

ACTIVITIES

Enjoy Stehekin by yourself or with a Park Ranger, by trail or shuttlebus. Sit and read by a glacial stream or sweat up a mountain. Here are a few suggestions. For details, ask a Ranger or check the Golden West Visitor Center bulletin board. Information available by mail from: Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 7, Stehekin, WA 98852.

- Exhibits and noon-time slide programs in the Golden West Visitor Center and Stehekin Ranger Station.
- Ranger-led nature walks explore such topics as life in the marsh, geology, birds and their habitats, edible plants, and the historic Buckner Ranch. Interpretive programs are offered each evening in the Golden West Visitor Center by a Park Ranger.
- Several trails in the Stehekin area are perfect for day hiking. They range in difficulty from casual strolls to grueling climbs. Ask for pamphlets.
- A shuttlebus system provides transportation to trailheads, campgrounds, fishing holes, and scenic areas. May 15 - October 15.
- Stehekin can be the starting point for a number of backpacking trips into the wilderness backcountry of North Cascades National Park, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, and several surrounding U.S. Forest Service wilderness areas. Information and camping permits are available at the Golden West Visitor Center.

SAFETY FIRST: Stehekin is a small community without doctors or medical facilities. Please be careful: medical help is a long ways away. If injured, contact a Ranger for first aid and assistance.

SERVICES

NORTH CASCADES LODGE

Lodging, housekeeping units, restaurant, gift shop. Bicycle, boat, and car rental. Taxi. Small grocery store. Gas. Bus tours and scenic flights. Open in winter with cross-country skiing. Brochure: Stehekin, WA 98852. Phone: 682-4494

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

This shop sells a variety of hand-crafted items made by residents of the Stehekin Valley. Summer only.

McGREGOR MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR SUPPLY

Backpacking, hiking, and fishing equipment. Fishing lures locally made for Stehekin water. Summer only.

CASCADE CORRALS

This horse packing service, operated by the Courtney family, is located 9 miles up the valley. Conducts horse supported hiking and riding trips into the high country. Daytime saddle horse rides. Rustic overnight accommodations and meals. Limited accommodations in winter. Raft trips on the Stehekin River. Brochure: Cascade Corrals, P.O. Box 36, Stehekin, WA 98852.

OTHER SERVICES

Bed and breakfasts, cabin rentals, fresh-baked goods, etc. Write *Valley Voice Newspaper*, Stehekin, WA 98852 or National Park Service, P.O. Box 7, Stehekin, WA 98852. There are no public telephones in Stehekin.

STEHEKIN LANDING

at the
HEAD of LAKE CHELAN

Gateway to
LAKE CHELAN NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA



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PASSAGE TO STEHEKIN

FERRY

Daily service between Chelan and Stehekin from April 15 to October 15. Four-hour trip, one way. Reduced schedule off-season. Parking at Chelan and Field's Point. Brochure: Lake Chelan Boat Company, P.O. Box 186, Chelan, WA 98816. Phone: 509/682-2224.

FLOAT PLANE

Scenic flights also available.

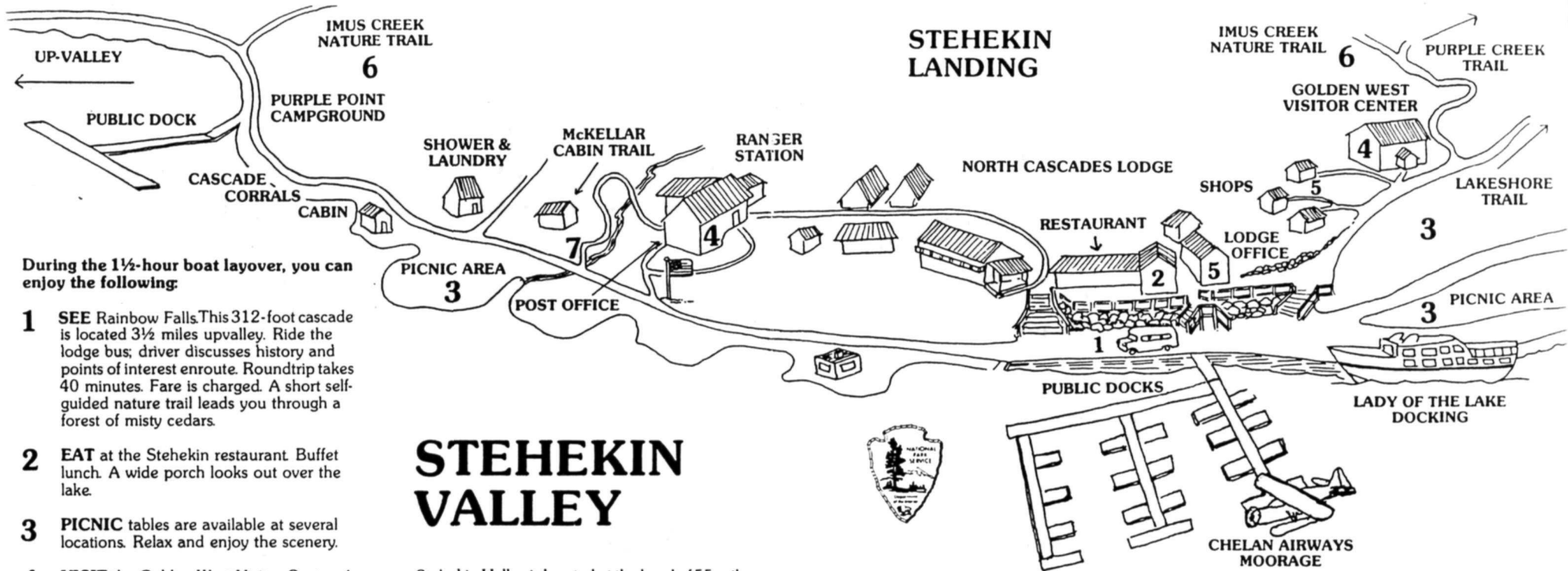
Chelan Airways: 4 and 6 passenger planes. Charter and scenic flights. Brochure: Chelan Airways, P.O. Box W, Chelan, WA 98816. Phone: 509/682-5555

PRIVATE BOAT

Launch ramps at Chelan, Manson, 25-Mile Creek and Lake Chelan State Park. Gas available in Chelan/Manson area, 25-Mile Creek and Stehekin. For marinas and services, contact Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 216, Chelan, WA 98816. Phone: 509/682-3503. Several lakeshore campgrounds available: U.S. Forest Service, Chelan Ranger District, P.O. Box 189, Chelan WA 98816. Phone: 509/682-2576.

TRAIL

There are many trails leading into Stehekin. For information, contact Chelan Ranger District (address above) or North Cascades National Park, P.O. Box 7, Stehekin, WA 98852, or call the park's Chelan Office 509/682-2549.



During the 1½-hour boat layover, you can enjoy the following:

- 1** **SEE** Rainbow Falls. This 312-foot cascade is located 3½ miles upvalley. Ride the lodge bus; driver discusses history and points of interest enroute. Roundtrip takes 40 minutes. Fare is charged. A short self-guided nature trail leads you through a forest of misty cedars.
- 2** **EAT** at the Stehekin restaurant. Buffet lunch. A wide porch looks out over the lake.
- 3** **PICNIC** tables are available at several locations. Relax and enjoy the scenery.
- 4** **VISIT** the Golden West Visitor Center. A focal point for visitor information, programs, and restrooms. Additional exhibits are at the Ranger Station.
- 5** **STOP** by "The House That Jack Built," McGregor Mountain Outdoor Supply, and Stehekin Photo. Handicraft and other items of local interest for sale. A gift shop is also located at North Cascades Lodge.
- 6** **DISCOVER** the peaceful quiet of a mountain trail. The self-guided Imus Creek Nature Trail begins behind Golden West Visitor Center and crosses the hillside above with great views of the Lake. 3/4 mile loop.
- 7** **WALK** the McKellar Cabin Trail. Compare some homesteading ways to present day conservation practices. Trail starts just across the creek next to the Post Office. Allow 15 minutes walking time.

STEHEKIN VALLEY

Stehekin Valley is located at the head of 55 mile long Lake Chelan. From Stehekin Landing this long, narrow valley sweeps 25 miles northwest to Cascade Pass (elevation 5400'). The valley, as well as the Lake Chelan basin, was carved by a huge alpine glacier thousands of years ago. When the glacier melted, the basin filled with water forming the third deepest lake in the United States — with a maximum depth of 1500 feet.

"The Way Through" is a loose translation of the Indian word "Stehekin". Evidence indicates that prehistoric and historic Indians used Lake Chelan and the Stehekin Valley to travel between the eastern and western slopes of the Cascade Mountains.

As early as the 1880's, miners came into the valley. They staked and worked several claims in the surrounding area. Romantic names like King Solomon, Black Warrior, the Tiger Group,

Skagit Queen and Emerald Park reflect those days of heady optimism. Although some mines were extensive operations, few people got wealthy.

Hotels were built along the lakeshore initially to provide lodging for miners. But with lodging available, tourists were soon attracted to the area. A 1905 report in the *Chelan Leader* described Stehekin's Field Hotel: "Airy and elegantly furnished, a capacious parlor and ballroom, the kitchen is perfect in its appointments . . . besides, the hotel has a large laundry attachment."

Stehekin Valley was homesteaded in the 1890's. Its pioneers possessed ingenuity and determination, qualities they would surely need to make a successful venture out of living in this remote section of the Cascades.

There has never been road access to Stehekin Valley. All freight, groceries and supplies come in by boat, plane or pack. There are 25 miles of road within the valley.

The majority of homes in the Stehekin area are privately owned summer cabins. Fewer than 100 people live in the valley year round.

In 1968, the responsibility for administering the public land in the North Cascades area was transferred from the United States Forest Service to the National Park Service. The North Cascades National Park Complex comprises one unit of the National Park System. The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving the scenic, scientific, historic and cultural heritage of the United States for the benefit and enjoyment of today's visitors and future generations.