

# Okanogan National Forest

## RECREATION GUIDE



### NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY

(ROSS LAKE TO WINTHROP)

#### -- Points of Interest --

##### Map

- A** Early Winters Information Station: National Forest and Park Information. Backcountry permits. Open 7 days/week (summer only).
- B** Hart's Pass Road: (One lane gravel). Highest road in Washington. Dramatic alpine views. (Closed to trailers).
- G** Washington Pass: Highest point on highway. Picnic area and scenic overlook. Information booth.
- I** Rainy Pass: Picnic Area, day hikes. Pacific Crest Trail crosses highway here.
- L** Ross Lake Recreation Area: Part of North Cascades National Park complex. Information available at Marblemount.



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Picnicking is allowed in campgrounds, however the camping fee applies for this use. Picnicking is also allowed on side roads and in larger turnouts.



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- G** Washington Pass: Shaded sites with tables. Flush toilets. Running water. Short loop trail to overlook suitable for wheelchairs.
- I** Rainy Pass: Sites with tables and some shade. Flush toilets. Running water. Day hikes to Rainy Lake and Lake Ann.
- K** Canyon Creek: (Junction of Granite and Canyon Creeks). Undeveloped area with room for walk-in picnicking.

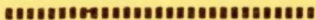
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Camping or fires are not allowed within 1/4 mile of the highway except in developed campgrounds. Stay limit in most of the campgrounds is five days. Primitive camping is available at Canyon Creek and Cedar Creek.



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- A** Early Winters CG. (Both sides of highway) 12 units/Outhouses/Running Water/Garbage Service. Near stream and highway. \$5.00 per night.
- D** Klipchuck CG. (1 mile off highway). 46 units/Flush Toilets/Running Water/Garbage Service. Best for large vehicles. Good tent sites. Near stream. \$5.00 per night.
- E** Lone Fir CG. 27 units/Outhouses/Running Water/Garbage Service. Cooler. Near Stream. Good tent sites. \$5.00 per night.
- F** Cutthroat Trailhead. (1 1/2 miles off highway) 4 sites/Outhouses/Stock Fac. ONE NIGHT STAY LIMIT. Near stream. Free.



Because of damage from heavy use, camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of Cutthroat, Rainy, and Blue Lake or Lake Ann.



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- C** Cedar Creek: 9 miles to Abernathy Pass, mostly level with steep climb last 1.2 miles. Double falls at 2 miles. Follows creek for most of length.
- F** Cutthroat Creek: Fairly level 1.7 mile walk to Cutthroat Lake, followed by a continuous 3.8 mile climb (1800') to Cutthroat Pass (joins the Pacific Crest Trail here). Limited water past lake. Excellent views from pass.
- H** Blue Lake: 1100' climb in 2.2 miles to a very scenic lake in a small rock-walled basin. Limited parking at trailhead.
- I** Rainy Lake: Easy paved 1 mile trail suitable for wheelchairs. Observation platform at lake with views of waterfall and glacier above south end.
- I** Lake Ann: Moderate (700') 2 mile climb to lake via short side trail. Main trail leads past lake to Heather Pass and Maple Pass above. Good views and wildflowers.
- I** Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail: Well maintained route leading from Rainy Pass north to Hart's Pass and Canada, south to Mexico.
- J** Easy Pass: Strenuous 2800' climb (5.1 miles) to very scenic, high pass bordering North Cascades National Park. Views of glaciers and rugged peaks. No camping at pass.
- K** Canyon Creek: Low use trail along narrow, steep-walled valley. Scenic stream. Limited campsites.

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TO DO

**Fishing:** Fishing is allowed in all streams and lakes except Ruby Creek. Granite Creek is fly fishing only. All State fishing regulations apply, including license requirements. Rainbow and Cutthroat trout.

**Berry Picking:** Huckleberries are available in open, moister areas along the highway in late summer and fall. Salmonberries, thimbleberries and elderberries are also available in places.

**Mountaineering:** Popular climbs for experienced mountaineers include Silver Star, Whistler, and Crater Mountain and Black Peak. Cutthroat Peak, Liberty Bell Mountain and Early Winters Spires are possible technical climbs.

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ROAD	
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Ross Lake

Crater Mt

Hart's Pass

Canyon Creek

To Seattle

Okanogan National Forest

North Cascades National Park

Silver Star Mt

Mazama

Winthrop

Winthrop to Ross Lake is 54 miles.

To Columbia River

