

Seattle City Light Skagit Hydroelectric Project



1. **NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY** Highway 20 across the North Cascades, finished in 1972, links the northern section of the state. The 77-mile run from Marblemount on the Skagit River to Mazama in Okanogan County is closed winters.
2. **GOODELL CREEK CAMPGROUND** Downstream from Newhalem, the National Park Service maintains a campground with both camping and picnicking units.
3. **STATE HIGHWAY BUILDING** Visitors can report rock or snow slides at this maintenance building.
4. **NEWHALEM CREEK CAMPGROUND** Across the Skagit River is a campground maintained by the National Park Service. Opened in 1982, it has drive-through sites.
5. **NEWHALEM** This complete town is one of the two communities maintained by Seattle City Light to house its employees on the Skagit Hydroelectric Project. It has no overnight accommodations.
6. **SKAGIT TOURS INFORMATION CENTER** Visitors can find rest rooms and obtain information on the Skagit Tours and the North Cascades National Park.
7. **SKAGIT GENERAL STORE** Fishing and camping supplies, groceries, beverages, ice, gifts, souvenirs and T-shirts are available here.
8. **GORGE INN** This former cookhouse in Newhalem was once used for the Skagit Tours. Meals are now served to our tour patrons at the Diablo Tour Center.
9. **TRAIL OF THE CEDARS** Amid forest giants, visitors can follow the self-guided nature trail to view Newhalem Powerhouse. There is no charge.
10. **ROSS CRYPT** "Father of City Light" James D. Ross and his wife, Alice, are interred in a crypt at the base of Ross Mountain.
- 10A. **"OLD NUMBER 6"** This 1928 Baldwin steam locomotive once regularly brought passengers and freight here. Restored by Skagit River Railway volunteers, it was returned to Newhalem in 1986.

11. **GORGE POWERHOUSE** The farthest downstream of three hydroelectric plants on the Skagit, Gorge Powerhouse has four generators capable of producing a total of 157,000 kilowatts. They use water drawn from behind Gorge Dam through a 20 1/2-foot diameter, two-mile-long tunnel. A visitors gallery is open daily May through September.
12. **LADDER CREEK FALLS and ROCK GARDENS** These gardens were opened in the 1920s by J. D. Ross, City Light's first Superintendent, as a tour attraction. Next to the gardens is Ladder Creek Falls, which starts from glacier fields 5,000 feet up in the North Cascades. The gardens and falls are lighted at night during the tour season. There is no charge for this self-guided tour.
13. **GORGE DAM** Measuring 300 feet high and 670 feet wide, Gorge Dam creates a lake 4 1/2 miles long. The plant was completed in 1924.
14. **DAVIS POWERHOUSE** Next to the modern Diablo Powerhouse is a replica of the first Skagit powerhouse, built by Glee Davis on his farm in 1908. In its day, it produced 3 3/4 kilowatts for the Davis residence.
15. **DIABLO POWERHOUSE** With a peak capacity of 519,000 kilowatts, this plant's two main generators were the largest in the world when ordered in the 1930s.
16. **DIABLO** Here is another City Light town where employees live with their families.
17. **INCLINE RAILWAY** This is the only remaining operating part of the old Skagit River Railway. A 400-horsepower electric motor combines with a counterbalance to pull a lift 558 feet up Sourdough Mountain on a 70% grade to the level of Diablo Lake. It carries thousands of our tourists each summer.
18. **DIABLO TOUR CENTER** Once the schoolhouse, this building now houses the Glee Davis Memorial Exhibit and the Skagit Tour Visitor Center and Cookhouse.
19. **DIABLO DAM** When completed in 1930, this was the tallest single arch-type dam in the world. It is 389 feet high and 1,180 feet along the crest. Diablo Lake, stretching five miles to Ross Dam, provides scenic cruising for Skagit visitors as well as excellent trout fishing.
20. **DIABLO BOAT LANDING** Skagit Tour patrons board the Alice Ross III here for Diablo Lake cruises. Fishermen can board City Light tugboats just north of here for a fee twice daily year round to go to Ross Boat Landing, and then on to Ross Lake.
21. **COLONIAL CREEK CAMPGROUND** The National Park Service operates this campground located on Thunder Arm of Diablo Lake on Highway 20. It has picnic areas, campsites, boat launches, nature trails and fish-cleaning stations.
22. **DIABLO OVERLOOK** Located on Highway 20, this site has ample off-road parking to view Diablo Lake, Pyramid Peak, Colonial Peak and many more beautiful North Cascade mountains.
23. **ROSS POWERHOUSE** Each of the four Ross generators can produce 112,500 kilowatts — giving this plant a total peak capability of 450,000 kilowatts.
24. **ROSS DAM** One of the highest in the nation, Ross is a single archtype dam 540 feet high and 1,300 feet across the crest. Ross Lake is 24 miles long and extends 1 1/2 miles into Canada. Ross Dam plays an important part in flood control for the entire Skagit Valley.
25. **PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER** This site is being considered for development as an Environmental Learning Center to be run by The North Cascades Institute.
26. **ROSS LAKE RESORT** Cabins, bedding, boats, motors and gas are available. Fishermen must bring their own food because there is no store.

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