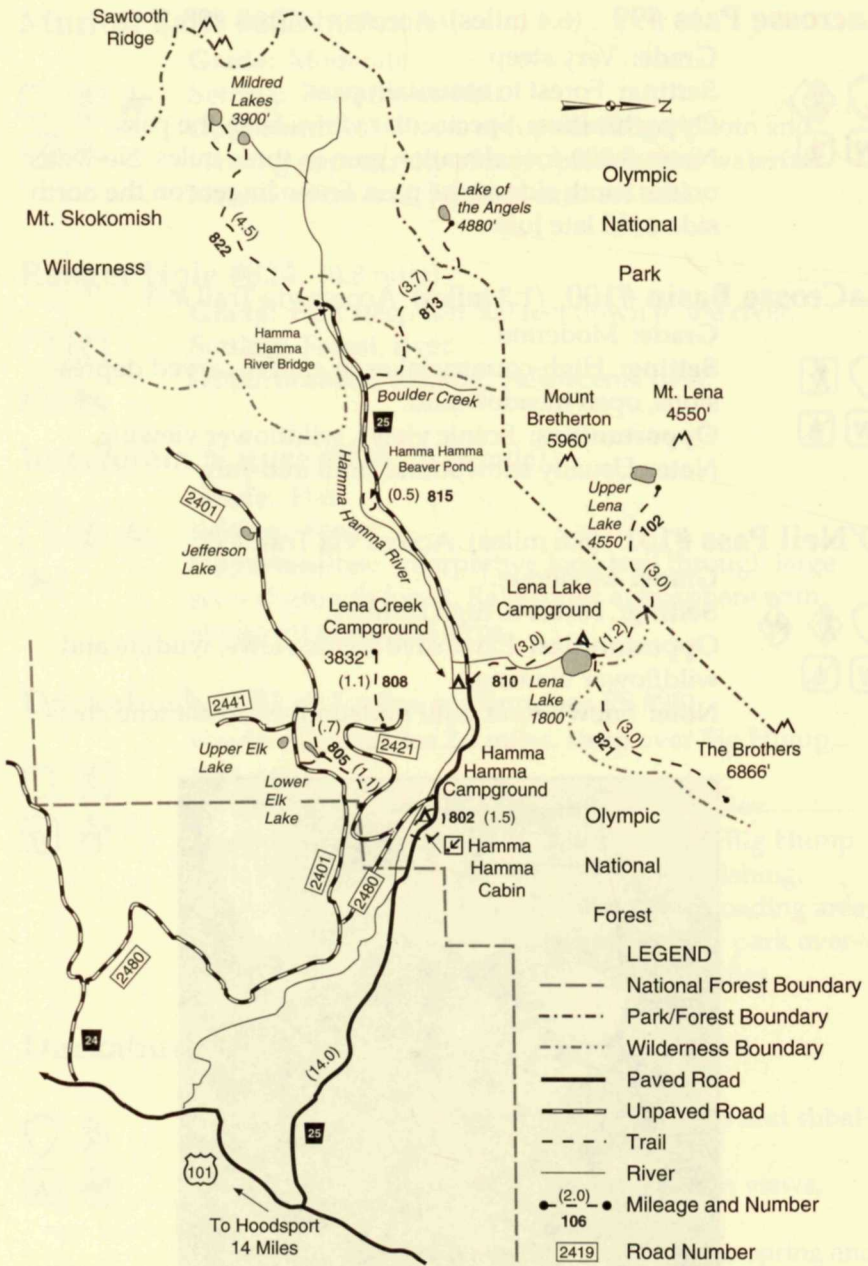
**Grade:** Moderate.

**Setting:** Forest to high country.

**Opportunities:** Expansive scenic views, wildlife and wildflower viewing.

**Note:** Snowbound until midsummer. Avalanche areas.













# HAMMA HAMMA RECREATION AREA

## POINTS OF INTEREST:




### Hamma Hamma River Road or FS Road #25

   Scenic drive with views of both the Mt. Skokomish and The Brothers Wildernesses. Photo, wildlife and wildflower viewing opportunities.



### Hamma Hamma Cabin

   Built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, this historic, one-of-a-kind cabin is available for overnight rental. Contact Hood Canal Ranger Station for more information.




### Hamma Hamma Beaver Pond

   Short, steep walk from the road to wooden bench and view of pond. One-half mile hike around the beaver pond. Good opportunity to view wildlife and wildlife habitat.




### Hamma Hamma River Bridge

  Good photo opportunity. Beautiful falls, scenic mountains, and steep gorges. Parking is available at Mildred Lakes trailhead.




### \*Lower Elk Lake

   Fishing, day hiking, wildlife observation, bird-watching, rustic camping and toilet available at this beautiful 6-acre mountain lake.

### \*Upper Elk Lake

   Deep three-acre lake. Habitat to many birds. Rustic camping and fishing.




### \*Jefferson Lake

   Short, very steep walk to the lake. Fishing, rustic camping, mountain views, bird and wildlife observation.




\* Access is via narrow, steep, gravel roads.

## CAMPGROUNDS:



**Hamma Hamma**

   Elevation 560 feet. Open spring-fall. 16 campsites, trailers to 22 feet. Well, tables, fire rings, paved road, and vault toilets.

**Lena Creek**

   Elevation 685 feet. Open spring-fall. 12 campsites, trailers to 22 feet. Well, tables, fire rings, paved road, and vault toilets.



**Lena Lake**



  Three-mile hike to this backcountry developed campground via Trail #810. Twenty-nine campsites, toilets, and fire rings. Treat all surface water before using. Revegetation in progress on south shoreline. Please do not camp in this area. Develop no new campsites.

## TRAILS:

**Lena Lake #810** (3.0 miles to lake, 4.2 miles to park boundary)

**Grade:** Moderate.



  **Setting:** Forest, 55-acre lake.


  **Opportunities:** Campground, fishing, family day hike, scenic area, bird and wildlife watching.

**Note:** National Recreation Trail. Heavily used area. Barrier-free vault toilet at trailhead.

**The Brothers #821** (3 miles) Access via FS #810

**Grade:** Moderate.




  **Setting:** Forest, lush, green, moss-covered valley, small intermittent stream.



 **Opportunities:** Mtn. climbing, day hike from Lena Lake.

**Note:** Trail ends at the base camp where a climbing route begins. Rockfall is a common hazard when climbing The Brothers—wear helmet.

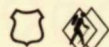
**Upper Lena Lake #102** (3.0 miles) Access from FS #810

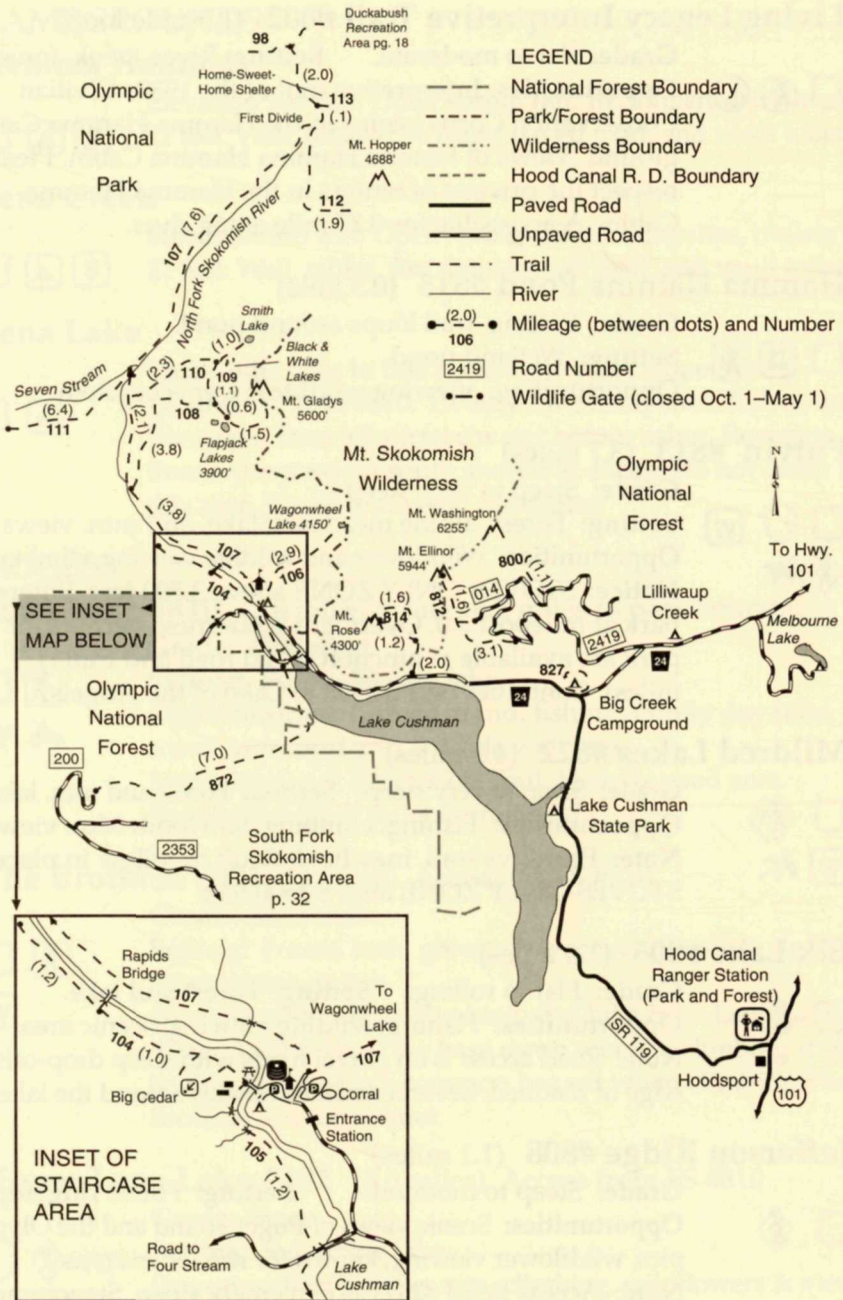
**Grade:** Steep.

   **Setting:** Subalpine lake.

  **Opportunities:** Fishing, mtn. climbing, wildflowers & views.

**Note:** Overnight wilderness permits available along trail at park boundary. Hazardous stream fjord during snowmelt.

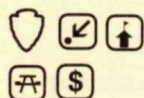
**Living Legacy Interpretive Trail #802** (1.5-mile loop)**Grade:** Flat to moderate. **Setting:** River, creek, forest.**Opportunities:** Interpretive trail of the 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps begins in the Hamma Hamma Campground. Views of historic Hamma Hamma Cabin. Please respect the privacy of renters in the Hamma Hamma Cabin. ♿ accessible for 0.25 mile along river.**Hamma Hamma Pond #815** (0.5 mile)**Grade:** Rolling, trail loops around pond.**Setting:** Wetland pond.**Opportunities:** Viewing wildlife/river ecosystem.**Putvin #813** (3.7 miles)**Grade:** Steep to very steep**Setting:** Forest, alpine meadows, lake, and mtn. views.**Opportunities:** Wildflower and wildlife viewing, climbing.**Notice:** STOVES-ONLY ZONE above 3,500 feet. Enters park at milepost 3.0. Overnight wilderness permits for park are available at junction of old road and trail (1.3 miles). Continues on PS #103 to Lake of the Angels.**Mildred Lakes #822** (4.5 miles)**Grade:** Steep to very steep. **Setting:** Forest and mtn. lakes.**Opportunities:** Fishing, climbing, Sawtooth Mtn. views.**Note:** Primitive trail, may be difficult to follow in places. STOVES-ONLY ZONE above 3500 feet.**Elk Lake #805** (1.8 miles)**Grade:** Flat to rolling. **Setting:** Forest and lake.**Opportunities:** Fishing, wildlife viewing, scenic area.**Note:** Road access is on gravel roads with steep drop-offs at edge of roadbed. Several small campsites around the lake.**Jefferson Ridge #808** (1.1 miles)**Grade:** Steep to moderate. **Setting:** Forest ridgetop.**Opportunities:** Scenic views of Puget Sound and the Olympics, wildflower viewing, known for rhododendrons.**Note:** Access Road #2421 is extremely steep. Steep grade through timber harvest unit first 0.25 mile, then follows the ridge to the site of the old Jefferson Ridge lookout.



# LAKE CUSHMAN RECREATION AREA

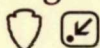
## POINTS OF INTEREST:

### Staircase Ranger Station



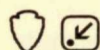
Elevation 785 feet. Eastside entrance into the Olympic National Park. Day and overnight hikes (free wilderness permits for overnight hikes), stock unloading area and corral, campground, and picnic area. Park entrance fee charged May to October.

### Big Cedar



Giant 800-year-old cedar tree.

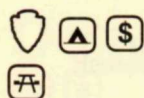
### North Fork Skokomish River



Gorgeous river with deep pools and rapids. Fishing is catch and release, no bait/barbless hooks only in the North Fork Skokomish River and its tributaries.

## CAMPGROUNDS:

### Staircase



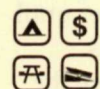
Elevation 785 feet. Open year-round. Fifty-six campsites, trailers to 30 feet, flush toilets, piped water, tables, fire rings, picnic area. Primitive services, no fee/no water in the off-season.

### Big Creek



Elevation 1,000 feet. Open spring–fall. Twenty-three campsites, trailers to 30 feet. Well, tables, fire rings, vault toilets, nature loop trail, and picnic shelter.

### Lake Cushman State Park



Elevation 750 feet. Open spring–fall. Fifty standard, 30 full hookup and two primitive walk-in campsites, trailers to 40 feet. Flush toilets, showers, picnic area, swimming beach, boat ramp, dump station, and group camp with cooking shelter.

**Lilliwaup Creek** (Wash. State Dept. of Natural Resources)

Thirteen campsites, vault toilets, well.

**Melbourne Lake** (Wash. State Dept. of Natural Resources)

Five campsites, vault toilets, no drinking water.

## TRAILS:

*Remember: pets, weapons, bicycles, and motorized vehicles are not permitted on Olympic National Park trails.***Staircase Rapids Loop #104** (2.0 miles)**Grade:** Rolling loop trail.**Setting:** River and old-growth forest.**Opportunities:** Catch-and-release fishing. Deep pools, large trees, abundant fern and moss growth all make this a wonderful family nature hike.**Note:** Self-guiding brochure available. Stock not permitted on west side of the river. Warning: river currents can be dangerous.**Shady Lane Trail #105** (1.2 miles)**Grade:** Flat.**Setting:** Old-growth forest, river.**Opportunities:** Viewing of large old-growth forest, catch and release fishing.**Note:** Park boundary at 0.8 miles. Continues on private road to connect with Dry Creek Trail FS #872.**Wagonwheel Lake #106** (2.9 miles)**Grade:** Very steep.**Setting:** Forest, small lake.**Opportunities:** Fishing, scenic views 0.5 mile past lake via way trail.**Note:** 3,250-foot elevation gain in 2.9 miles. No water until lake. Stay on trail—poison oak between switchbacks.

During winter conditions, use extreme caution where the trail crosses an avalanche chute 0.5 mile before lake.



### North Fork Skokomish #107 (13.5 miles)



**Grade:** Gradual then moderately steep.

**Setting:** Forest, river valley to divide and meadows.

**Opportunities:** Catch-and-release fishing, wildlife viewing, follows route taken by the 1890 O'Neil survey expedition, many nice riverside campsites.

**Note:** High bear activity area—use bear wires and bear-precaution techniques. STOVES-ONLY ZONE beyond Two Bear Camp.

### Flapjack Lakes #108 (4.4 miles) Access via Trail #107 (3.8m.)



**Grade:** Moderate to steep.

**Setting:** Forest, lakes at tree line, meadows.

**Opportunities:** Fishing, mountain climbing, mountain views.

**Note:** Reservations required for overnight stays and quota area (30 people per night) Memorial Day to Labor Day. Contact Staircase Ranger Station at (360) 877-5569. Heavily used area. High bear activity area—use bear wires and bear-precaution techniques.

### Smith Lake #109 (2.1 miles) Access via Trail #108



**Grade:** Moderate to steep.

**Setting:** Subalpine meadows, old fire scar area, small lake.

**Opportunities:** Remote camping, wildflower and wildlife viewing, mountain climbing.

**Note:** Low maintenance, brushy. Steep descent to lake.

### Black and White Way #110 (2.3 miles) Access via Trail #109



**Grade:** Steep.

**Setting:** Forest to meadows.

**Opportunities:** Can serve as a connecting link to make a loop trail from Flapjack Lakes, best to descend. Valley views.

**Note:** Boot route, not maintained, lightly used. No water along trail. Brushy.

**Six Ridge #111** (6.4 miles) Access via Trail #107**Grade:** Many ups and downs, strenuous.**Setting:** Forest and ridgeline.**Opportunities:** Views, solitude.**Note:** Not maintained. Will have to use backcountry skills along with compass, map, and altimeter for route-finding.**Mt. Hopper Way #112** (1.9 miles) Access via Trail #107**Grade:** Moderate, ups and downs.**Setting:** Forest and meadows.**Opportunities:** Wildflower and wildlife viewing, mountain views, mountain climbing.**Note:** Not maintained. Brushy route, may be difficult to find.**Home-Sweet-Home #113** (0.1 mile) Access via Trail #107**Grade:** Gentle.**Setting:** Basin meadow.**Opportunities:** Mountain views, wildflower and wildlife viewing.**Note:** Trail goes to Home-Sweet-Home shelter.**Dry Creek #872** (7.0 miles)**Grade:** Flat to steep.**Setting:** Forest to ridgetop.**Opportunities:** Hike along shore of Lake Cushman, old-growth forest begins at halfway point.**Note:** Trail begins on private road, ends on FS Road #2353-200 in the S.Fork Skokomish Recreation Area.**Mt. Rose #814** (3.6 miles)**Grade:** Steep for entire trail.**Setting:** Old-growth forest.**Opportunities:** Views of Lake Cushman, Mt. Ellinor, and Huckleberry Creek Basin near summit.**Note:** Limited trailhead parking.



## Big Creek Campground Loop #827 (1.1 miles)

**Grade:** Flat to rolling.

**Setting:** Forest, many vine maple trees and ferns, small stream.

**Opportunities:** Fishing, loop trail adjacent to campground. Autumn colors.



## Mt. Ellinor #812 (1.6 miles)

**Grade:** Steep and rocky.

**Setting:** Forest, subalpine, mountain summit.

**Opportunities:** Expansive scenic views, wildflower and wildlife viewing.

**Note:** Trail leads to one of the most accessible mountain peaks in the Olympics. Summit can be reached in 3.1 miles from the lower trailhead at 2,500-foot elevation, or 1.6 miles from the upper trailhead at 3,500 feet off FS Road #2419-014. Carry drinking water. Heavily used area. Wear hiking boots and please stay on the trail. Snow in upper elevations may last until July and require an ice axe for travel.



## Jefferson Pass #800 (1.1 miles)

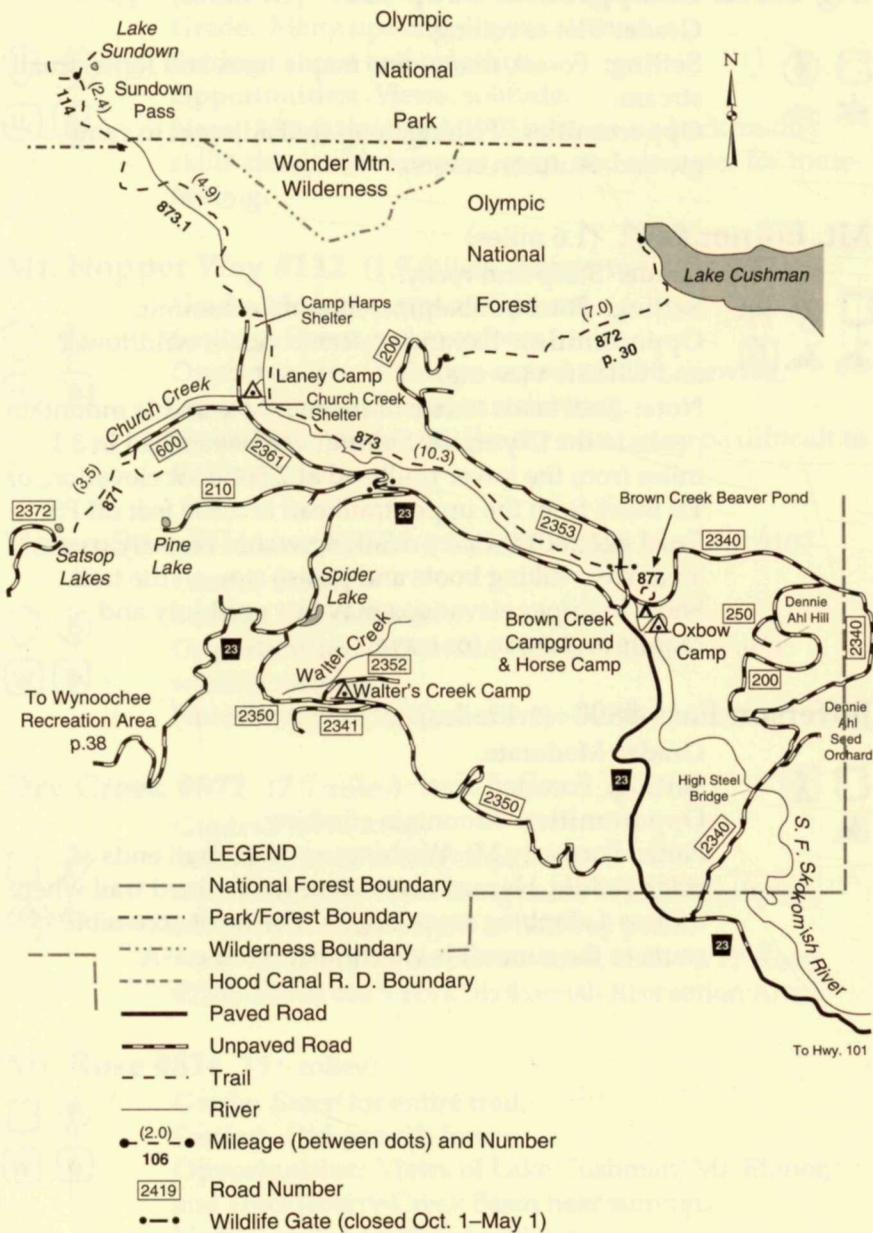
**Grade:** Moderate.

**Setting:** Forested area.

**Opportunities:** Mountain climbing.

**Note:** Formerly Mt. Washington Trail. Trail ends at ridge saddle. Hazardous beyond maintained trail where a Class 4 climbing route begins. The most accessible route to the summit is via climber's route 1-A.





## SOUTH FORK SKOKOMISH RECREATION AREA

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

#### High Steel Bridge



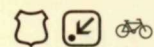
Crosses over an impressive 400-foot gorge carved by the South Fork Skokomish River. Built in 1928, it served as a railroad logging bridge until 1950 when the tracks were replaced by a wooden deck for vehicles. In 1964 the wooden deck was replaced with a concrete deck and guard rails were added. On the National Register of Historic Places. **Warning:** Steep, slippery areas exist on the slopes around the bridge. There are no trails in the vicinity and your best views are from the bridge.

#### Dennie Ahl Seed Orchard



Established in 1957 to produce genetically superior seedlings for reforestation. Gate open intermittently Monday–Thursday 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. or by appointment.

#### Dennie Ahl Hill



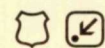
Old fire lookout site with scenic views of Hood Canal, Lake Cushman, and the South Fork Skokomish Area.

#### Brown Creek Beaver Pond



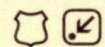
Wetland beaver pond with an opportunity to view wildlife and wildlife habitat. Watchable Wildlife Viewing Area. Trail #877 loops around pond.

#### Church Creek Shelter



Trail shelter built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935.

#### Camp Harps Shelter



Trail shelter built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934.

## Pine Lake



Scenic lake, fishing, walk-in rustic camp area.

## Spider Lake



Rustic camping near lake, fishing, and swimming. A 1.5-mile trail around the lake is scheduled for completion in fall 1996.

## CAMPGROUNDS:

### Brown Creek



Elevation 580 feet. Open year-round. Twenty campsites, trailers to 21 feet, well, tables, fire rings, and vault toilets. Hiking, fishing, mountain bike trail, stock trail, and wildlife viewing area nearby.

### Horse Camp



Open year-round. Trailers to 28 feet, located just beyond Brown Creek Campground. This group site for stock users has stock unloading area, eight hitch rails, water trough, trail access to South Fork Skokomish Trail 0.25 mile, fire ring, and toilet.

## RUSTIC CAMPGROUNDS:

### Oxbow Camp



Rustic campsites near river. Vault toilet, no potable drinking water. Day-use area available.

### Laney Camp



Rustic campsites near river. Toilet available, no potable drinking water. Easy access to Trail #873.

### Walter's Creek



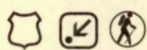
Rustic campsites near Walter Creek. No facilities.



*South Fork Skokomish River*

## TRAILS:

### **Brown Creek Nature Trail #877** (0.8-mile loop)



**Grade:** Flat to rolling.

**Setting:** Wetland, beaver pond.



**Opportunities:** Wildlife viewing with active beaver community.

**Note:** Trail begins at well in Brown Creek Campground.

### **Lower South Fork Skokomish #873** (10.3 miles)



**Grade:** Gradual to moderate.

**Setting:** River valley, old-growth forest.



**Opportunities:** Abundant wildlife and wildflowers. Good trail for mountain bikes, hikers and horses.

**Notice:** Trail can be muddy during periods of heavy rain.

## Upper South Fork Skokomish #873.1 (5.4 miles)



**Grade:** Moderate.

**Setting:** River valley, old-growth forest.

**Opportunities:** Viewing of old-growth forest and wildlife.

**Note:** First 0.5 mile is on old road. Becomes way trail at the park boundary.

## Upper S. Fork Skokomish #114 (2.9 miles via FS #873.1)



**Grade:** Moderate to steep.

**Setting:** Forest, subalpine meadows, and lake.

**Opportunities:** Valley views, wildlife and wildflower viewing.

**Note:** Unmaintained trail. *No pets, weapons, vehicles, or stock permitted.* STOVES-ONLY ZONE begins 0.5 mile south of Sundown Pass.

## Cedar Creek #887 (0.3 mile)



**Grade:** Moderately steep.

**Setting:** Forest, river canyon.

**Opportunities:** Accesses a scenic portion of the South Fork Skokomish River.

## Church Creek #871 (3.5 miles)



**Grade:** Moderately steep.

**Setting:** Forest, creek, and lakes.

**Opportunities:** Fishing, solitude, wildflower and waterfall viewing.

**Note:** Primitive trail along Church Creek goes over divide to Satsop Lakes. Route-finding may be difficult in places.

## Church Creek Shelter #870 (0.7 mile)

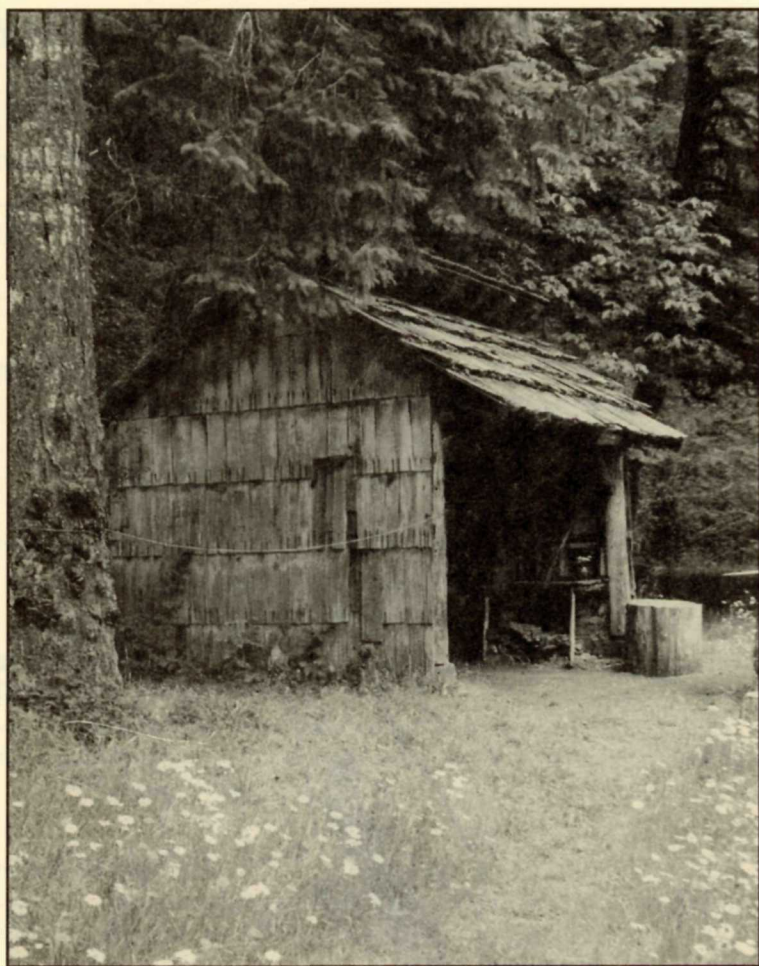


**Grade:** Gradual to moderate, 0.7 mile.

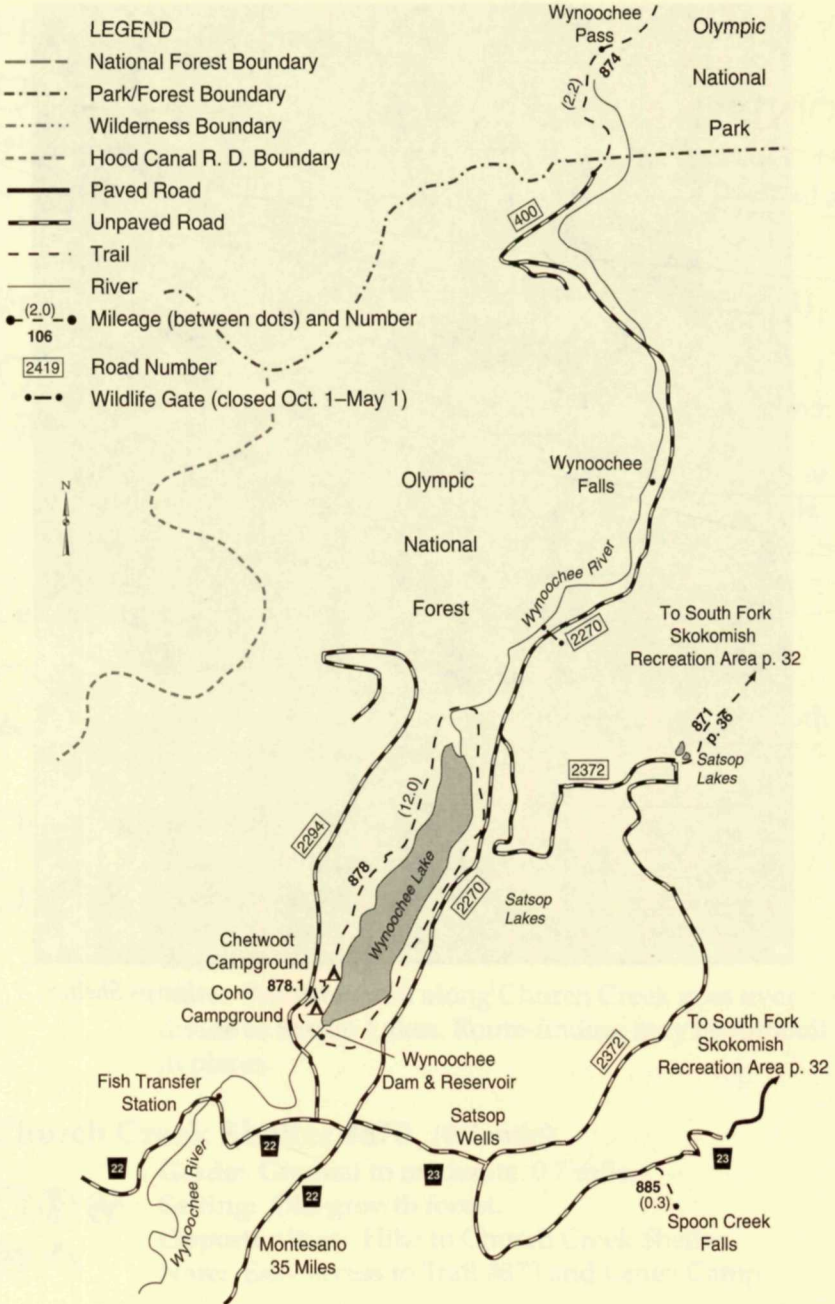
**Setting:** Old-growth forest.

**Opportunities:** Hike to Church Creek Shelter.

**Note:** Easy access to Trail #873 and Laney Camp.



*Harps Shelter*





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## WYNOOCHEE RECREATION AREA

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

#### Wynoochee Lake



This reservoir is 4.4 miles in length with 1,122 surface acres. Recreational opportunities such as hiking, wild-life watching, fishing, swimming, water skiing, canoeing, and boating abound.

#### Wynoochee Dam & Reservoir



Built in 1972 for flood control and water storage. A power turbine was added in 1993. Visitor center, vista area, picnic and swim areas.

#### Wynoochee Fish Transport Station



Collection point for spawning fish to be transported around Wynoochee Dam, and then released into the lake.

#### Wynoochee Falls



Beautiful waterfall with nice pool. Closed to motor vehicle access, five-minute walk, hike-in campers and visitors welcome.

#### Spoon Creek Falls



Spectacular views of high falls flowing through a narrow gorge. Accessible by Trail #885.

#### Satsop Lakes



Small picturesque lakes located in the headwaters of the Satsop River drainage. 0.5-mile hike to lakes from Road #2372.

## Satsop Wells Environmental Learning Lodge (SWELL)



Environmental education and/or retreat facility for groups of 70 or less. SWELL is operated by the Grays Harbor Conservation District in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. For more information, call (360) 249-5980.

### CAMPGROUNDS:

#### Coho



Open spring-fall. Forty-six campsites, trailers to 34 feet, 10 walk-in campsites, one walk-in group site for up to 12 people, flush toilets, piped water, paved roads, tables, fire rings, trails, and boat ramp. No trailer hookups. Waste dump station just outside the campground. Remote area with no commercial services.

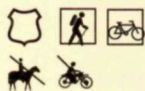
#### Chetwoot



Hike-in or boat-in campground. Vault toilet, no other facilities.

### TRAILS :

#### Wynoochee Lake Shore #878 (12.0 miles)



**Grade:** Rolling, easy to moderate.

**Setting:** Forest, lakeshore.

**Opportunities:** Views of lake, fishing, areas of old-growth forest, wildlife viewing.

**Note:** River ford at halfway point—use caution when the water level is high. Leave early in the day if you plan to hike the entire trail. National Recreation Trail. Bridge construction scheduled for 1997 will eliminate the need to ford the river and add four miles to the trail.

#### Working Forest Nature Trail #878.1 (0.4 mile)



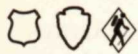
**Grade:** Short, moderately steep section, then flat.

**Setting:** Forest.

**Opportunities:** Interpretive trail with views of lake.

**Note:** Trail with interpretive signs of forest activities.

## Wynoochee Pass #874 (2.2 miles)



**Grade:** Steep and rocky.

**Setting:** Forest to subalpine.



**Opportunities:** Valley views, wildlife and wildflower viewing.

**Note:** Enters park at 0.2 mile. *Pets, weapons, vehicles and stock prohibited in the park.*

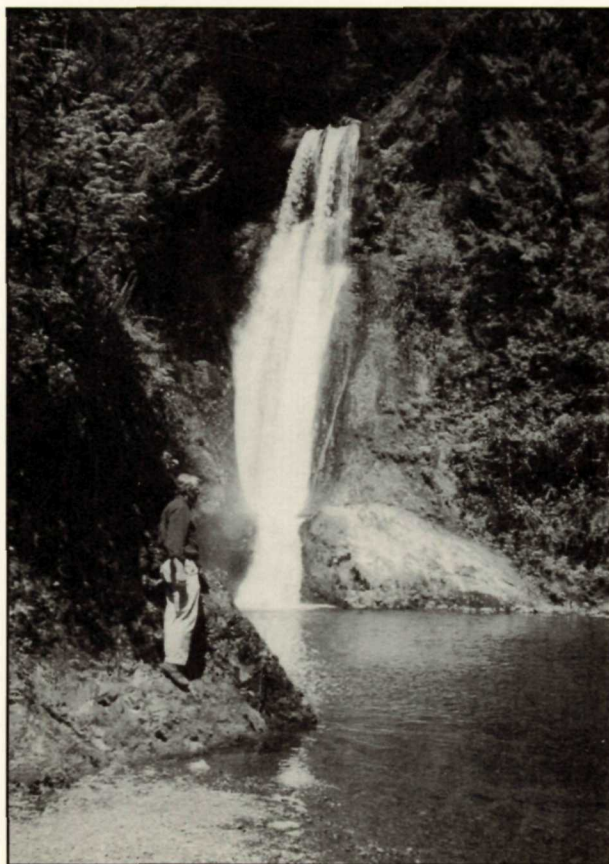
## Spoon Creek Falls #885 (0.3 mile)



**Grade:** Moderate to steep.

**Setting:** Forest, waterfall.

**Opportunities:** Two viewing areas of picturesque waterfall.



*Spoon  
Creek  
Falls*

## For More Information

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