

Favorite Day Hikes

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About this Guide

This book is the culmination of years of experience from experienced OutVentures members.

A resource like this could not be possible without one member in particular, Rex Himes. Without him this guide would not be possible.

Not all these hikes are listed in general hiking books, so please use caution when taking on any of these hikes.

Season by season road and trail conditions will change. Be sure to research current conditions before attempting any hikes in this guide.

The 10 Essentials

Safety should always be your primary concern.

Please review these 10 essentials and have them with you, even on a simple day hike.

1. Navigation (map and compass)
2. Sun protection (sunglasses and sunscreen)
3. Insulation (extra clothing)
4. Illumination (headlamp, flashlight)
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6. Fire (waterproof matches, lighter, candles)
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Heliotrope Ridge

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

[MAP](#)

LENGTH

5.5 miles, roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1400 ft.

HIGHEST POINT

5100 ft.

TRAILHEAD

Heliotrope Ridge
(#677)

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Heliotrope Ridge

This popular trail leads you from dense old growth forest to flower filled avalanche chutes and over rocky moraines to the snowy alpine zone; providing unforgettable views of Mt. Baker. The trail crosses Grouse Creek on a stout bridge and then enters dense forest, climbing steadily. The forest begins to thin as you climb higher and huckleberries are abundant along the trail. Just below the tree line is the former site of the Kulshan Cabin. Above the tree line the terrain is rocky with herbaceous vegetation and numerous streams. All, while Mt. Baker looms above.

Driving Directions

From Bellingham drive 34 miles east on the Mount Baker Highway to the Glacier Public Service Center. Continue past the center east for about another mile, then make a right onto Forest Road 39. After eight miles of mostly paved road, turn left at a junction and continue less than half a mile to the trailhead. Facilities are available here, as is plenty of parking.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Ptarmigan Ridge

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

LENGTH

9.0 miles, roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1350 ft.

HIGHEST POINT:

6100 ft.

TRAILHEAD:

Ptarmigan Ridge
(#682.1)

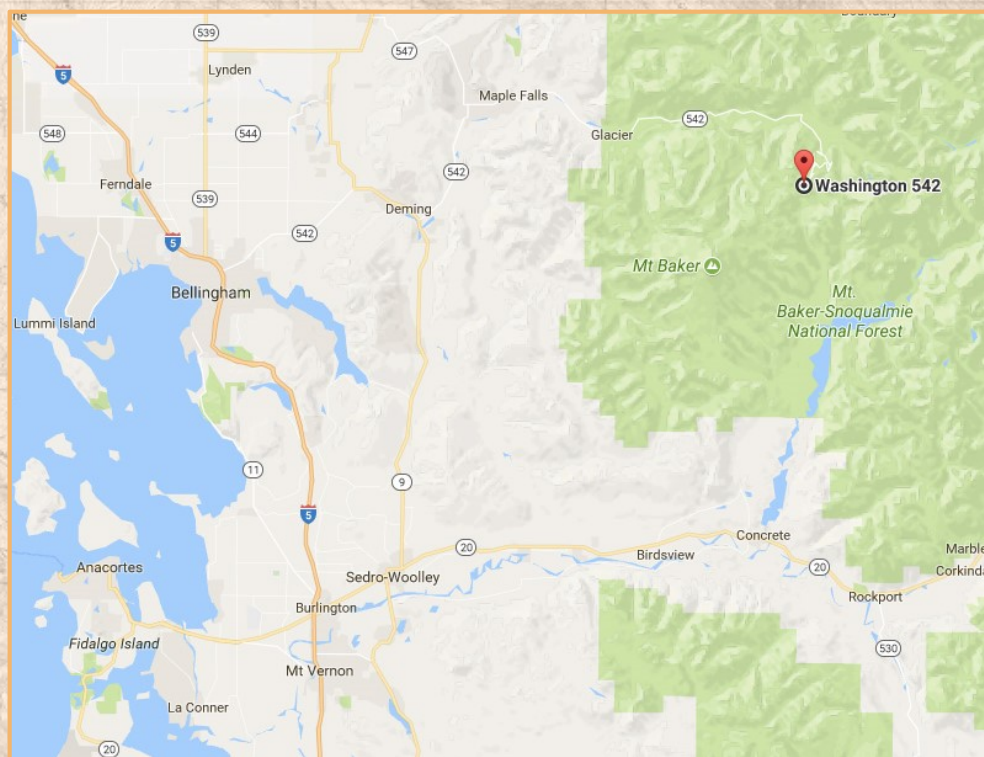
Chain Lakes (#682)

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Ptarmigan Ridge

This is an amazing day hike or backpack to get stunningly close to the east side of Mount Baker. The way is rocky from start to finish, lined with lupine and sedges, and patches of blueberries. There is very little shade. Total elevation gain is moderate, but the mile-high altitude can be a factor if you are not acclimatized.

Driving Directions

From I-5 exit 255, go east 34 miles on SR 542 to the town of Glacier. Public restrooms are available here, and the Glacier Public Service Center can provide current information on conditions. Continue another 24 miles to the end of SR 542 at Artist Point, elevation 5075 feet. The large parking lot has room for about 160 vehicles, including RVs and buses. There are vault toilets and bearproof garbage cans but no water.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Skyline Divide

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

MAP

LENGTH

9.0 miles, roundtrip

ELEVATION GAIN

2500 ft.

HIGHEST POINT

6563 ft.

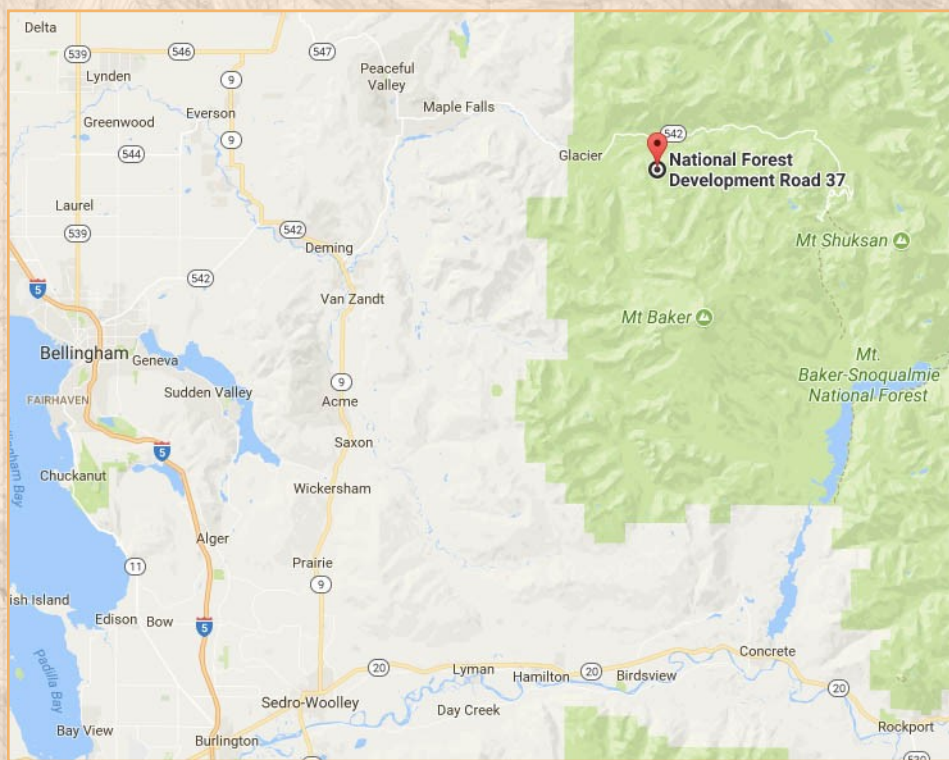
TRAILHEAD

Skyline Divide (#678)

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Skyline Divide

This is one of the most popular hikes on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. From the trailhead you will climb steadily for two miles through forest into Mt. Baker Wilderness and lush, open, flower filled meadows with stellar views of glacier-draped Mt. Baker. The trail wanders along Skyline Divide for another 1.5 miles, offering views of rivers, forests and countless peaks.

An unmaintained boot path, recommended for experienced hikers, continues on to follow Chowder Ridge. Flowers and biting insects are abundant in July and August. The bugs abate in September, and the foliage begins to change into fall hues.

Carry drinking water, as there is none available along the trail except in early summer when enough snow remains to melt for water.

General Notes:

Black bears frequent the area. Food and scented items need to be stored in a secure manner.

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Skyline Divide

Driving Directions

From Glacier, Washington travel east on The Mt. Baker Highway 542 for approximately 1 mile past the Glacier Public Service Center to Glacier Creek Road (Forest Service road 39). Turn right onto FS road 39, then take an immediate left onto Deadhorse Road (Forest Service road 37). Travel 12.7 miles to the trailhead and parking area located at the end of the road..

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Yellow Astor Butte

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

Map

LENGTH

7.5 miles, roundtrip

ELEVATION GAIN:

2550 ft.

Highest Point:

6150 ft.

TRAILHEAD

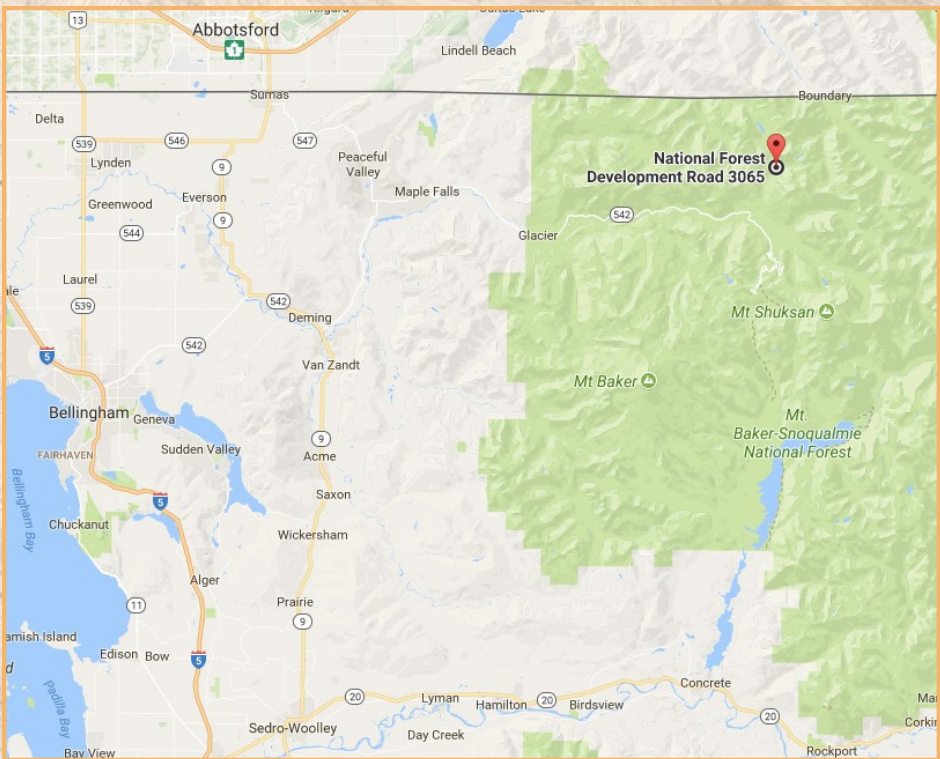
Yellow Astor Butte
(#699)/(#686.1)

GREEN TRAILS:

Mount Shuksan

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Yellow Astor Butte

The Yellow Aster Butte Trail is within Mt. Baker Wilderness. It traverses the south-facing slopes of the eastern end of the High Divide, winding in and out of small drainages. Find various wildflowers such as anemone, aster, paintbrush and fireweed along the trail, as well as interesting rock formations carved by glaciers and worn by weather. Enjoy spectacular views of Mt. Baker, Border Peaks, Mt. Larrabee and the western portion of the High Divide.

Driving Directions:

From the Glacier Public Service Center on Highway 542 (34 miles east of I-5), drive east for about 12 miles, then turn left onto Twin Lakes Road (FR 3065). Keep a sharp eye out for the WSDOT Shuksan maintenance facility; the road is located at the east end this facility. Proceed 4.5 miles on Forest Service Road 3065, then reach the Tomyhoi Lake/Yellow Aster Butte Trailhead and parking area.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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High Pass

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

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LENGTH

6.0 miles, roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2000 ft.

Highest Point:

7000 ft.

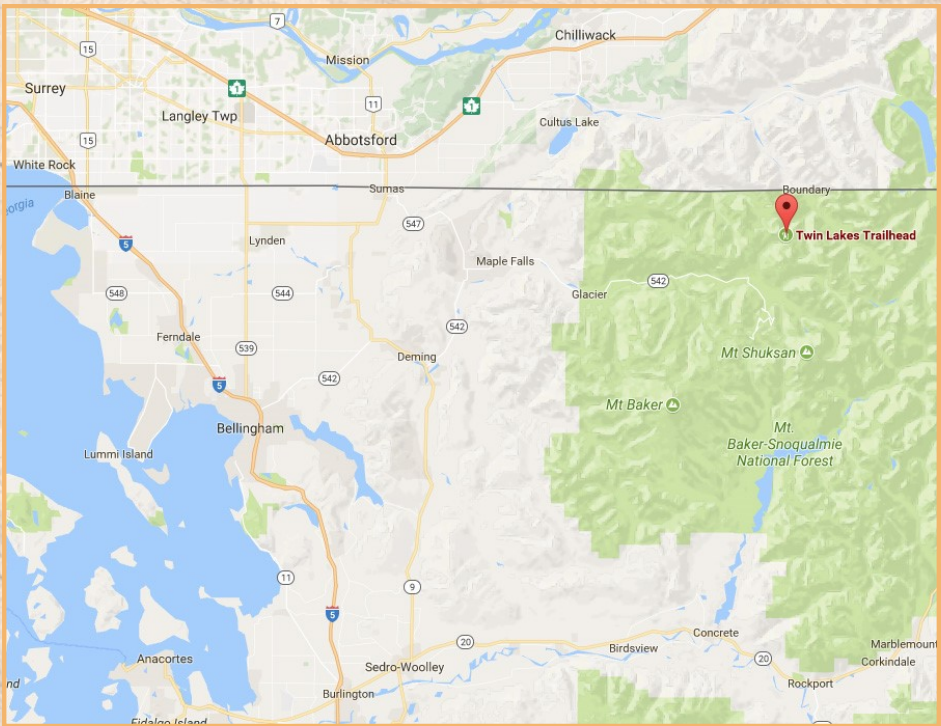
TRAILHEAD

High Pass (#676)

MAP

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High Pass

This relatively short but steep trail leads to a lookout shelter with panoramic views within Mt. Baker Wilderness. Steep snow slopes in early summer followed by a profusion of berries along the trail make this trail better suited for fall hiking.

Driving Directions:

From Glacier, WA travel east on Mt. Baker Highway SR 542 for Twelve miles. Turn left on Twin Lakes Road #3065. The road is located at the east end of the Department of Transportation's Shuksan maintenance facility. After 4.5 miles, reach the Tomyhoi Lake/Yellow Aster Butte Trailhead. The road beyond this point is narrow, with few pullouts, and is not maintained for passenger vehicles. During summer there may be mining truck traffic traveling on the road. High clearance vehicles can negotiate the remaining two miles to Twin Lakes. Four-wheel drive is not necessary, but helpful. Check with the ranger station for road conditions before heading out. The trailhead is located 6.5 miles from the highway between the two lakes.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Park Butte Lookout

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

Map

LENGTH

7.5 miles, roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2200 ft.

Highest Point:

5450 ft.

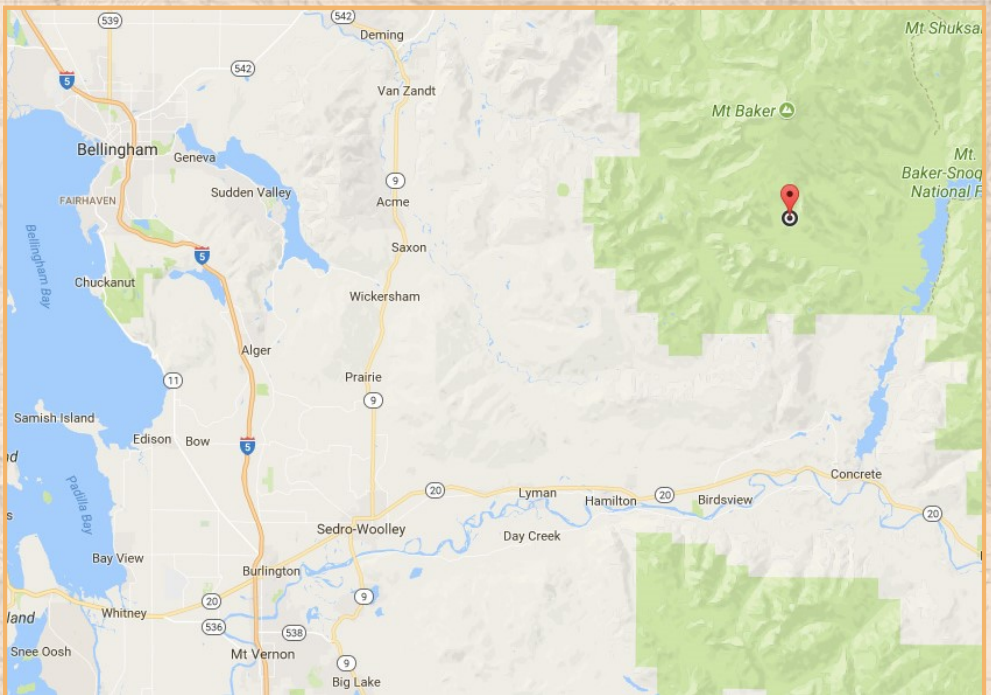
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Park Butte (#603)

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Park Butte Lookout

On Park Butte, hike to an historic fire lookout and come face-to-face with Koma Kulshan. Along with unobstructed panoramic views of Mount Baker, the Twin Sisters, and the rest of the North Cascades, the route to Park Butte offers campsites, wildflower-filled alpine meadows, rushing waterfalls, and a stunning variety of mushroom species. Park Butte is one of the most popular Mount Baker area hikes for a variety of reasons: unobstructed mountain views, a moderately steep trail with access to campsites, and an open, maintained historic fire lookout built in 1932.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the Mt. Baker Ranger District office in Sedro-Woolley, WA follow State Route 20 east for 16 miles to milepost 82. Turn left (north) on the Baker Lake Highway (Forest Road 11).

Continue on at mile 12, turn left onto FS road 12. Travel 3.6 miles to the junction of FS road 13. Stay right and follow FS road 13 for 5.3 miles.

The trailhead is at the end of FS road 13.

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Park Butte Lookout

GENERAL NOTES:

Toilet facilities at the lookout are seasonal. When toilets are not provided, please pack it out.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Hidden Lake Lookout

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

TRAILHEAD

Hidden Lake Trail
(#745)

Map

LENGTH

8 miles, roundtrip

MAP

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Green Trails Cascade
Pass No. 80

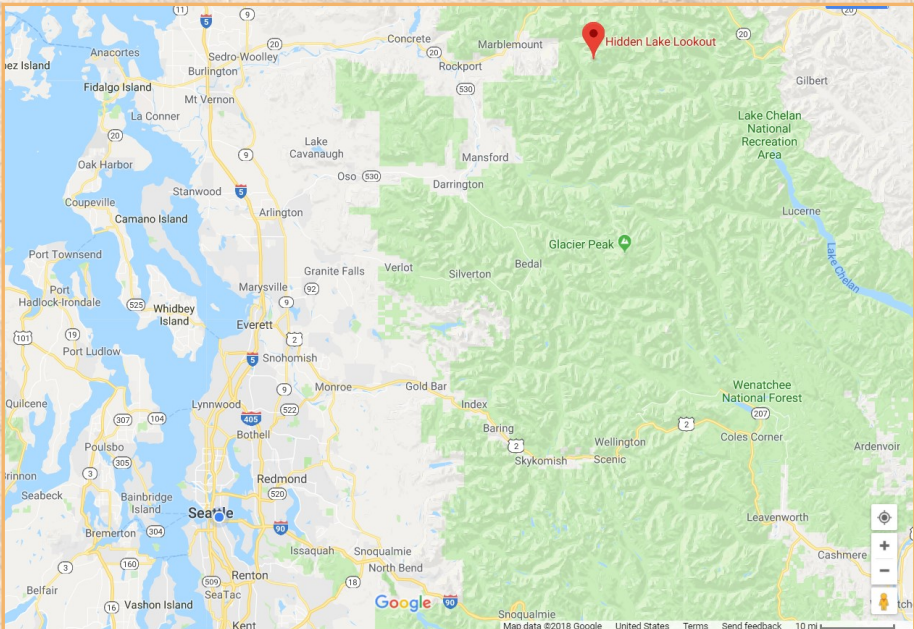
ELEVATION

Gain: 3300 ft.

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Highest Point:

6900 ft.



Hidden Lake Lookout

Steep snowfields on the trail usually require an ice axe well into July. Enjoy views encompassing southern North Cascades National Park and the Glacier Peak Wilderness. The lookout was built in 1931 and stands at an elevation of 6,850 feet. It is open to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis for overnight use.

This place—the intersection of so much incredible terrain and history—is one of the most remarkable hiking destinations in all of the Cascades; and while it may not be quite as immediately scenic as spots like the Enchantments or Sahale Arm, it holds a special allure that is very hard to overstate.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Sedro-Woolley, WA, take WA-20 East for 40 miles. Cross the Skagit River bridge at the town of Marblemount, and continue onto the graveled Cascade River Road for 12.7 miles.

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Hidden Lake Lookout

GENERAL NOTES:

Toilet facilities at the lookout are seasonal. When toilets are not provided, please pack it out.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Cascade Pass/Sahale Arm

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

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LENGTH

To the Pass, 7.4 miles
roundtrip

To Sahale Glacier,
12 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: Pass, 1,700 ft.
Glacier, 3,940 ft

Highest Point:

7570 ft.

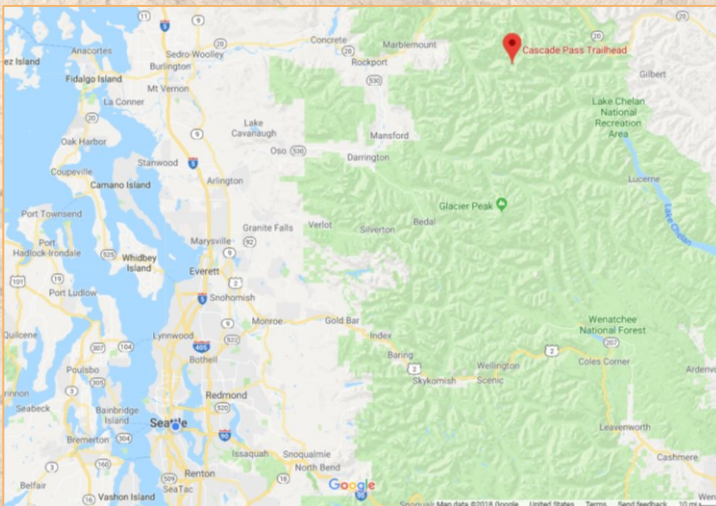
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Hidden Lake Trail
(#745)

MAP

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Cascade Pass/Sahale Arm

The Cascade Pass Trail is a great day hike with spectacular views of peaks and glaciers. The trail climbs steadily to the pass, with views of peaks such as Eldorado, Johannesburg, Magic, Mixup and McGregor. This trail provides the shortest and easiest access in the park to the alpine environment. As a result, Cascade Pass is the most popular day hike in the national park and can be quite busy on summer weekends.

For an extended day hike, continue on to the Sahale Arm Trail. This trail ascends steeply through subalpine meadows and talus fields to the base of the Sahale Glacier. Expansive view of numerous peaks, including Mt. Rainier on a clear day, await.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Drive Hwy 20 to the little town of Marblemount. Keep going straight when 20 turns left and you will be on Cascade River Road. Drive the 23 miles to the end. You will follow the Cascade River the whole way; it takes nearly an hour on Cascade River Road. (Cont... [Back to Menu](#))

Cascade Pass/Sahale Arm

GENERAL NOTES:

Special Concerns:

Pets are not allowed on trails.

This area has very fragile vegetation. Please take care to protect the plants by hiking and resting only on durable surfaces such as the trail, snow or rocks.

Fires are not allowed at any of the backcountry camps in this area.

The Cascade Pass Trail may have steep snow sections that require an ice axe for safe travel as late as July.

Parking Pass: None, arrive early this is a popular hike.

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Heather Pass/Maple Pass Loop (from Rainy Pass)

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

[Map](#)

LENGTH

7.2 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,000 ft.

Highest Point:

6,650 ft.

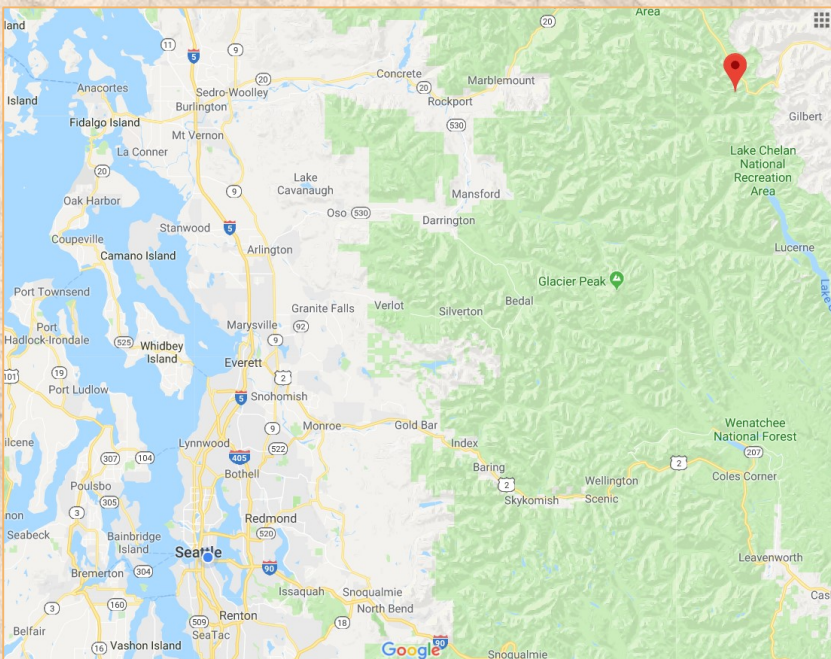
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Lake Ann/Maple Pass
Loop Trail #470

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Logan No. 49

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Cascade Pass/Sahale Arm

This trail offers a challenging loop beginning in a heavily timbered area. The first mile is an easy hike and soon passes through a large avalanche meadow and more timber to junction with the side trail to Lake Ann. At Heather Pass there is a faint trail leading off towards Lewis lake and a possible side trip for experienced hiker and route finder.

Wildflowers are beautiful in July and August and the fall colors created by golden alpine larch and red huckleberries bushes are spectacular. Snowmelt sometimes lingers into mid July, making it difficult to follow trail.

The hike beyond to Heather Pass and Maple Pass is steep, the trail is above tree line in high alpine zone. Maple Pass offers sensational views of surrounding mountain peaks. From the alpine meadows along the ridge top one can sit and enjoy the scenery and a view of both Lake Ann and Rainy Lake. The trail then descends along a ridge line between Lake Ann and Rainy Lake dropping quickly and steeply into timber (this trail beyond the summit is steep and challenging), the trail then levels out when it junctions with the Rainy Lake trail.

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Cascade Pass/Sahale Arm

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle, drive Hwy 20 through the town of Marblemount and on towards North Cascades National Park. After approximately 50 miles, the Rainy Pass trailhead will be on the south (right) side of the road. There is room here for 40 cars, as well as a privy. There is also a parking area on the north side of the road here which provides access to other trails.

GENERAL NOTES:

Plan ahead for a long drive to and from the trailhead.

Parking Pass: None

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Goat Peak (near Winthrop/Mazama)

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

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LENGTH

5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,400 ft.

Highest Point:

7,001 ft.

TRAILHEAD

Goat Peak Lookout
Trail #509

MAP

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Goat Peak (near Winthrop/Mazama)

The trail alternates between timber and open meadow as it ascends the north ridge of the peak. The last half-mile to the lookout is along an open ridge with good views of the rugged North Cascades peaks. There is no water on this trail. This is a steep but short trail to obtain the best views of the Methow Valley. At one time there were fire lookout towers on many of the peaks in this area. In recent years, aerial reconnaissance has slowly replaced these lonely outposts. Goat Peak is the only lookout still staffed on the Methow Valley Ranger District.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Winthrop drive west on State Route 20 and turn right just before the Weeman Bridge onto Okanogan County Road 1163. Drive 3.4 miles turning right onto Forest Service Road 52. Drive 2.2 miles and turn left on Forest Service Road 5225. Drive 3.3 miles and turn right on Forest Service Road 5225-200. Drive 2.5 miles to the trailhead.

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Goat Peak (near Winthrop/Mazama)

GENERAL NOTES:

Restrooms at trailhead

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Green Mountain (off newly re-opened Suiattle River Road)

LOCATION

North Cascades
Mount Baker Area

Map

LENGTH

8.5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,300 ft.

Highest Point:

6,500 ft.

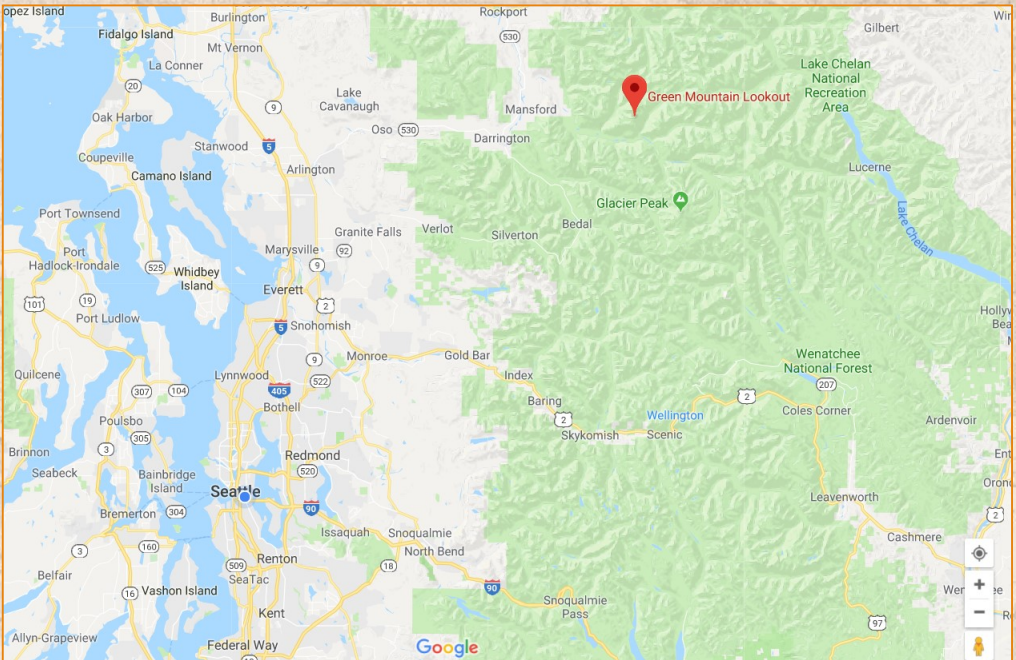
TRAILHEAD

Green Mountain Trail
#782

MAP

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Green Mountain

The trail alternates between timber and open meadow as it ascends the north ridge of the peak. The last half-mile to the lookout is along an open ridge with good views of the rugged North Cascades peaks. There is no water on this trail. This is a steep but short trail to obtain the best views of the Methow Valley. At one time there were fire lookout towers on many of the peaks in this area. In recent years, aerial reconnaissance has slowly replaced these lonely outposts. Goat Peak is the only lookout still staffed on the Methow Valley Ranger District.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Darrington travel north on State Route 530 for 7.5 miles, turning right immediately after the Sauk River bridge onto Forest Road 26 (Suiattle River Road).

From Rockport drive south on SR 530 for 11 miles to FR 26. Follow FR 26 first on pavement, then on gravel for 19 miles, turning left onto FR 2680. Continue 6 miles to the trailhead, near the road end (elev. ~3200 ft).

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Green Mountain

GENERAL NOTES:

Restrooms, unknown

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

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Walt Baily to Cuthroat Lakes

LOCATION

Mountain Loop Hwy
Central Cascades
Hwy 2

Map

LENGTH

10 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,300 ft.

Highest Point:

4,700 ft.

TRAILHEAD

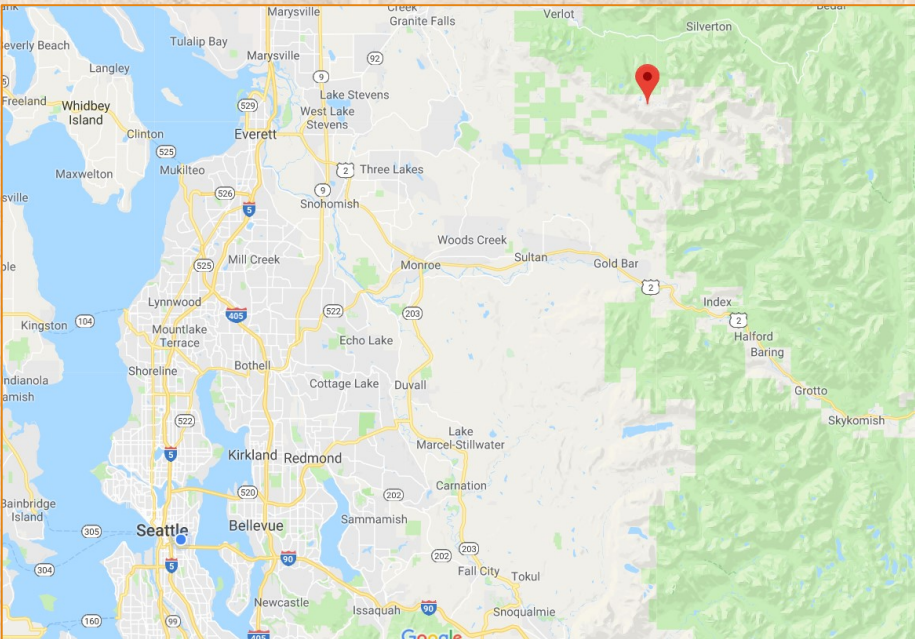
Mallardy Ridge
(#706)

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No. 110

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Walt Baily to Cuthroat Lakes

Within a mile of the trailhead, enter the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to protect sensitive plant communities and rare wildlife species. Passing through an old-growth forest of hemlock and Pacific silver-fir, skirting fragile wetlands and traversing talus slopes, the trail leads to a primitive backcountry camp in the vicinity of the Cuthroat Lakes. The plant communities of the subalpine zone are extremely sensitive to damage. Please stay on trails, rock or snow to avoid trampling.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the Verlot Public Service Center (11 miles east of Granite Falls), drive east on the Mountain Loop Highway 7.0 miles to the Mallardy Road #4030. Turn right and follow this road for 1.0 mile to the junction with Road #4032. Turn right and follow this road for 8.0 miles. Parking is limited, so you might want to turn your vehicle around before leaving on your hike.

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Walt Baily to Cuthroat Lakes

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

This is a no campfire zone so bring a stove.

There are no toilets.

Please use “Leave No Trace” methods.

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Dickerman Mountain

LOCATION

Mountain Loop Hwy
Central Cascades
Hwy 2

Map

LENGTH

8.2 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,950 ft.

Highest Point:

5,760 ft.

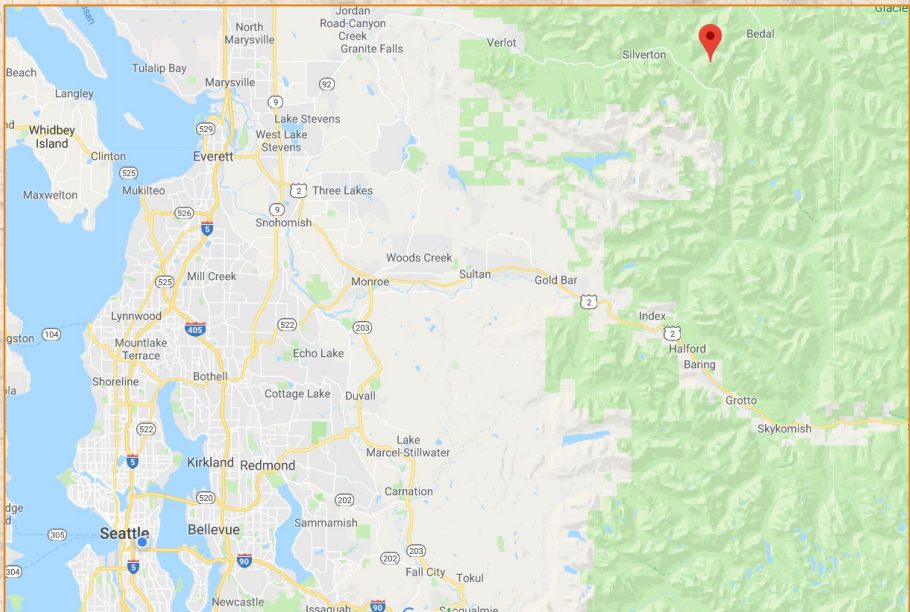
TRAILHEAD

Mount
Dickerman(#710)

MAP

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Dickerman Mountain

Switchback steeply for three miles through a dark forest of timber to an alpine meadow that was replanted in 1915 after a major forest fire. The trail rises above timberline to an alpine meadow alive with masses of wildflowers in July and August.

The trail is generally in good condition with views in all directions as you climb to the 5,723-foot summit. The views to the south of Big Four Mountain and Del Campo Peak are especially good.

The meadows and summit remain snow-covered until midsummer.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the Verlot Public Service Center (11 miles east of Granite Falls, WA), travel east on the Mt. Loop Highway 16.6 miles. The trailhead is on the left (north) side of the highway.

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Dickerman Mountain

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilet at trailhead.

Please use “Leave No Trace” methods.

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Vesper Peak

LOCATION

Mountain Loop Hwy
Central Cascades
Hwy 2

TRAILHEAD

Sunrise Mine Trail
(#707)

MAP

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Map

LENGTH

8 miles roundtrip

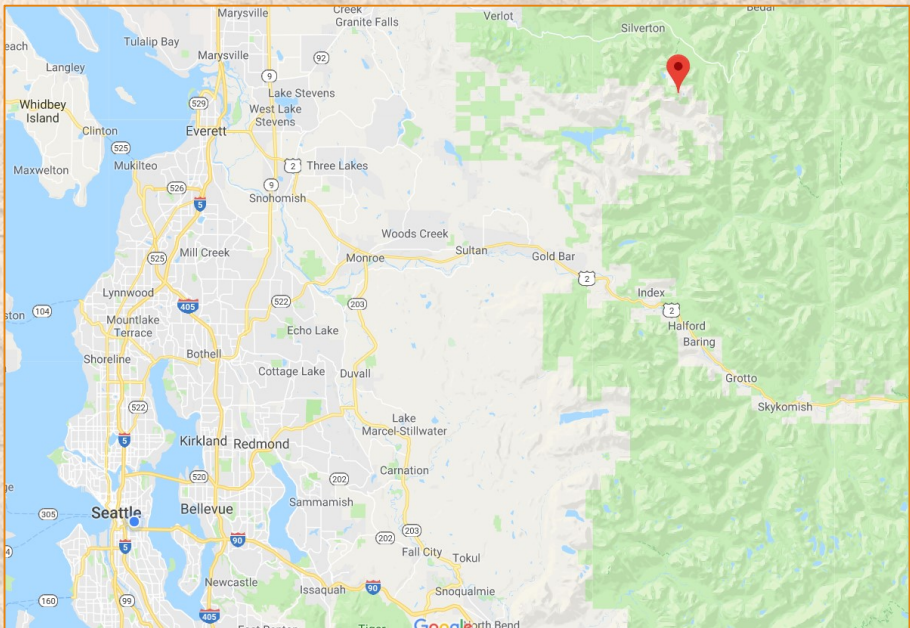
ELEVATION

Gain: 4,200 ft.

Highest Point:

6,414 ft.

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Vesper Peak

If this is your first off-trail summit (and maybe even if it's your tenth or hundredth), the view from the top will have you feeling like the master of the mountains. Vesper sits in the middle of a lattice of intersecting ridges running between Del Campo Peak, Morningstar, Sperry and Big Four. Between Vesper and Big Four, the smooth ridge of scoured granite would look right at home another couple of thousand of feet higher in elevation. Northwest of the summit, the Vesper Glacier descends a deep chute to Copper Lake, tucked from view behind the rarely seen and surprisingly red, chossy backside of Big Four.

Vesper Peak is definitely not for the novice hiker, but for those thirsting for one step beyond hiking into backcountry adventure, it's a good leaping off point. The potential consequences of stumbling here are decidedly lesser than they are on other summits along the Mountain Loop.

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Vesper Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From I-5, take exit 194 for Highway 2 towards Snohomish/Wenatchee. Drive for nearly 2 miles, then take the left exit for WA-204 E towards Lake Stevens for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto WA-9 N and drive for 1.7 miles, then turn right onto WA-92 E. After 1.5 miles on this road, arrive at a traffic circle and take the second exit to stay on WA-92 E.

After nearly 6 miles, arrive at a second traffic circle and take the second exit onto Quarry Road. Proceed through two more traffic circles, always staying on Quarry Road, before arriving at an intersection, where you will turn left onto the Mountain Loop Highway (Hwy 530). Drive for 27.5 miles and then make a right onto Forest Road 4065. Drive about 2.5 miles to the end of this road to the trailhead.

GENERAL NOTES:



As of 7/25/2016 - Washout: Road closed at mile 1.5 Check current road conditions.

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilet at trailhead.

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Gothic Basin

LOCATION

Mountain Loop Hwy
Central Cascades
Hwy 2

TRAILHEAD

Weeden Creek Trail
(#724)

Map

LENGTH

9.2 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,840 ft.

Highest Point:

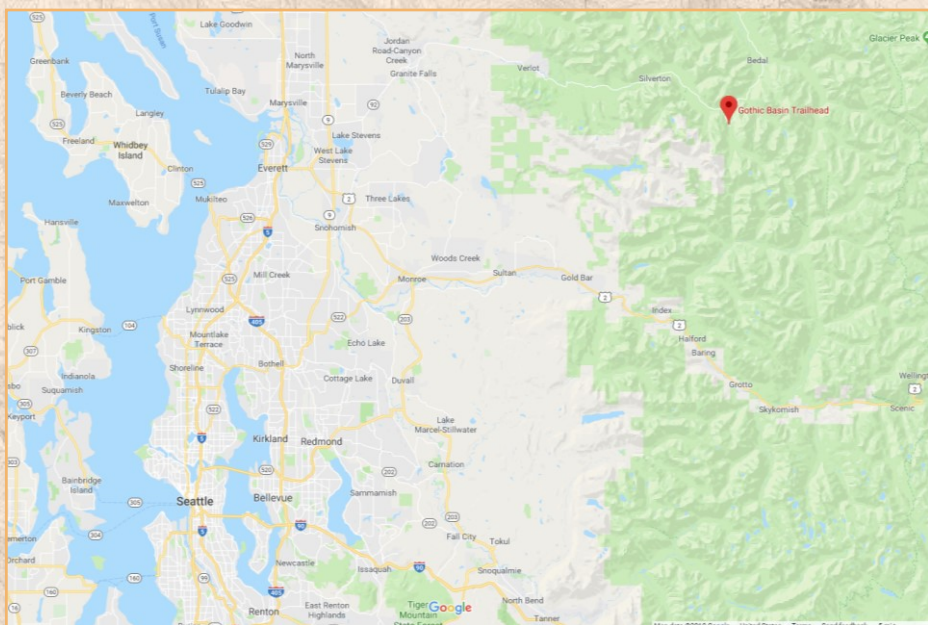
5,200 ft.

MAP

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Green Trails Monte
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Gothic Basin

Gothic Basin will thrill and enthrall those who pay the admission. Day hikers will wish they'd brought their tents and bags and the backpackers will ache from shouldering the load. But neither will be disappointed. Be wary of this trail's apparently lowish elevation gain and mileage. The miners who constructed it had little time for switchback or nicely graded trails.

It is quite steep at times and even includes a scramble or two. Steep sections remain snow-covered late into the season, and once it begins to melt out, snow bridges appear. Note also that depending on how far you wander once you arrive in the basin, your total mileage may vary from what is posted here.

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Gothic Basin

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the Verlot Public Service Center (11 miles east of Granite Falls, WA), travel east on Mt. Loop Highway 19.5 miles to Barlow Pass. Park here and proceed on foot past the gate on the Monte Cristo Road for a mile. The trailhead is on the right, just before the Sauk River crossing.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilet at trailhead.

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Goat Lake

LOCATION

Mountain Loop Hwy
Central Cascades
Hwy 2

TRAILHEAD

Elliot Creek (#647),
Old Elliot Creek Road
(#647.1)

Map

LENGTH

10.4 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,400 ft.

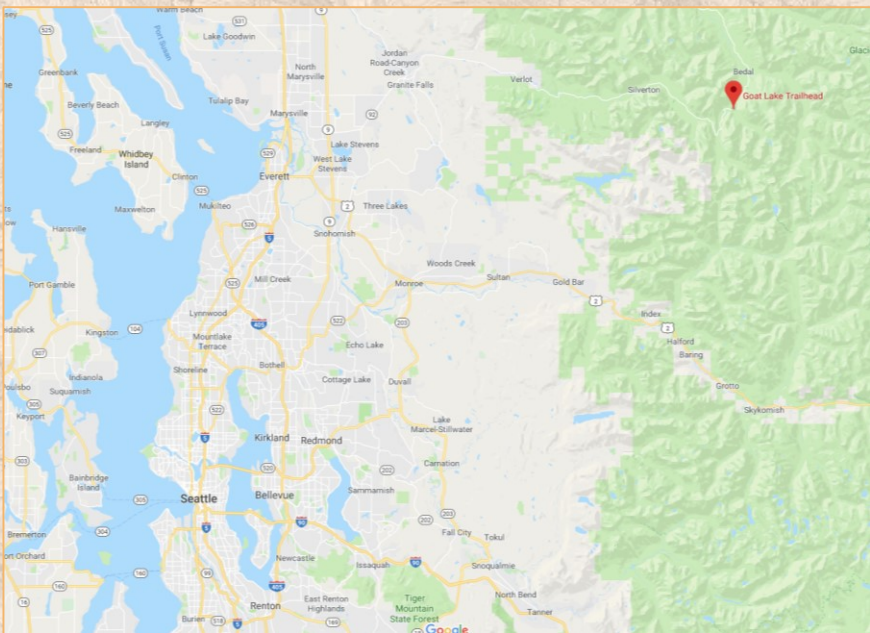
Highest Point:

3,161 ft.

MAP

Green Trails Sloan
Peak No. 111

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Goat Lake

A pair of trails creates a nice loop trip to a spectacular low-elevation lake with Cadet Peak towering above the headwaters.

Choose between two routes leading toward Goat Lake that join 1.6 miles before reaching Goat Lake. The upper trail leaves the parking lot, following along an abandoned logging road. At 0.25 miles up this main trail a junction leads down toward Elliot Creek.

The lower, hiker-only trail along Elliot Creek passes through beautiful old-growth forest for the first two miles following the former puncheon wagon route developed in the 1890s to access mining claims. The trail climbs through alder forest to meet the upper trail at 3.6 miles.

The upper trail is straightforward from the trailhead, initially passing through young alder and hemlock on easy grades with nice views of the valley and surrounding peaks along the way. About one mile from the parking area you will reach a junction to the north, which is the beginning of the Chockwich Mountain Bike Trail 647.5. A half mile past the junction with the lower trail is the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness boundary amid an impressive stand of western red cedar. The trail gets steeper and switchbacks up the last half mile before reaching Goat Lake.

Campsites and a backcountry box-style toilet are available just to the left before reaching the lake.

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Goat Lake

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the Darrington Ranger District office travel south along Mt. Loop Highway for 22 miles to Elliott Creek Road (Forest Service road 4080). Turn left and continue 0.8 miles to the trailhead.

From the Verlot Public Service Center (11 miles east of Granite Falls, WA), travel east on Mt. Loop for 22.8 miles to Elliot Creek Road (Forest Service road 4080). Turn right and continue 0.8 miles to the trailhead

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilet at trailhead.

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Scorpion Mountain (aka Johnson Ridge)

LOCATION

Central Cascades
Hwy 2

Map

LENGTH

8.6 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,500 ft.

Highest Point:

5,540 ft.

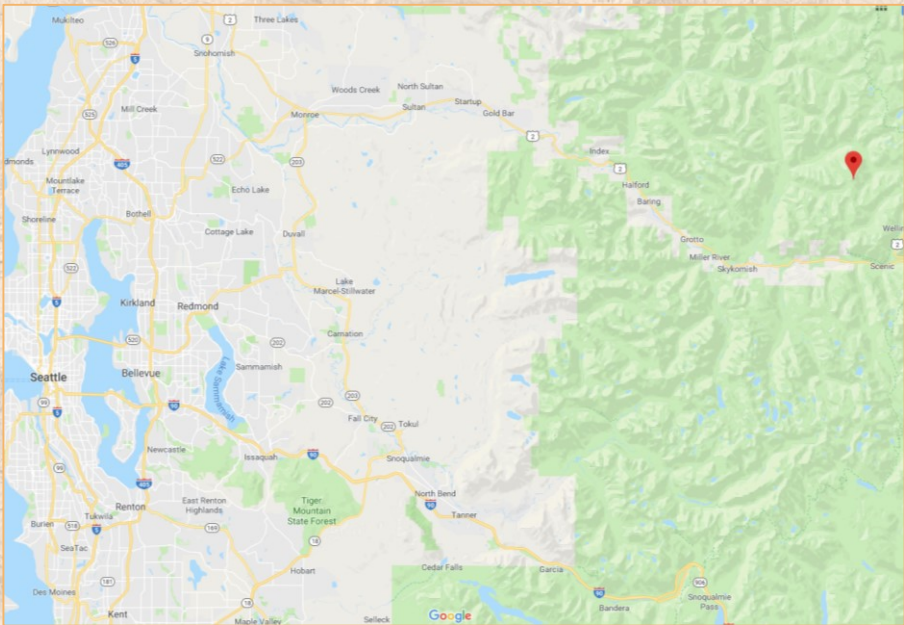
TRAILHEAD

Johnson Ridge Trail
(#1067)

MAP

Green Trails #143 and
#144

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Scorpion Mountain (aka Johnson Ridge)

Scorpion Mountain offers a 360-degree view of the Central Cascades, and the huckleberries and blueberries make this a much underrated fall hike.

Start your hike from the Johnson Ridge Trail. Continue through the forest for pleasant walking along a gentle, undulating ridge. The trail climbs to Sunrise Mountain in about 2 miles: this is where the views begin. Looking north, you can see Glacier Peak, Monte Cristo peaks, and much more.

Continue for about another two miles past Sunrise Mountain; the trail drops before heading up to Scorpion Mountain.

As you approach Scorpion, the ridge narrows and the views become impeccable as peaks on all side of you pop up. 3.5 miles from the trailhead, and 1.5 from Sunrise Mountain, enter indescribable alpine meadows with resplendent wildflowers.

At just over 1 mile in, you will enter Wild Sky Wilderness. Read more about his area [Here](#).

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Scorpion Mountain (aka Johnson Ridge)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Monroe, head east on US-2 for about 34 miles. Turn left onto Beckler Road (or Forest 65), just before the bridge over the South Fork Skykomish River. Continue for seven miles on Beckler Road to the junction for both 6520 and 6530, then make a sharp right onto Forest Road 6520. In two miles stay to the left, heading uphill where the road splits. The trailhead and small parking lot are 6.6 miles from Beckler Road.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilet – no information.

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Tonga Ridge/Mt Sawyer

LOCATION

Central Cascades
Hwy 2

TRAILHEAD

Tonga Ridge (#1058)

Map

MAP

LENGTH

8.0 miles roundtrip

Green Trails #175:
Skykomish

ELEVATION

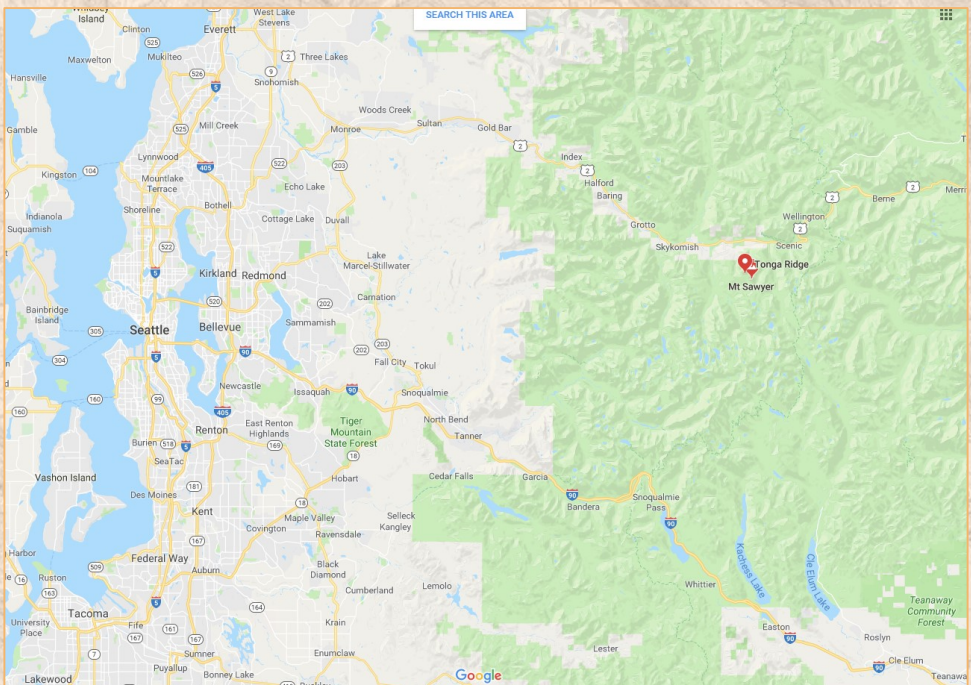
Gain: 1,200 ft.

Green Trails #176:
Stevens Pass

Highest Point:

5,495 ft.

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Tonga Ridge/Mt Sawyer

This is a great hike for views, wildflowers and in the fall, berries. The trail takes off into an old burn that has come back nicely. Begin your hike by walking the first mile through a regenerating wood of hemlock and firs. After the first uphill climb, reach the top and a break in the trees. Here there will be some way paths leading to views over the ridge.

Take in the views, then descend gradually and the trees begin to thin out. Some 'peek-a-boo' views of the nearby mountains can now be glimpsed through the gaps in the forest. Follow the trail as it meanders gently up and down along the ridgeline, then arrive at a little meadow filled with lupine and heather. Can you smell it? On warm days, blooming lupine perfumes the trail.

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Tonga Ridge/Mt Sawyer

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Head east on Hwy 2 toward Stevens Pass. Pass the town of Skykomish and the Skykomish Ranger Station east of town. Watch for the Foss River Road FS 68, and turn right. In 2.6 miles, cross under the railroad trestle and over a small bridge. In another mile will be a Y intersection; take a left here on FS 6830.

The number is hard to see, but it will be on the right after you turn. Follow 6830 for 7 miles. Turn right on FS 310 and follow it to the end and trailhead in 1.3 miles. The trailhead parking allows space for about 10-12 cars, and there is a backcountry toilet just behind the trailhead sign on the right.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilet – Behind the trailhead sign, on the left.

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Blanca Lake

LOCATION

Central Cascades
Hwy 2

Map

LENGTH

7.5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,300 ft.

Highest Point:

4,600 ft.

TRAILHEAD

Blanca Lake (#1052)

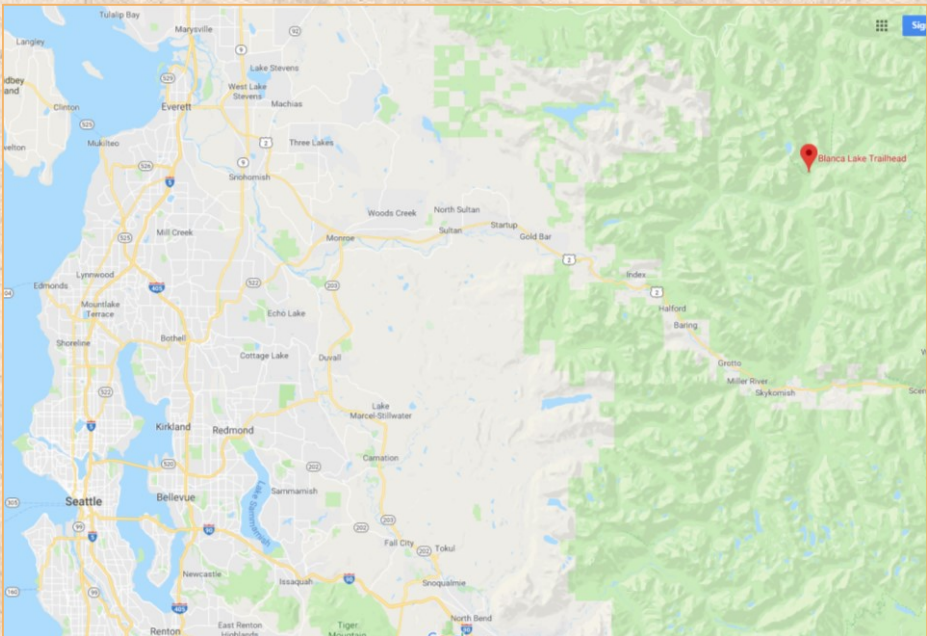
MAP

Green Trails Monte
Cristo No. 143



Trailhead access is limited: A road washout has rendered this trailhead inaccessible indefinitely

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Blanca Lake

Visit one of the most striking lakes in the Henry M. Jackson wilderness. The vibrant blue of the glacier-fed lake provides the perfect rest stop for hikers who have braved the thirty-odd, steep switchbacks that lead to the lake.

The trail starts in cool second growth forest, but the trees are quite sizable. In the fall, the squirrels roughhouse in the trees high above your head.

Occasionally they drop gigantic pinecones from high above, and while the resulting crash is startling, it is fun to watch.

Tip: Blanca Lake is an extremely popular trail. If you decide to visit, you can enjoy a quieter destination by heading for Toil Peak, attainable from the saddle just above Virgin Lake. Instead of heading downhill toward Virgin and Blanca Lakes, head up and west for views of Glacier, Kyes and Monte Cristo Peaks, as well as Blanca Lake's robin-egg blue glowing in all its glory.

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Blanca Lake

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:



ALERT: Trailhead is inaccessible due to washouts west of Garland Mineral Spring.

Take US Hwy 2 east from Monroe to just past the town of Skykomish. Turn left on to FR 65, more clearly marked as Beckler River Road and drive 12.5 miles on this road, passing the Beckler River Campground just after the pavement turns to gravel. After driving 12.5 miles, you arrive at Jack Pass, a 5 way junction. Take the second left. After driving 2.3 miles descending from Jack Pass, arrive at a junction with FR 63 and the private Garland Mineral Springs Road. Take a right on FR 63 and proceed about 2 miles. The trailhead is on a small spur road to the left, up another small hill.

Consider visiting Blanca Lake on a weekday. There is parking available here for about 20 cars, but the lake's popularity, particularly on weekends, often results in far too many cars for the small lot and access road. Please park so that cars and horse trailers can get in and out of the lot.

If the trailhead is too full, don't despair! Try the trailhead for West Cady Ridge--a much quieter trail--only three miles down FR 23, at the end of the road.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Vault toilets are available at trailhead, as well as a pit toilet at Virgin Lake.

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Rock Mountain via Snowy Creek (east of Stevens pass)

LOCATION

Central Cascades
Hwy 2

TRAILHEAD

Snowy Creek (#1531)

Map

MAP

LENGTH

9 miles roundtrip

Green Trails No. 145
Lake Wenatchee

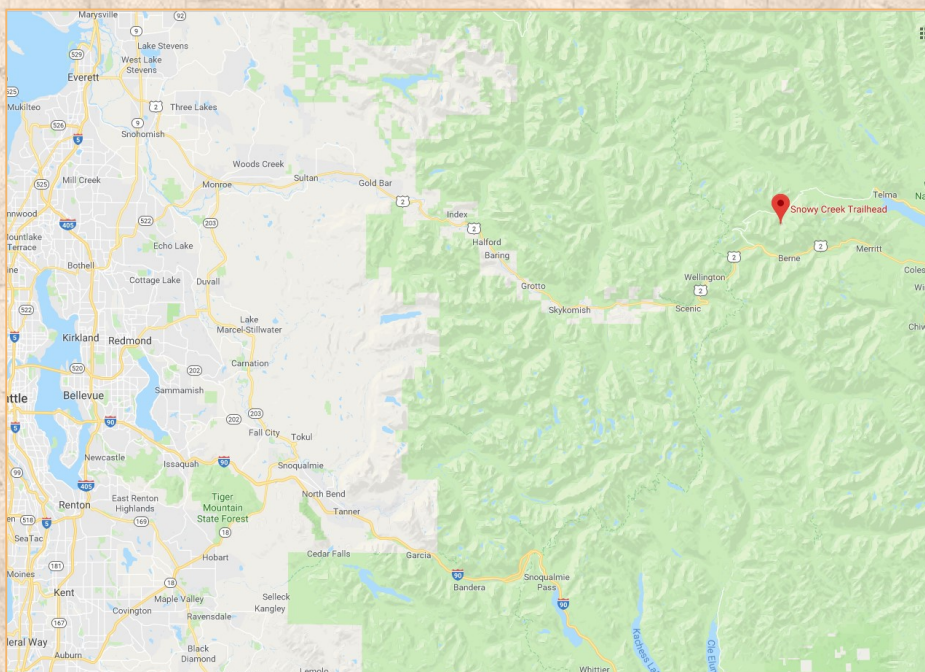
ELEVATION

Gain: 3,600 ft.

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Highest Point:

6,850 ft.



Rock Mountain via Snowy Creek (east of Stevens pass)

There are two approaches to Rock Mountain Lookout--the front door via Rock Lake (with 11 miles with 4175 feet of elevation gain). This approach from Highway 2 is dry, but tends to be most favored for snowshoeing and early season access. However, it's the back door route that makes for a much more scenic route, particularly in high summer.

Both routes get you to the old lookout site on the top of Rock Mountain, where you'll enjoy excellent views in all directions, and occasional mountain goat sightings. The hike is challenging, but absolutely worth the effort.

Approaching Rock Mountain via Snowy Creek is a shorter, less steep hike. Because it's north facing, snow sticks around a little longer, but that also means that gorgeous alpine meadows are full of wildflowers late into the season.

The section called, the Sound of Music traverse, offers big views and wildflowers, and makes for one of the nicest one mile sections of trail to be found anywhere. There are a few short switchbacks and few long traverses all decorated in wildflowers early in the season and huckleberries as fall approaches. There are a few trees clinging to the 40 degree (or steeper) slope, making for a very steep meadow.

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Rock Mountain via Snowy Creek (east of Stevens pass)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle: Take Hwy 2 east 58 miles to Stevens Pass. Go through the pass and down the other side to the Smithbrook trailhead 3.5 miles east of the pass. Just as the highway divides, there is a left turn for FS 6700. Be cautious crossing the westbound lanes of Highway 2. Head for the Lake Valhalla trailhead--2.5 miles up FS6700. Proceed a mile past this, and arrive at Rainy Pass, where there is a small pond and a sign for the Nason Ridge Trail. Continue another mile to the junction with the Snowy Creek Road, turn right, and continue for 4 miles. The trailhead is 8.5 miles from the junction with Highway 2.

FS 6700 is well-maintained. The Snowy Creek road is brushy, but the road surface is typically driveable with two-wheel drive.

From Leavenworth: Follow Highway 2 west to the turnoff for FS 6700 31 miles from town. Then follow the directions as listed above.

Tip: Groups with two cars can turn this hike into a thru-hike by flipping a coin and having the losers drive to the Rock Mountain via Rock Lake Trail 1587, start from here and meet at the top. This adds an additional 500feet of elevation gain, a half a mile and a less interesting first half to the hike.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – No information

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Carne Mtn (off Chiwawa River Rd)

LOCATION

Central Cascades
Hwy 2

TRAILHEAD

Carne Mountain
(#1508)

Map

LENGTH

8 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,600 ft.

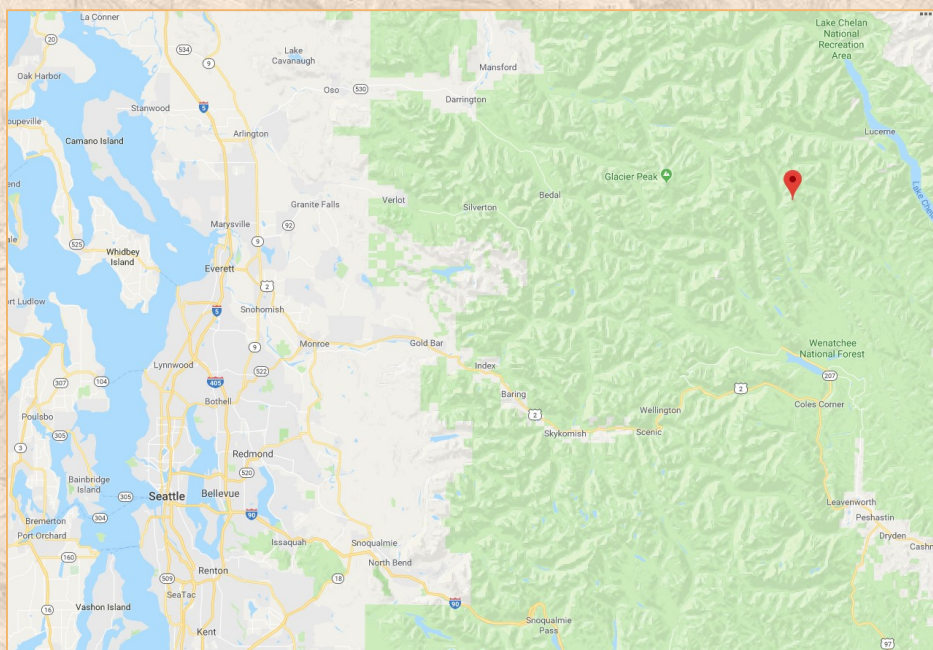
Highest Point:

7,085 ft.

MAP

Green Trails Holden
No. 113

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Carne Mtn (off Chiwawa River Rd)

Carne Mountain is a challenging, yet rewarding hike to the brilliant gold colors of the western larches. Against a backdrop of blue autumn sky and indigo mountains, they are a dazzling sight.

The western larch (*Larix occidentalis*) is native to the eastern slope of the Cascades from British Columbia to Oregon. This tall, narrow tree is composed of graceful limbs and delicate needles that turn gold in autumn. As with deciduous trees, decreasing hours of sunlight trigger the needles to stop producing chlorophyll, which gradually fades away and reveals the true color of the needles.

Start your hike on the Phelps Creek Trail, and soon bear right to continue on the Carne Mountain Trail. You will experience a color riot in earnest when you reach Carne Basin after a short, spirited 2,600 foot climb in 3.4 miles.

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Carne Mtn (off Chiwawa River Rd)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the Stevens Pass Mountain Resort, head east on Highway 2 for 20 miles. Turn left on State Route 207 and head north towards Lake Wenatchee. In 4.1 miles, bear right at the fork in the road, exiting State Route 207 onto Chiwawa Loop Road. After 0.4 miles, turn right to merge onto County Highway 22. Continue for 0.8 miles on Highway 22, then turn left onto Chiwawa River Road (Forest Road 62).

Continue north on Chiwawa River Road for 22.3 miles (the pavement ends after roughly 11 miles), then turn right onto Phelps Creek Trailhead Road (Road 6211). Arrive at the trailhead after 2.3 miles. Exercise caution driving this last road; it is significantly rough and potholed.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilets – No information

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Bare Mountain

LOCATION

I-90
Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

Map

LENGTH

8.6 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,300 ft.

Highest Point:

5,353 ft.

TRAILHEAD

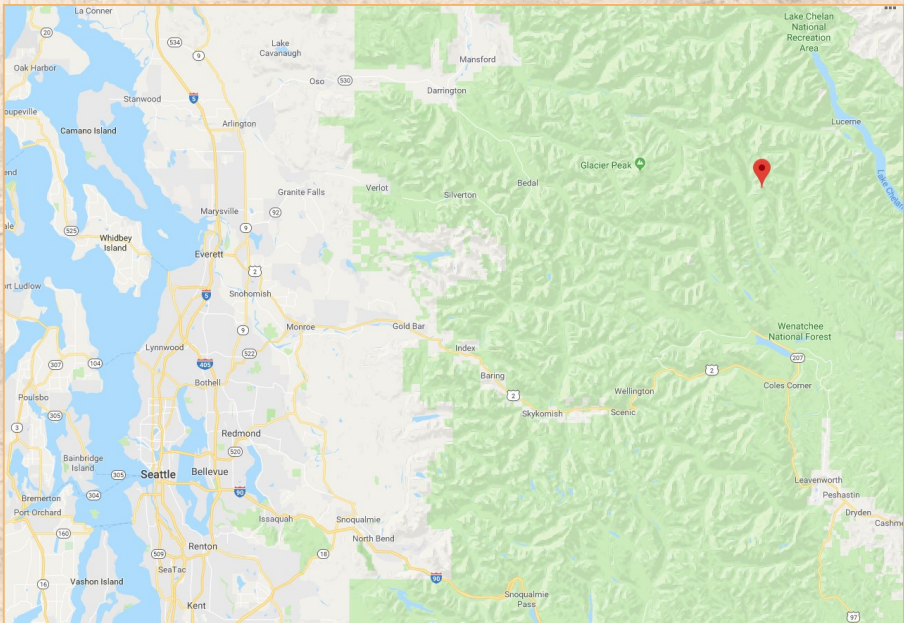
Bare Mountain
(#1037)

MAP

Green Trails Mount Si
No. 174

Green Trails
Skykomish No. 175

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Carne Mtn (off Chiwawa River Rd)

Bare Mountain, the site of a former fire lookout, is a superb viewpoint with mountains in every direction and lakes close by. In season, appreciate the great variety of wildflowers, beginning at the trailhead and continuing all the way to the summit. And be alert for birds and wild critters. They are out there.

The first part of your trail is paved with large, loose cobbles as though a river bed had been dredged and the material deposited here. The footing is not the best, and the intention is not obvious. This was once the route of a makeshift road, and around 1905 ore was being hauled out here from mines up at the head of Bear Creek. (Yes, the creek and some small lakes at its head are "Bear," while the mountain is "Bare.")

Initially, your route will cross several small gullies, each a few feet deep. In late spring or summer they may carry trickles of water that are easily stepped over, or they might be dry. Clearly, more significant flows sometimes occur.

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Carne Mtn (off Chiwawa River Rd)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From I-90 about 30 miles east of Seattle, take Exit 31 (North Bend) and head north. You will pass a fast food restaurant and a service station. If you have any thoughts of using a restroom these will be your only options until you get back to town. There are no facilities along North Fork Road, or at the trailhead.

Cross the railroad tracks and turn right on North Bend Way, go two blocks, then turn left onto Ballarat Ave. Stay on that main road as it changes directions (and names) several times. In about four miles, come to a Y where both branches are marked "Dead End." No worries! The sign for the left branch adds "Next 24 Miles," and that's your route.

The pavement soon ends, and you will have a 20-mile drive on rough roads that often have potholes and may be dusty. Take your time and accept the situation. The route isn't very scenic: you'll just be passing a lot of logged-over areas. About 17 miles from the Y, turn left and cross a bridge over Lennox Creek. Then turn right onto Forest Road 57, where the "57" sometimes is obscured by vegetation. (Remember this intersection for your return when you will go left here, cross the bridge, then go right onto North Fork Road.)

On Road 57, it's another 3.2 miles to the Bare Mountain Trailhead. It will be on your left at an elevation of 2,100 feet. Parking is available in a wide area on the right side of the road or along the shoulder. There is room for perhaps six or seven cars, plus two more on the left at the trailhead itself.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Forest Service Pass

Toilets – None!

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Mt Washington

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and

Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

8.5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,250 ft.

Highest Point:

4,450 ft.

TRAILHEAD

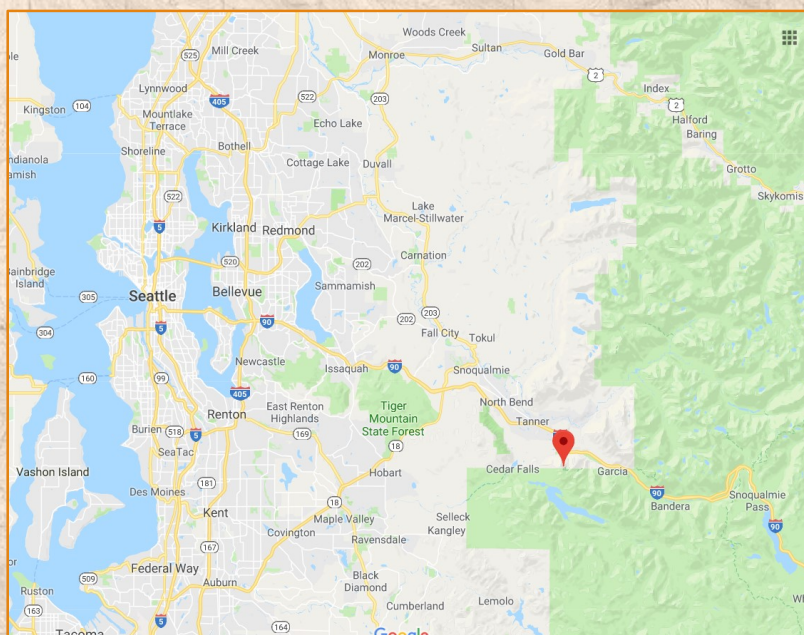
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MAP

Green Trails Bandera
No. 206

Green Trails Mt. Si No.
206S

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Mt Washington

Ditch the North Bend crowds by heading six miles farther east to Mount Washington. This easy-access day hike delivers comparable—if not superior—panoramic views and lung-busting switchbacks to Mount Si, with significantly less foot traffic.

From the top, take in views of the peaks surrounding you, but be sure to look down at Chester Morse Lake and Masonry Pool. It's amazing to realize that these two lakes are what help keep the megalopolis of Puget Sound hydrated.

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Mt Washington

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle drive east on I-90 to exit 38. Head south (right), immediately crossing the South Fork Snoqualmie River, and take the first right turn into Ollalie State Park, a few hundred feet from the highway. Follow the gravel road to the end, parking near the bathrooms at the west end of the lot.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Discover Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Snoqualmie Peak

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

3.8 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,105 ft.

Highest Point:

6,278 ft.

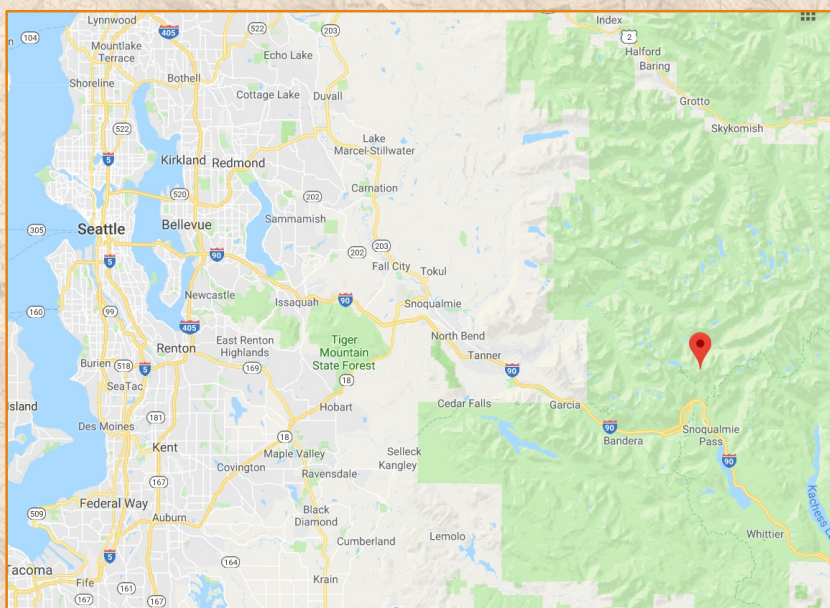
TRAILHEAD

Unknown

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Snoqualmie Peak

A very steep scramble to the summit of a peak near Alpental. Proper gear and expertise recommended.

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Snoqualmie Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

I-90 to Snoqualmie Pass. Left at stop sign towards Alpental parking lot. Park by the covered bridge at the ski area. Walk towards the Snow Lake trailhead. 50 feet downhill from the Snow Lake trailhead is an unsigned trail/old road heading into the slide alder.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Toilets – XXXXXXXXXXXXX

More Information, [HERE](#)

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Silver Peak

LOCATION

I-90
Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

Map

LENGTH

5.6 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,100 ft.

Highest Point:

5,605 ft.

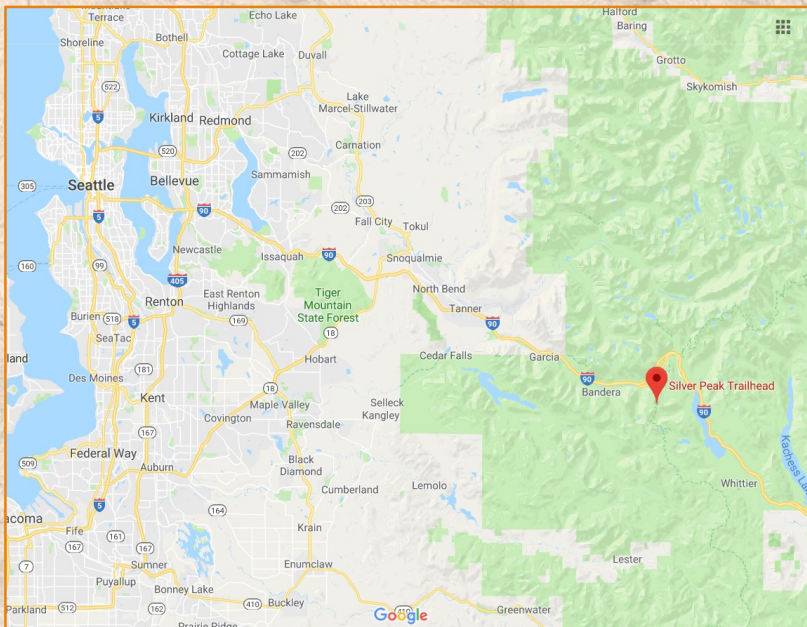
TRAILHEAD

Pacific Crest Trail
(#2000)

MAP

Green Trails
Snoqualmie Pass No.
207

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Silver Peak

Silver Peak is among a group of hikes within close proximity to Snoqualmie Pass and the Hyak recreational area. Nearby destinations of interest include Mount Catherine, Tinkham Peak, Mirror Lake, and Twin Lakes. Silver Peak and its neighbors are reached by way of FR-9070, a gateway to the less-traveled but better-kept secrets of the Cascades. FR-9070 has its share of potholes and is generally snow-free from July until November. Approximately six miles from Hyak, FR-9070 reaches an intersection with the Pacific Crest Trail, at a saddle between Mount Catherine and Silver Peak.

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Silver Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle, drive east on I-90 and take exit 54 Hyak/Gold Cr. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp, and reset your odometer. Continue straight, crossing SR 906. The road turns into Hyak Dr NE. Continue on Hyak Dr NE. The pavement ends in 0.6 miles, and the road becomes FR-9070. Continue on FR-9070 for 4.7 miles, then arrive at the intersection with the Pacific Crest Trail (#2000), 5.4 miles after you reset your odometer.

FR-9070 can accommodate 10-12 cars parking on the side of the road. There is no privy available. Take the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 South towards Stampede Pass (not north towards Snoqualmie Pass).

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: XXXXXXXXXXXX unknown or none

Toilets – None

More Information, [HERE](#)

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Rampart Ridge and Lakes

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and

Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

11 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,200 ft.

Highest Point:

5,100 ft.

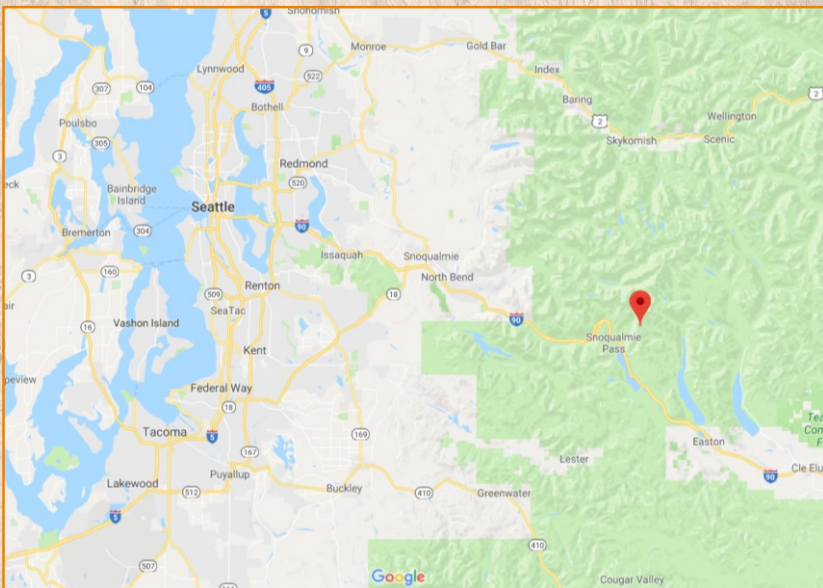
TRAILHEAD

Rachel Lake (#1313)

MAP

Green Trails No 207
Snoqualmie Pass

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Rampart Ridge and Lakes

Rampart Lakes is a pretty collection of pothole lakes with a maze of social trails lacing them together. Though doable as a day hike, it is better enjoyed as an overnight destination, with nearby Alta Mountain and Lila Lake making excellent side trips.

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Rampart Ridge and Lakes

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From I-90 East, take exit 62. Take a left, heading over the highway. At 5.2 miles, the road veers left, passing Lake Kachess Campground. Go another 0.3 miles, now on gravel, and take a right at a sign for Rachel Lake/Trail 1313. At this point, the road gets a little rough. Continue following signs to Rachel Lake/Trail 1313, turning left at a gated intersection. 3.8 miles from the campground, take a left into a pair of one-way parking lots. Check the lower lot first—there are likely to be spaces available when the upper lot is full. There is space for 30 cars in the upper lot, and at least another 20 cars in the lower lot.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: XXXXXXXXXXXX unknown or none

Toilets – At lake only

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Davis Peak

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

10 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 4,000 ft.

Highest Point:

6,400 ft.

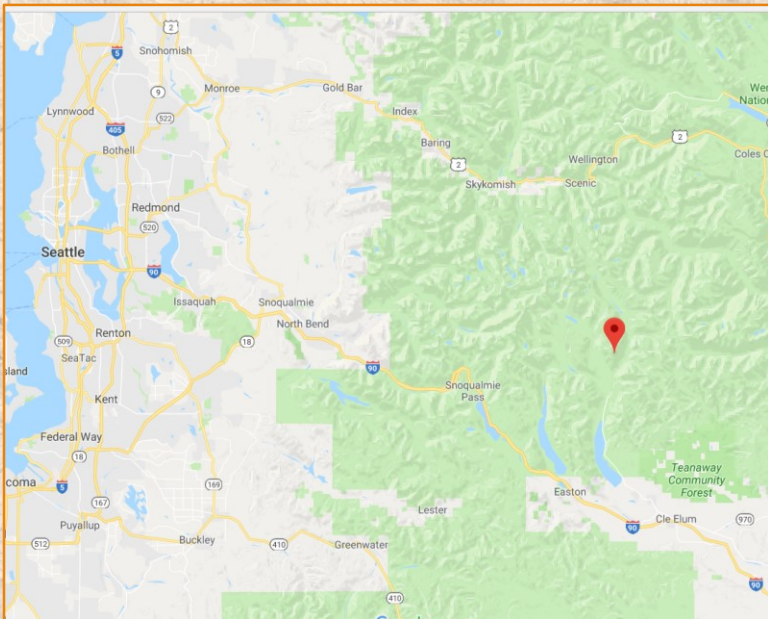
TRAILHEAD

Davis Peak (#1324)

MAP

Green Trails Kachess
Lake No. 208

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Davis Peak

Davis Peak is a challenging hike with a big payoff: a 360-degree panorama of more than 10 Cascades peaks.

The climb to Davis Peak begins with a short jaunt across a sturdy bridge spanning the Cle Elum River before ascending steadily up the mountain. The well-maintained trail climbs through a variety of landscapes: old-growth, meadows, recovering burn zones and open ridgelines. As engaging as the trail is, it is almost overwhelmed by one defining characteristic—its seemingly endless series of tight switchbacks.

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Davis Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From I-90, take exit 80 and drive 16.6 miles north, past Cle Elum Lake, to FR 4330. Veer Right for 1.6 miles to the Paris Creek trailhead. Drive, or park and walk, 0.25 miles on rocky FR 134 to the trailhead.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Cathedral Rock/Peggy's Pond

LOCATION

I-90
Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

Map

LENGTH

9 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,200 ft.

Highest Point:

5,600 ft.

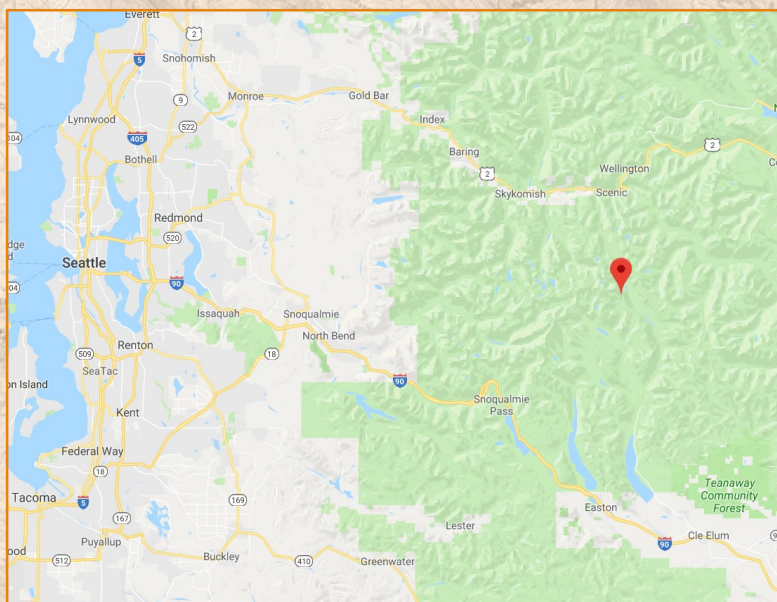
TRAILHEAD

Cathedral Rock
(#1345)

MAP

Green Trails Stevens
Pass No. 176

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Cathedral Rock/Peggy's Pond

Getting to Peggy's is mostly straight forward. The first two miles steadily climbs through the forest switchbacking periodically. Turning right at the first junction 1.8 miles into your hike will get you to Squaw Lake in short order. There are several campsites here that are perfect for lunch or family camping.

For the next two miles, your trail continues to climb slowly up the ridge line towards Cathedral Pass and the junction with the Pacific Crest Trail. Rock outcrops on the right give views of the Wenatchee mountains to the east and Tucquala Meadows below. Cathedral Rock occasionally pokes its andesitic head above the trees straight ahead, beckoning you to move along. Consider, as you gawk at this sheer, rocky monolith that it was first climbed in the 1890s!

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Cathedral Rock/Peggy's Pond

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Traveling east bound from Seattle, get off I-90 at exit 80 signed for Roslyn/Salmon-la-Sac. Turn left and over the highway. This is Bullfrog Road. Take the road for about two miles and turn left at a rotary onto Route 903 towards Roslyn.

Pass through Roslyn following signs for Salmon-la-Sac. Watch your speed along Lake Cle Elum, passing through Ronald along the way. At about 15 miles you will reach Salmon-la-Sac. Take the right-hand fork before the campground onto FS 4330 (Cle Elum Valley Road).

This washboarded-at-times dirt road goes approximately another 13 miles to the Tucquala Meadows campground. Parking on the left just before this campground has access to the trail.



Trail to Peggy's may be considered significantly exposed by some.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Iron Peak

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

7.6 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,360 ft.

Highest Point:

6,160 ft.

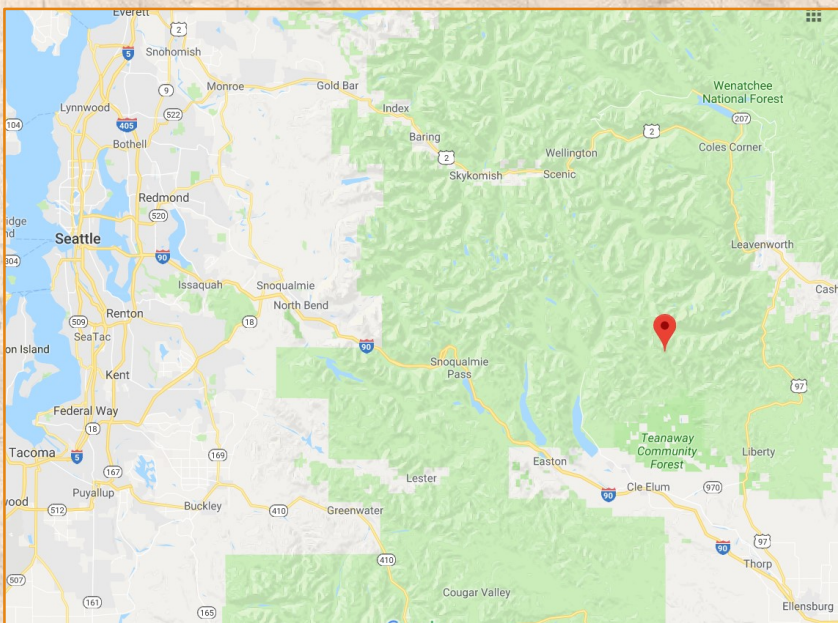
TRAILHEAD

Iron Peak Trail (#1399)

MAP

Green Trails No. 209
Mt Stuart

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Iron Peak

Get a great workout and some incredible views on this steep, dry trail in the Teanaway.

From the trailhead, begin climbing immediately alongside a steep, unnamed creek. You'll be able to hear it for about half of your hike, though this is your first and only chance to get water; the trail turns away from the creek within an eighth of a mile, and you'll be out of reach of water after that.

The trail climbs steadily and steeply. The switchbacks are short (when they're there), and much of the tread is rocky – step carefully and take your time ascending. It's exposed, too – be sure to carry all the water you'll need, and consider bringing a filter.

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Iron Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Just east of Cle Elum take Highway 970 seven miles to Teanaway Road. Turn left and continue north on Teanaway Road, veering right when the pavement ends. Follow the North Fork Teanaway, Road 9737, about nine miles to where the trail takes off from the right side of the road.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilets – None

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Earl Peak

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

7.5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,600 ft.

Highest Point:

7,036 ft.

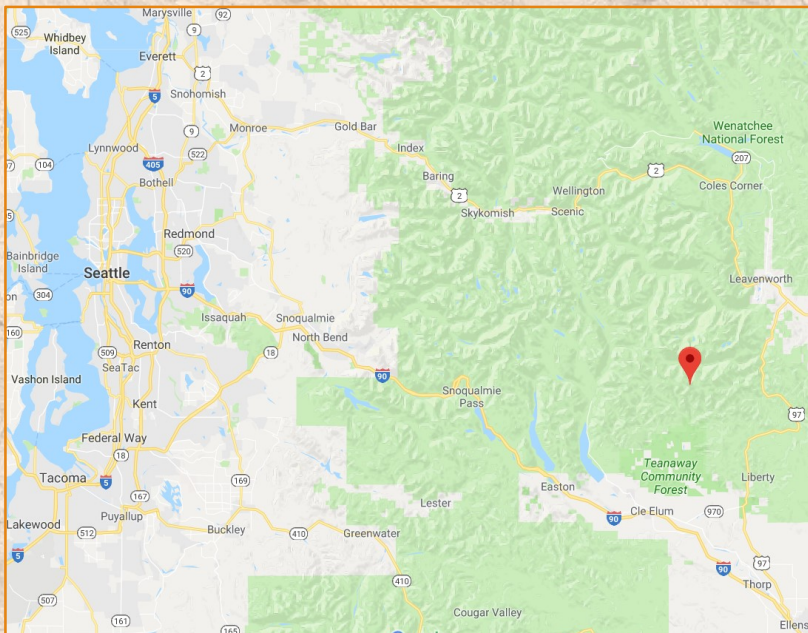
TRAILHEAD

Bean Creek (#1391.1)

MAP

Green Trails No. 209
Mt Stuart

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Earl Peak

The WTA hiking guide to Earl gives no directions to the trailhead or information on the hike itself. So use the driving directions and the initial trail description in the hiking guide entry for Bean Creek Basin.

That entry mentions a fork about 2 miles up the trail; this is the junction of the Bean Creek and Earl Peak trails (signed only with 'Bean Cr. Trail')-- go right at this fork. The junction is about 1500' gain from the trailhead.

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Earl Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle drive east on I-90 to exit 85 (East Cle Elum). Cross over the freeway overpass and turn right (northbound) on State Route 970. Cross the Teanaway River bridge, and in another mile turn left onto Teanaway Road. Drive north on Teanaway Road, veering right as it becomes first North Fork Teanaway Road and then unpaved Forest Road 9737 at 29 Pines Campground. Continue north for just under 4 miles before turning right (east) onto FR 9737-112, signed for Beverly Creek. Drive 1.4 miles to the roads end and trailhead.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Miller Peak

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

8.8 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,200 ft.

Highest Point:

6,400 ft.

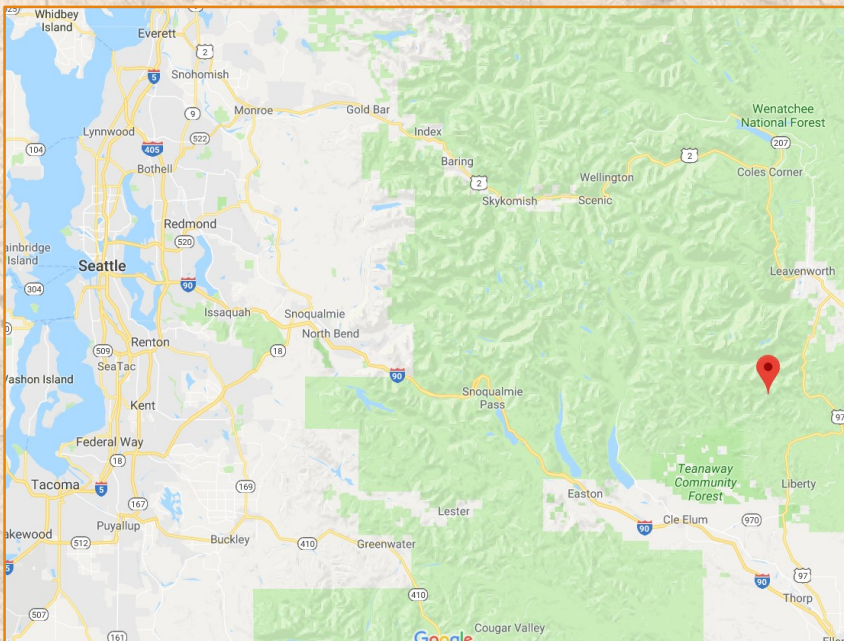
TRAILHEAD

Miller Peak (#1379)

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Stuart No. 209 and
Liberty No. 210

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Miller Peak

Miller Peak is an excellent, challenging day hike, which gains 3200 feet to the high point. But all that climbing affords you breathtaking views of the Stuarts, and much of the Teanaway area, as well as Mount Rainier.

Begin from the Miller Peak trail at the end of Road 9703. The trail parallels Miller Creek, and for the first mile and a half, you' ll be right at the water' s edge. Of course, this means that trailside vegetation is well-watered, and you' ll be swimming through thick foliage for much of this section.

Finally though, the trail does begin switchbacking up and away from the creek. There are still several creek crossings ahead, so you have more opportunities to refill on water. Your final creek crossing is about 1.8 miles in. After that, the trail truly gets down to business and begins climbing steadily through pine forest and wildflowers to a viewpoint about 0.8 miles shy of the junction with the spur trail to Miller Peak.

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Miller Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

On I-90, head to exit 85 for East Cle Elum. Cross the freeway on the overpass and turn right onto Highway 970. Cross the Teanaway River bridge, and in seven miles turn left onto Teanaway Road. Proceed on Teanaway Road, bearing right where it becomes the North Fork Teanaway Road, then turn right onto Road 9703 just past 29 Pines Campground. At the first junction after 29 Pines, turn right onto Road 9703. Drive 5 miles to the end of this road.

Parking is limited here, and keep in mind that other cars have to pass, so park so that others can come and go.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – At trailhead

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Navaho Pass/Navaho Peak

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and

Blewett Pass

[Map](#)

LENGTH

11 miles roundtrip

Pass

13.7 miles rountrip

Peak

ELEVATION

Gain: 3,000 ft. Pass

Gain: 4,243 ft Peak

Highest Point:

6,000 ft. Pass

7,223 ft. Peak

TRAILHEAD

Stafford Creek

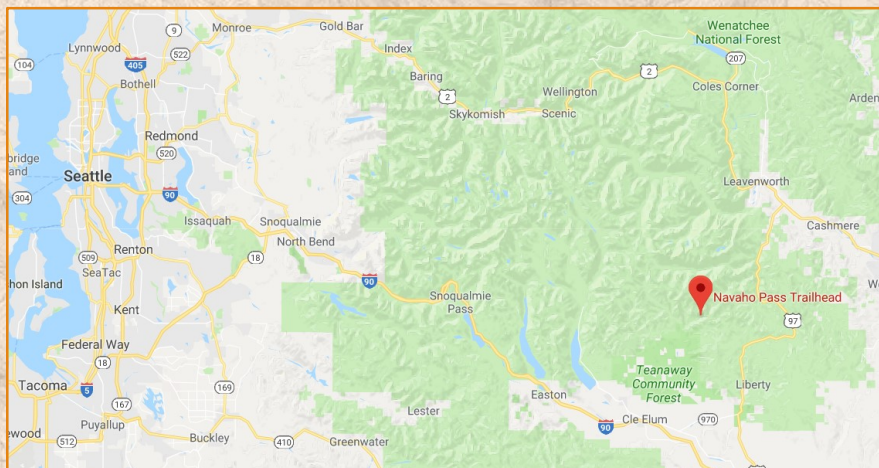
(#1359), Standup Trail
(#1369)

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Stuart No. 209

Green Trails Liberty
No. 210

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Navaho Pass/Navaho Peak

Navaho Pass is an excellent introduction to the Teanaway area. Rife with wildflowers, fascinating geology, and just enough elevation gain to keep it interesting, this hike has just about everything that the Teanaway is known for.

From the Stafford Creek Trailhead, the trail starts out in dry forest. The light brown soil and small plants speak to the relative aridity of this area. But that doesn't mean there isn't life. Flora abounds here, in an almost unbelievable variety of wildflowers.

Scarlet gilia, pearly everlasting, lupine, penstemon of various types, cow parsley, tiger lilies, desert parsley, Indian paintbrush, anemone, Jeffrey's shooting stars, glacier lilies, yarrow, and a host of other wildflowers keep hikers company as they walk along this trail.

From Navaho Pass, the trail to Navaho Peak is siren-like, pulling you towards the summit long after you realize how tired you are. But for peak-baggers, or those simply interested in getting a gorgeous view from a relatively easy-to-navigate peak, the views are worth the extra effort.

After climbing to Navaho Pass, it's almost intuitive to begin wandering up the climber's trail to Navaho Peak. The pass itself is beautiful, with views of the Stuart Range and Earl Peak filling your view. But it's small, with not much room to spread out, and many a hiking group looking for a better lunch spot has found themselves climbing toward Navaho Peak.

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Navaho Pass/Navaho Peak

Tip: A trail to your right promises better vantage points of this area, but take note; this is the way to Navaho Peak, and once you've started for the peak, it will be hard to stop short of it. It's a steep mile to the summit, but if you feel up to it, the views are even better from there.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle, head east on I-90 to exit 85 for East Cle Elum. Cross the freeway on the overpass and turn right onto Hwy 970. Cross the Teanaway River bridge, and in seven miles turn left onto Teanaway Road. Proceed on Teanaway Road, bearing right where it becomes the North Fork Teanaway Road, followed shortly by unpaved Forest Road 9737 at 29 Pines Campground. At the first junction after crossing the bridge over Stafford Creek, turn right onto FR-9703, which is signed for Stafford Creek and drive 2.5 miles to the Stafford Creek trailhead.

There is parking here for about 20 cars in the lot, and parking is allowed on the road, but please keep in mind that other cars have to pass, so when parking on the road, leave enough room for traffic to get by.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – At trailhead

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Iron Bear to Teanaway Ridge

LOCATION

I-90
Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

Map

LENGTH

6.5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,900 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

6,000 ft. Pass

TRAILHEAD

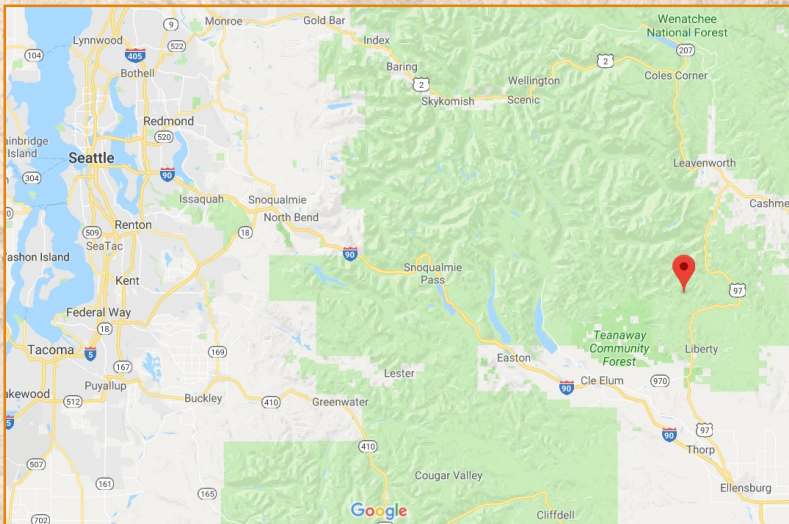
Iron Bear (#1351),
Teanaway Ridge
(#1364)

MAP

Green Trails Liberty
210

Green Trails Mount
Stuart 209

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Iron Bear to Teanaway Ridge

In spring, enjoy abundant wildflowers and views of Stuart Range on these trails east of the Cascades.

This is an ideal trail to enjoy abundant wildflowers and mountain views in May or June when the weather on the west side of the Cascades is dreary. Simply cross the pass to find it sunny and warm on the east side.

Springtime is such a popular season for hiking this trail that the US Forest Service closes it to motorized use from April 1 through Jun 15 each year. If you're hiking from October to April, visit on a weekday if you'd like to avoid encounters with motor vehicles.

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Iron Bear to Teanaway Ridge

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From I-90 take exit 85. Go left to cross the freeway, and make a right onto 970, passing the Twin Pines Drive-In. Hwy 970 veers left. 9.4 miles past the Twin Pines Drive-In, turn left onto Hwy 97 and continue for 9.9 miles.

Turn left onto FR 9714 for 2.7 miles to the end at the trailhead for Trail 1351. At the end of FR 9714 you will ford a stream just before you get to the trailhead. The last 200 yards of road is a bit dicey but you can park in several turnouts just before you get to the ford.

The Iron Creek trailhead is three miles from Hwy 97



This trail description is based on a hike starting from the Iron Creek trailhead, found at the end of Forest Road 9714, a three mile long dirt road with a few potholes. Your vehicle will need ford Iron Creek about 200 yards before you get to the trailhead. If your car has low clearance you can park at one of turnouts just before the ford.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilets – None

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Tronsen Ridge

LOCATION

I-90

Teanaway and
Blewett Pass

Map

LENGTH

8 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,000 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

5,800 ft. Pass

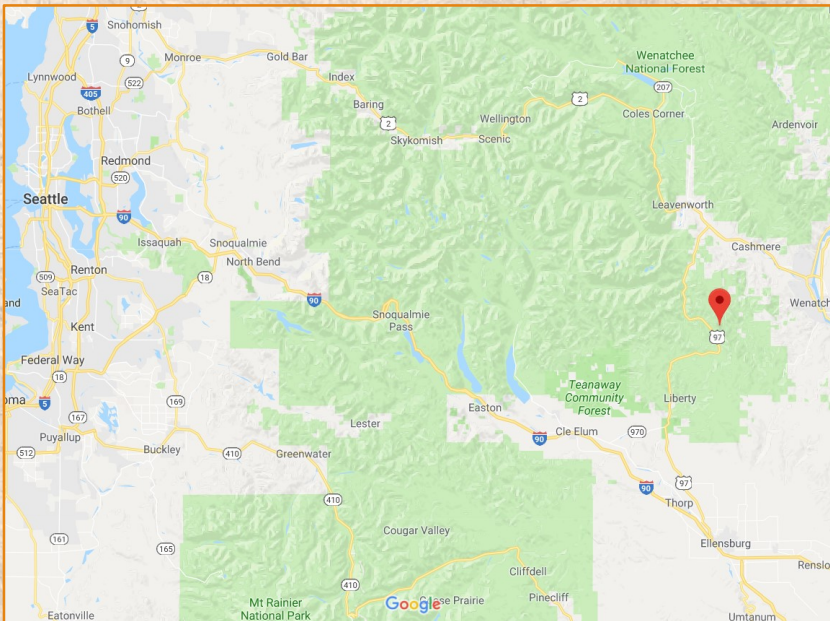
TRAILHEAD

Tronsen Ridge (#1204)

MAP

Green Trails
Wenatchee No. 211S

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Tronsen Ridge

Start high, stay high, and enjoy the endless bounty of the wild country between the Cascade crest and the dry, open deserts of eastern Washington. Tronsen Ridge provides a little of both worlds. Long, dry ridges topped with open meadows and wildflower fields resemble the desert gardens of the Yakima Plateau, but dense stands of fir and ponderosa pine offer up the flavor of the mountains. The glorious meadows and forests atop the long ridge are wonderful playgrounds for wildlands enthusiasts. At various points, Tronsen Ridge grants peekaboo views out to Mount Adams, Mount Rainier, Mount Stuart, and countless other lesser peaks nestled in the eastern Cascades.

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Tronsen Ridge

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle drive east on I-90 to exit 85 (East Cle Elum). Cross over the freeway overpass and turn right (northbound) on State Route 970. Turn left (north) on US Highway 97, drive to Blewett Pass, and turn right (southeast) onto Forest Road 9716. In 3.7 miles turn left onto FR 9712 and continue 5 miles to Haney Meadow and the Ken Wilcox Horse Camp. Drive another mile past the camp and, after crossing Naneum Creek, find the southern trailhead in the Upper Naneum Meadow at a sharp righthand switchback in the road.

Hikers with high-clearance vehicles can also access the northern trailhead: continue north on US 97 for 5 miles past Blewett Pass, turn right onto Five Mile Road (FR 7224), and drive 3.5 miles to an undeveloped campsite and trailhead.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Summit Lake

LOCATION

Highway 410
Mt Rainier
South Cascades

Highest Point:

5,800 ft. Pass

TRAILHEAD

Summit Lake (#1177)

Map

LENGTH

6.1 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,300 ft. Pass

MAP

Green Trails Enumclaw
No. 237

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Summit Lake

From the trailhead, the Summit Lake Trail begins by climbing up through a young forest still in the process of recovering from a recent harvest. Soon you enter more mature stands of fir and hemlock as the trail swings into long switchbacks up the mountainside. After about a mile of trail reach a junction with the Carbon River Trail and Twin Lake. A short, unmarked trail leads out to lonely Twin Lake, which lacks both a twin and the impressive landscape waiting at Summit Lake.

Push on from the junction to one of the steeper sections of the hike, following the trail as it quickly ascends the ridgeline. Roughly 2.5 miles from the trailhead, emerge from the woods into the grassy meadows surrounding Summit Lake. If you're up for more, the trail splits into a loop, winding around the lake and up to the top of Summit Lake Peak. There is often wildlife found in the meadows, including bear, deer, marmot and elk.

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Summit Lake

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Enumclaw drive west on State Route 410 (Chinook Pass Highway) to SR 165. Proceed on SR 165 to the Carbon River Road/Mowich Lake Highway junction. Turn left onto Carbon River Road and follow it to Cayada Creek Road (Forest Road 7810), just before the national park entrance. Turn left (north) and drive about 6.8 miles to the trailhead at the end of FR 7810.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Noble Knob

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

Map

LENGTH

5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 500 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

6,011 ft. Pass

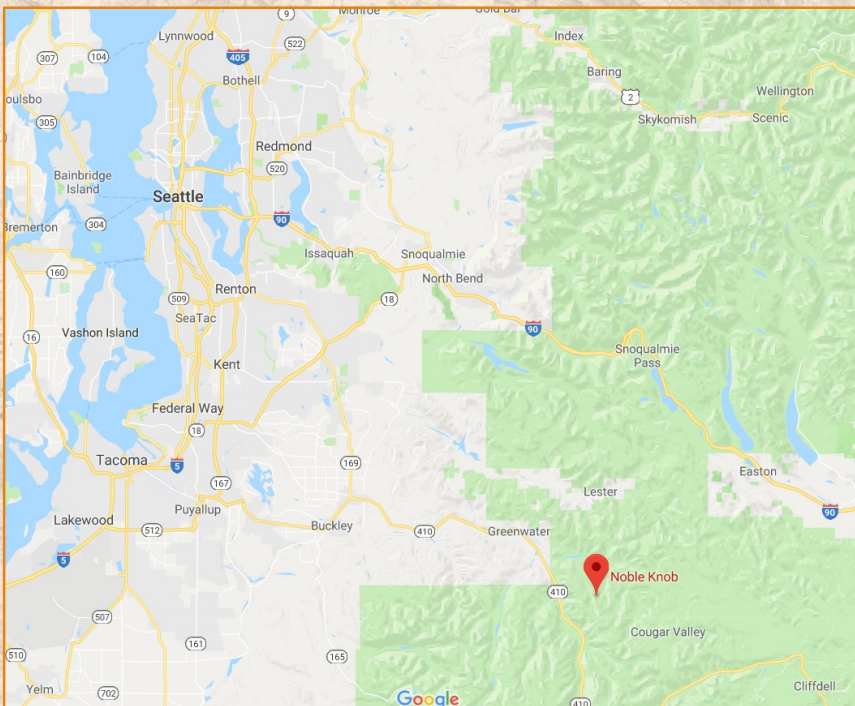
TRAILHEAD

Noble Knob (#1184)

MAP

Green Trails Lester No. 239

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Noble Knob

For the minimal elevation gain and quick tromp up to this former fire lookout, the payoff is huge. Gaze out in all directions, to wildflower-studded meadows, alpine lakes and snow-capped peaks. Here, you'll find some of the best views of Mount Rainier around.

There is a trailhead at either end of the Noble Knob Trail 1184, one from Corral Pass and another off of Twentyeight Mile Road (Forest Road 72). The more popular Corral Pass approach has a more developed trailhead, whereas the Twentyeight Mile Road approach has paved portions that make access a little bit easier on your vehicle.



10/11/2017: Though this trail is open, hazard trees and unstable tread exist. Per the Forest Service, please consider hiking elsewhere until conditions stabilize

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Noble Knob

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Dalles Ridge Access:

Coming from Enumclaw, drive east on Highway 410 for a little more than 20 miles, to Road 70, (0.6 miles past Greenwater. Turn left onto Road 70 and proceed six miles to Road 72 (Twenty-eight Mile Creek Road). Turn right onto Road 72 and follow for it 7.3 miles to unsigned Road 7250. Turn left onto Road 7250 and travel 2 miles to Road 7250-210. This junction is 9.3 miles from Road 70). Follow Road 7250-210 straight for one half-mile to the trailhead.

Corral Pass Road Access:

From the town of Enumclaw, drive about 31 miles eastward on State Highway 410 (the Chinook Pass Highway). After passing the Alta Crystal Resort turnoff, continue another half mile, looking for Forest Road 7174 (the Corral Pass Road). If you reach the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary, you've driven 1 mile too far. Turn left onto it, and pass several cabins. Drive for about six miles up the road (it's very steep and rough), pass the Noble Knob trailhead, and come to Corral Pass and the Rainier View trailhead.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Mt Aix

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

Highest Point:

7,400 ft. Pass

TRAILHEAD

Mount Aix (#982)

Map

LENGTH

14.8 miles roundtrip

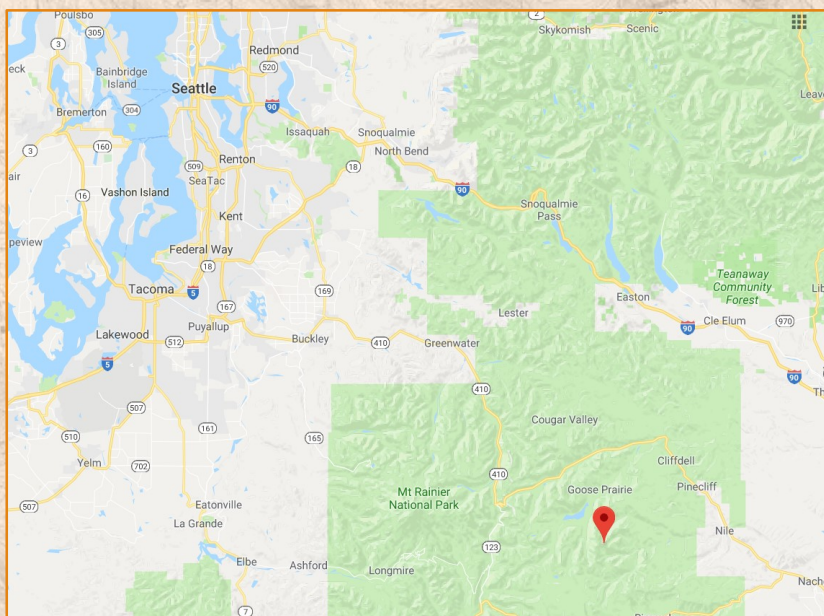
ELEVATION

Gain: 3,700 ft. Pass

MAP

303S Goat Rocks-
William O Wilderness

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Mt Aix

Tucked into the William O. Douglas Wilderness, this approach to Mount Aix offers sweeping views of the south Cascade Range well above tree line.

It's a bit of a slog. The steep trail from the Bumping Lake trailhead features stream crossings, steep switchbacks, and dangerous talus slopes, but those with sure footing, and trekking poles to help can achieve the summit in a day and enjoy the remarkable scenery in this beautiful area.

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Mt Aix

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

This trailhead is accessed from State Route 410. Drive the road to Bumping Road 1800. Take 1800 to Deep Creek Road #1808, to the small trailhead.



Trailhead inaccessible due to Bumping River Road closure

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Grand Park

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

8 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,100 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

5,630 ft. Pass

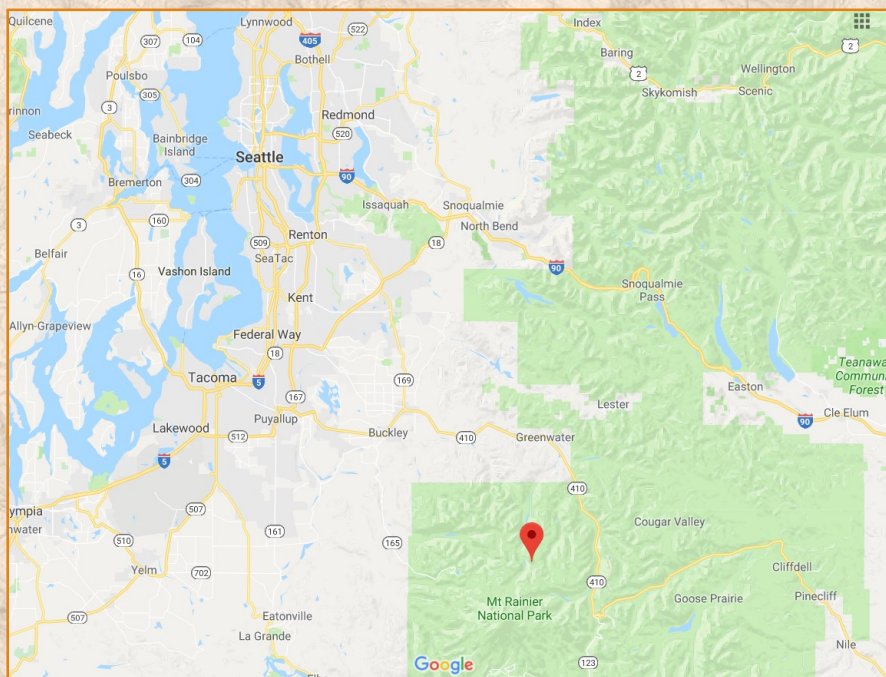
TRAILHEAD

NE - Sunrise/White
River Area

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Rainier East No. 270

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Grand Park

The classic approach (via Sunrise) to this sea of meadows and wildflowers at the base of Mount Rainier is long and tough, putting Grand Park out of reach for most casual day hikers. Instead, try this "backdoor" approach via Lake Eleanor to enjoy this stunning destination.

The hike begins just off FR 7360, following a bootpath along the edge of Eleanor Creek. The trail enters a mixed forest and begins a moderate climb toward Lake Eleanor. Within 0.5 mile, you will cross in to Mount Rainier National Park and in another mile arrive at the lakeside.

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Grand Park

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Enumclaw, drive east on SR 410 for 25 miles. Turn right (west) on FR 73 for 9 miles crossing over, Huckleberry Creek. Continue on FR 7360 for 1 mile to the crossing at Eleanor Creek and park on the roadside. There is a small parking lot about 150 feet past the trailhead.

Please remember to park mindfully, allowing room for traffic to pass and other hikers to arrive and leave.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilets – Unknown

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Indian Henry's Hunting Ground

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

12 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,520 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

5,400 ft. Pass

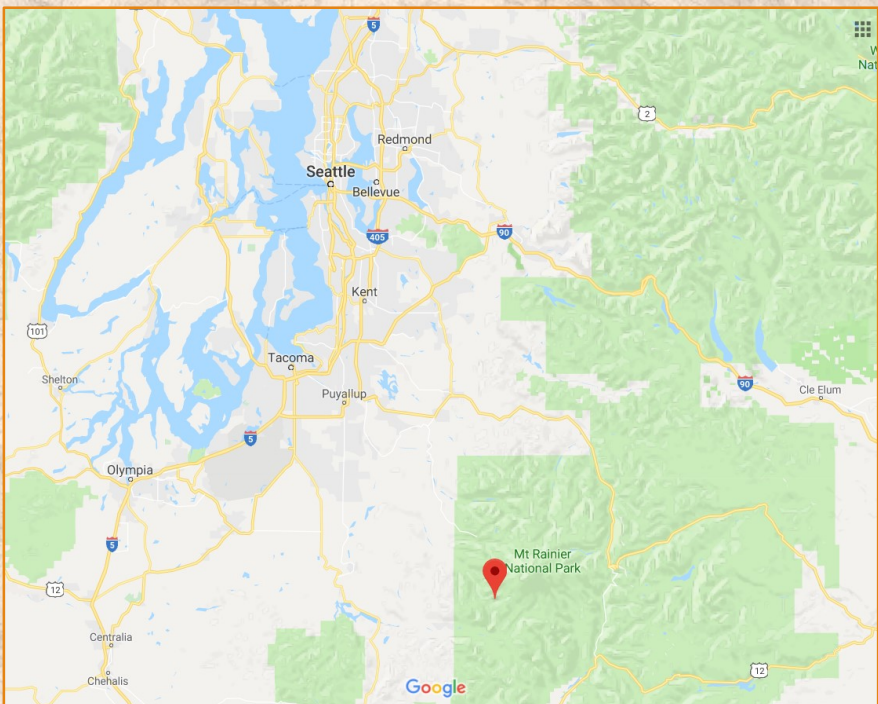
TRAILHEAD

NE - Sunrise/White
River Area

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Rainier East No. 270

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Indian Henry's Hunting Ground

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

You will not meet any hunters in Indian Henry's Hunting Ground these days, but the area is named for one of the most prominent Native American guides in the area, who lived here before it became a national park. Renowned for being able to "live in two worlds" So-To-Lick was dubbed Indian Henry by a mail carrier unable (or unwilling) to learn his real name. He guided the likes of John Muir, George Bayley, James Longmire and Philemon van Trump up sections of the massive mountain, but never summited it himself. Like many Native Americans, he considered the mountain sacred, never venturing onto the glaciers as it may bring bad luck.

Overall, the trail that starts at the White River Road is kinder to your knees than the Kautz Creek access, though there are a couple of washouts that must be skirted by steep trail reroutes, and—with a two-mile road walk before the actual trailhead—this way is considerably longer.

If you decide to explore Indian Henry's Hunting Ground this way, park at the closure of the West Side Road and hike or bike up the road two miles. Wind your way through large boulders, which come down in spring avalanches, and cross two small creeks (one has a bridge, one does not). Carry on via a straightaway that parallels the river until the road bends around to the left, ascending into a green tunnel of trees. This crook is your departure point. Turn right off the road, onto a trail that is largely marked by cairns for the first section.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: National Park Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Crystal Peak

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

8 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,100 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

5,630 ft. Pass

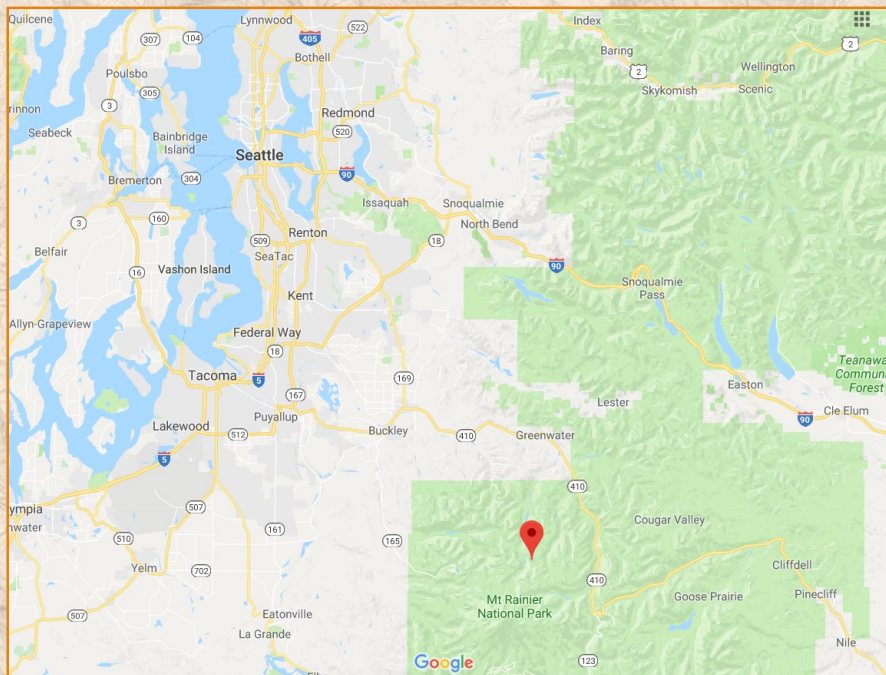
TRAILHEAD

NE - Sunrise/White
River Area

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Rainier East No. 270

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Crystal Peak

Check the weather before heading out for this hike, and if it's going to be clear, bring a camera. From the summit, it's possible to see six (yes, six!) volcanoes spanning two states. Baker, Glacier, Adams, Rainier, St. Helens and Hood wait patiently for you to climb the more-than-moderately steep path to the summit of Crystal Peak, where you can take in beautiful snow-capped majesty from the top.

Begin at an unmarked trailhead on the left-hand side of Highway 410. The trail immediately crosses a delightful stream, which you'll be even more thankful for on the way down; it's a great spot to stop and dip your feet after four miles of relentless downhill. Cross the water using a footlog with a handrail, and get ready to climb. Quite a bit of elevation is gained in the first mile and a half, using switchbacks that zig zag through a less-than-inspiring second-growth forest. The best part about this section is the shade, and occasional peek-a-boo views of Rainier.

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Crystal Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Enumclaw, drive east 42 miles on Hwy 410 to the unmarked trailhead parking lot. It is found four miles past the park's wooden entryway arch. No privy available. There is room for 15 cars on the south side of the road and eight on the north side.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilets – Unknown

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Summerland/Panhandle Gap

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

12 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,950 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

6,800 ft. Pass

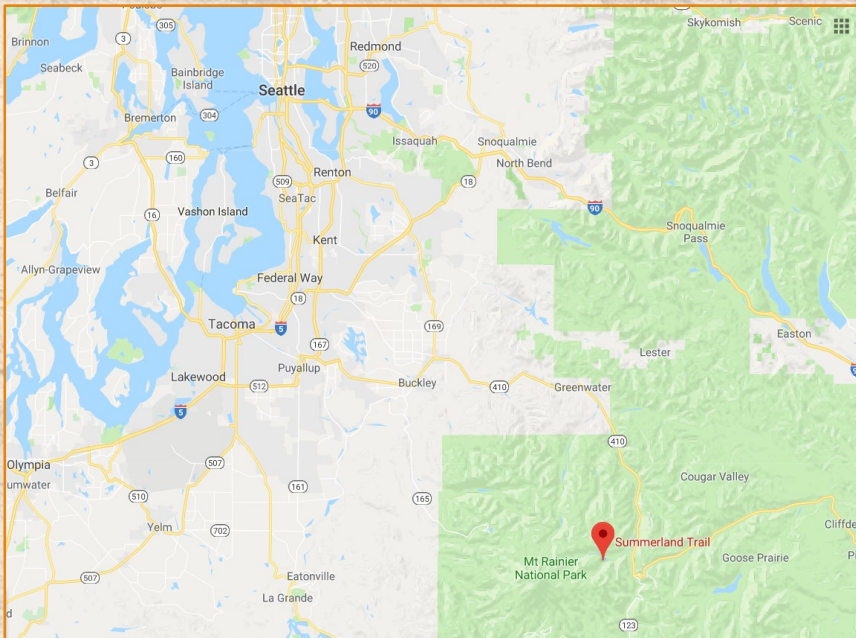
TRAILHEAD

NE Rainier, Sunrise,
White River Area

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Rainier Wonderland,
Map No 269S

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Summerland/Panhandle Gap

Your route begins in old-growth forest at 3,900 feet, on a trail that is almost level. In a quarter mile it joins the south-bound Wonderland Trail that arrives here from Sunrise. So, in addition to encountering other day hikers, you might meet a few Wonderland Trail backpackers who are out for one or several nights.

Not much sun reaches the forest floor along the first part of your trail, but a few shade-tolerant wildflowers do manage to thrive here. Look particularly for sidebells pyrola, queen's cup and coral root.

The way crosses an occasional small stream and gradually becomes steeper. You will come to a rocky switchback where Fryingpan Creek rushes down a narrow cleft in the rock some fifty feet below the trail. You can take a careful look, but it's difficult to get a good photo there. Farther along, at another switchback, there is a good view down on a section of rapids along the creek.

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Summerland/Panhandle Gap

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Follow Highway 410 about 36 miles south of Enumclaw and pass under the arch that marks the boundary of Mount Rainier National Park. Continue on about four miles and take the White River Canyon road going toward Sunrise. The park entrance station is just over a mile up the road.

The trailhead parking area comes up quickly, just beyond the bridge over Fryingpan Creek. There is room for about 25 cars to park on the right in painted slots, and room for a few more along the shoulder on the left where the beginning of the trail to Summerland will be obvious.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: National Park Pass

Toilets – There is a public restroom facility 0.1 miles past the park entrance, behind the bulletin boards on the right side of the road. There are no facilities at the trailhead.

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Glacier Basin

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

6.5 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,600 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

5,900 ft. Pass

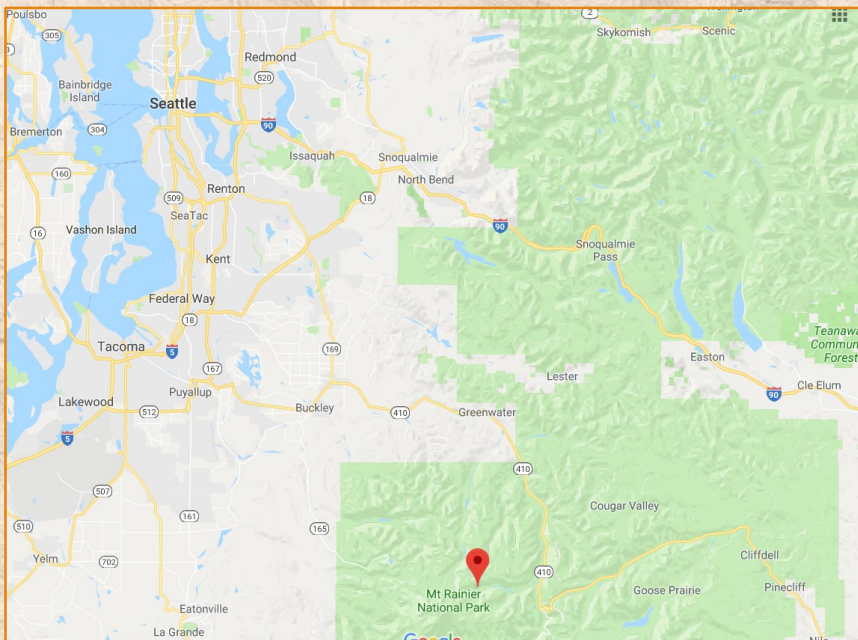
TRAILHEAD

NE - Sunrise/White
River Area

MAP

Green Trails Mount
Rainier East No. 270

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Glacier Basin

Originally a mining road along the Inter Fork of the White River, the route was converted into a trail when the area became a national park. Visitors ranged from climbers accessing the popular Emmons Glacier, to families strolling out of White River campground. Located in close proximity to the dynamic, glacier-fed White River, the original trail was frequently damaged by the river's shifting course. After the floods in 2006, the park elected to build a new trail that was no longer subject to the floods.

Thanks to a Herculean effort by WTA volunteers and Mount Rainier National Park (after all, 6,500 feet of trail isn't the easiest task to complete) the 3.25-mile hike up the Inter Fork of the White River is now a breeze. Along the way, you'll pass a half mile side trail heading up Emmons Moraine. This one is worth a detour, as it offers incredible views of Emmons Glacier, the largest sheet of ice on Rainier, and a milky blue-green glacial lake below.

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Glacier Basin

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Enumclaw, head east on Highway 410 for 43 miles to the White River entrance to the park. Turn right onto Sunrise Road and follow it for five miles, then cross the White River and turn left onto the White River Road. Follow the road to its end at the White River Campground. The trailhead is at the upper end of the loop in the campground.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: National Park Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Burroughs Mountain

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

9 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,428 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

7,828 ft. Pass

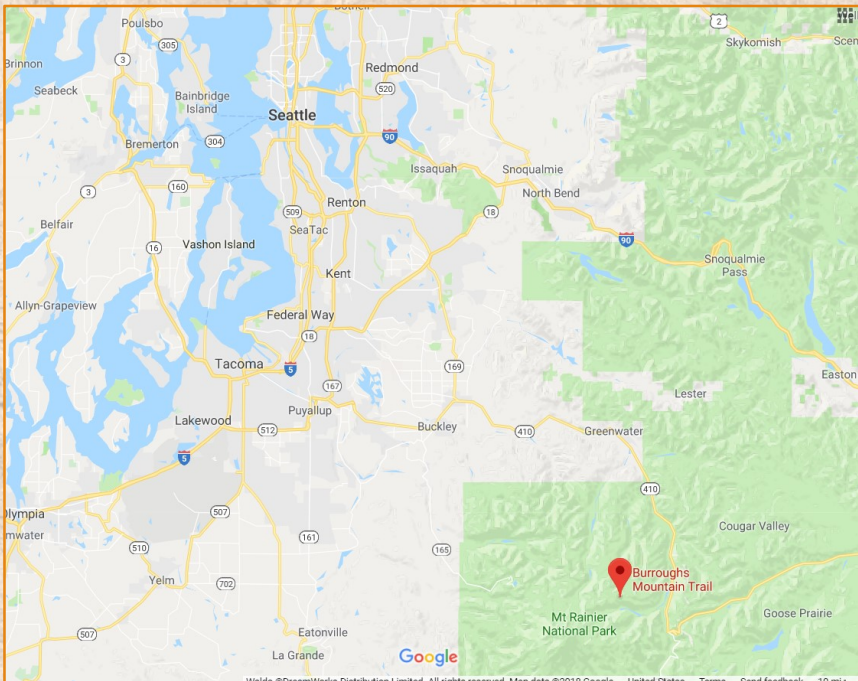
TRAILHEAD

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River Area

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Burroughs Mountain

Burroughs Mountain has been described as a mountain against a mountain. At over 7800 feet, Burroughs Mountain sets right up against the northeastern face of Mount Rainier, hugging the Winthrop Glacier. It offers one of the most dramatic views of Washington's largest volcano; the landscape atop Burroughs is both broad and barren, so there is little to inhibit full exposure.

Seemingly little plant life should survive this harsh, high-elevation terrain, yet the number of wildflower varieties which thrive with vibrant color on this hike may surprise you. Besides the floral displays in early summer, the wildlife seen atop this summit is a treat. Goats wander the hillsides, and chipmunks, marmots and pika skitter amongst the rocks, along the trail and atop each of the three peaks which define this long, tundra-like alpine mountain.

The trail can be accessed from the northwest corner of the Sunrise parking lot. Note that despite warm weather in the parking lot, there is often a snowfield into the early summer on the approach to First Burroughs. Assess the situation and use great caution with steep snow travel. If you feel unsure about the crossing, save the hike for later in the season.

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Burroughs Mountain

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the White River entrance to Mount Rainier National Park on Hwy 410, follow the road to its end and the Sunrise parking lot.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: National Park Pass

Toilets – At Sunrise Visitor Center

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Tongue Mountain

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

3 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 1,200 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

4,838 ft. Pass

TRAILHEAD

Tongue Mountain
(#294)

MAP

Green Trails No. 333
McCoy Peak

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Tongue Mountain

You'll be wagging your tongue over both the workout and the views after you enjoy this route. The workout comes by way of the last 0.75 mile to the summit, but you'll definitely earn the payoff you'll find at the top: stunning views of the Cispus River Valley and the peaks of the Dark Divide Roadless Area.

The trail heads north from the road, climbing just 400 feet in a mile. The path angles gently upward through sunlight-filled forests to a trail junction at 1 mile. While the main trail drops off to the left, descending to the Cispus River, our trail goes right.

Look for the faint path leading upward on the right, around the 4000-foot elevation level. This is the summit trail, leading up the last 0.5 mile to the top of Tongue Mountain (4838 feet). This last 838 feet of climbing is steep and, as you break out of the forest onto sun-drenched meadow slopes, hot! But from the summit you'll love the views out over the Cispus River Valley to the north and the many long arms of the Dark Divide, a network of high, wild ridges in the heart of the forest between Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens.

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Tongue Mountain

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Randle, drive 1 mile south on Forest Road 25 and then turn left (east) onto FR 23. Continue south on FR 23 for 9 miles, then turn right onto FR 28. Continue 1 mile and turn left onto FR 29. Four miles down FR 29, turn left onto FR 2904, and in another 4 miles look for the trailhead on the left (north) side of the road-opposite the Juniper Ridge Trail -at about 3600 feet elevation.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: National Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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Sunrise Peak

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

Highest Point:

5,892 ft. Pass

TRAILHEAD

Sunrise Peak (#262A)

Map

LENGTH

3 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

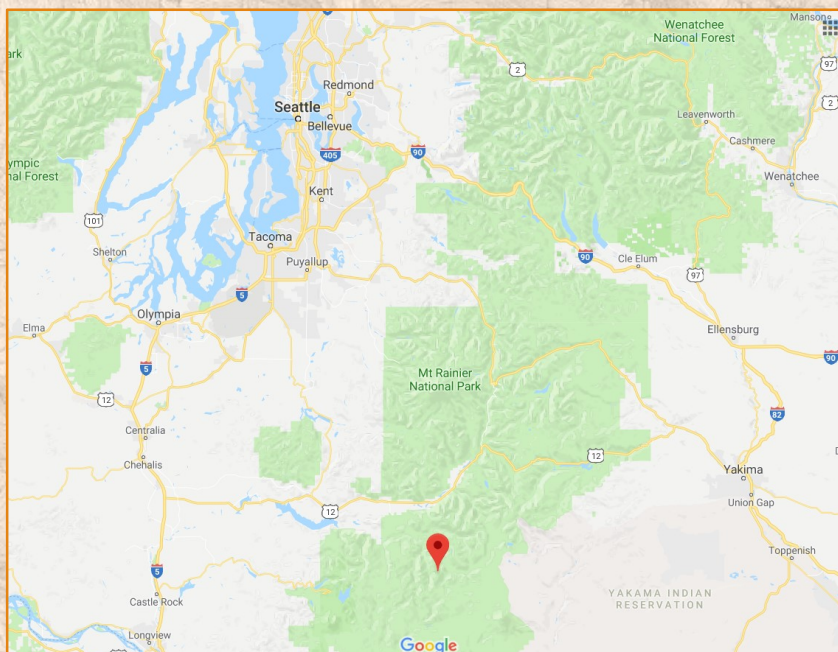
Gain: 1,400 ft. Pass

MAP

Green Trails No. 333
McCoy Peak

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Blue Lake

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Sunrise Peak

Jutting 5,892 feet into the air above the forested slopes of the surrounding hillsides, Sunrise Peak's rocky summit offers enterprising hikers some of the best early morning views of Mount Adams you can get in the state. If a sunrise hike is a tall order, don't worry. The views from Sunrise Peak are marvelous all day. Whether it's a cloudless sky, or fog shrouds the hillsides, you want to make sure you have your camera for this hike.

Though it's only a mile and a half to the summit, the trail is steep and in some places the tread is in less-than-optimal condition. Fortunately, plentiful vistas and overlooks make good places to catch your breath. Begin from the small parking lot, taking the trail that heads southwest along the shoulder of Sunrise Peak. The trail gets right down to business as you head uphill and into the dark forest. As you gain elevation, the close forest gives way to more open trees with wildflowers: beargrass, indian paintbrush, lupine, and yarrow, to highlight a few.

Tip: There are very few water sources here; the trail stays above most creeks or streams. If you decide to visit, be prepared to pack in as much water as you need for your trip.

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Sunrise Peak

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Randle, turn south onto FR 131. At the first major fork, take the left-hand branch, which is FR 23. Proceed along paved FR 23 for a little more than 23 miles to a junction with FR 2324. Turn onto gravel FR 2324 and proceed 5 miles, then turn left on spur road 063.

Go another quarter-mile up this steep, rough spur road to the small trailhead parking lot. The official name of the trail is the Sunrise Trail #262. The hiker-only route up to the peak is #262A.



Trailhead access limited: FR 23 washed out at milepost 11, access open from south

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: None

Toilets – Unknown

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Killen Creek

LOCATION

Highway 410

Mt Rainier

South Cascades

[Map](#)

LENGTH

10 miles roundtrip

ELEVATION

Gain: 2,300 ft. Pass

Highest Point:

6,900 ft. Pass

TRAILHEAD

Killen Creek (#113),
High Camp (#10)

MAP

Green Trails No. 367S
Mount Adams

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Killen Creek

Take this remote, flower-filled trail up the north side of Mount Adams to the rocky alpine terrain of giant glaciers.

The Killen Creek Trail will take you on a dry, dusty climb through open lodgepole forest for more than 2 miles, but this initial stretch is more than worth it to get to the land of glaciers. Patches of summer wildflowers—lupine, paintbrush, aster—flank the trail and increase in number as you approach tree line; meadows appear and the forest drops away as you climb up into the heather-clad sub-alpine.

When the route intersects the Pacific Crest Trail just after 3 miles, continue straight ahead. The path quickly changes from dusty to rocky, and soon you'll find yourself carefully picking your foot placement across some larger loose, rocky areas near a significant ledge. It gets a bit scrambly, but only for a few paces. Popping up around this area, the majestic world of Mount Adams' icy dressing will be right in front of you!

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Killen Creek

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Trout Lake, take FR 23 for approximately 24 miles to FR 2329. Pass Takhlakh Lake Campground and continue straight for just under 4.5 miles to the Killen Creek Trailhead. Check road conditions before departing.



FR 23 washed out at milepost 11, access is open only from south.

GENERAL NOTES:

Parking Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Toilets – Unknown

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