

***Olympic National Forest Recreation Report
PACIFIC RANGER DISTRICT – NORTH***



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Office Hours: Open Thursday – Monday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Closed around noon)
(Unless unforeseen situation requires other temporary closing)

CURRENT AS OF: October 8, 2004

FIRE CLOSURES

No fire closures at the current time.

CAMPGROUNDS

KLAHOWYA CLOSED

Fee: \$12: *55 campsites set in a beautiful temperate rain forest along the Sol Duc River.*

Available: Vault toilets, piped water, fire rings, tables, limited garbage pickup, Pioneer's Path interpretive trail, and river boat ramp to Sol Duc River. Electrical hookups are available for \$10 fee when Camp Host or FS employee is present. Located on US Highway 101, milepost 212, approximately 10 miles west of Lake Crescent. *Will close around late October, depending on weather.*

KLAHANIE CLOSED

Fee: \$5: *20 campsites among hemlock, maple, and large old spruce, moss, and ferns along the South Fork Calawah River.*

Available: Vault toilet, hand pump well, fire rings, tables, pack out garbage. Located 5 miles from Forks and Hwy 101 on FS Road 29.

DAY USE

KLOSHE NANITCH LOOKOUT OPEN

Panoramic views of Sol Duc Valley and Olympic Mountains including Mt. Olympus

Available: Reconstructed lookout replica of the historic cupula lookout. Short path and ramp into the lookout may require assistance for some visitors with disabilities. No water or electricity. Small parking lot, vault toilet, and picnic table. Pack out garbage.

Located 7 miles from Snider Work Center on FS Road 3040-595 *requires experienced back roads drivers and high clearance vehicles*. Road is not suitable for passenger cars, trailers, motorhomes, small pickups, or squeamish drivers. Hiking trails extend from lookout along ridge and down to Sol Duc River.

MORGAN'S CROSSING Boat launch on the glacier fed Hoh River

Available: Reduced service level: Vault toilets, riverboat ramp, and picnic area.

Located approximately 5 miles up the Hoh Road. No fee. If fishing, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife requires a fishing stamp at this location.

TRAILS

A Northwest Forest Pass is required year round for parking at Forest Service Trailheads. See last page of this report for details.

10 ESSENTIALS ARE NECESSARY! Map of area, compass, flashlight/with extra batteries, extra food, extra clothing, sunglasses, pocket knife, matches in waterproof container, candle or fire starter, first aid kit. Also, needed are good boots, good raingear, a leak proof tent and wool or polypropylene clothes to stay warm and dry. Weather changes rapidly in the Olympic Mountains. Don't forget wool gloves, and a hat. Anytime can be *Hypothermia Weather*. I*Internet Link www.nwac.noaa.gov

MOUNT MULLER LOOP Trail #882 12.8 miles loop trail passes through the moss covered trees and ferns of the Sol Duc Valley and along the wildflower fields of Snider Ridge, with spectacular views from Mt. Muller.

Conditions: 2002 maintenance is completed.

Remarks: Panoramic views of Sol Duc Valley, Lake Crescent, and Olympic Mountains including Mt. Olympus. Lower end of trail: Easy. Higher elevation of trail: Moderate to difficult trail for horses, hikers, and bicycles. Expect fluctuating snow levels.

KLOSHE NANITCH Trail #882.2 3.5 miles From near Klahowya Campground to Kloshe Nanitch Lookout.

Conditions: Maintained in 2003. Expect some down material and period snow till spring clean-out.

Remarks: Trail open. Lower end: Easy. From Milepost .5: More Difficult

BOGACHIEL Trail #825 1.7 miles Short trail in the Bogachiel River Valley to Park boundary and then extends for over 31 miles to Seven Lakes Basin Trail deep in the Park.
Conditions: Extensive storm damage. Expect down material until 3/2004.

Remarks: ROAD WASHED OUT TWO MILES BEFORE TRAILHEAD. Expect some activity. Trailhead improvements are on hold until road repaired.

PIONEER'S PATH Trail #884 0.3 mile Nature trail with interpretive signs. Trail begins inside of Klahowya Campground.

Conditions: Maintained.

Remarks: Trail provides easy accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

PYRAMID PEAK Trail #886 1.25 miles Moderate trail accesses Olympic National Park with spectacular views overlooking Lake Crescent.

Trailhead: M.P. 7 of Forest Road 3068 or North Shore Road, Lake Crescent. Extra 4 mile hike due to road washout. Road access proposed for closure in Forest ATM Plan.

RUGGED RIDGE Trail #883 0.3 mile short trail to Olympic National Park boundary, then continues in the Park connecting to the Bogachiel Trail.

Conditions: Last maintained 1998.

Remarks: Expect snow periodically.

LITTLE RIVER Trail #889 0.5 miles Short trail to Olympic National Park boundary. Trail continues in the Park to a junction with the Hurricane Hill Lookout Trail.

Conditions: Last maintained 5/01. Snow, vehicles can drive to 1.4 miles below lower trailhead. Route finding difficulties after upper/lower trail junction.

Remarks: Check avalanche conditions, carry 10 essentials, winter climbing skills and equipment necessary.

LAKES

LAKE (management by)	UNKNOWN	100% FROZEN	25% OPEN	50% OPEN	75% OPEN	100% OPEN
Lake Pleasant (Private)						X
Beaver Lake (Private)						X
Lake Crescent (ONP)						X

ROADS

FS Road #29 (Hunger Mtn. /"A" Road) OPEN

Conditions: Open

FS Road #2923

Conditions: Open

FS Road #2918 (S. Fk. Sol Duc)

Conditions: Closed at M.P. 12

FS Road #2932 (Undie Road) OPEN

Conditions: Road is open to the Bogachiel Trailhead

FS Road#30 (Bear Creek/West Twin) OPEN

Conditions: Road is in good condition and free of snow.

FS Road#3040 (Snider Ridge) OPEN

Conditions: Use caution. Road needs to be brushed. Six mi. proposed to be closed.

FS Road#3068 (Crescent Ridge) OPEN

Conditions: Use caution. Road needs to be brushed. Six mi. proposed to be closed.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NORTHWEST FOREST PASS: This Pass is good at most USDA Forest Service fee demonstration sites throughout Washington and Oregon and it will also be valid at some fee sites in the North Cascades National Park. The Northwest Forest Pass is only needed on the Olympic National Forest when parking at trailheads.

The annual Northwest Forest Pass is \$30.00 and the daily Northwest Forest Pass is \$5.00. The annual pass will be valid for one year from the month of purchase. The passes are sold at all Forest Service offices, numerous retail outlets throughout the State, via the Internet, and by telephone.

Check the weather report before hiking and always be prepared for extremes from hot fire danger conditions to cold, wet weather. Expect some blowdown or rock debris on roads and trails. Be prepared. Drive with caution: Contact the office for current road conditions. Some roads have washouts and there be downed trees or rocks on roadway.

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS: Permits for firewood and Special Forest Products for evergreen foliage (firewood, salal, etc.) on the Pacific Ranger District are available at the Forks and Quinalt offices on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Some areas and products are restricted. Permits are available between 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Check at the Forks Office for the current price and the areas available on the North end of the Pacific Ranger District.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR INFORMATION CURRENT: REPORT ALL WASHOUTS, PLUGGED CULVERTS, AND OTHER ROAD AND TRAIL CONDITIONS TO ANY OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST OFFICE. The Pacific Ranger District, Forks Office phone is (360) 374-6522. The Forks ONF Visitor Information Center is 374-7566. Conditions may also be reported on our website under General Information: Suggestions/Comments

OTHER AGENCIES

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK... www.nps.gov

Contact the Olympic National Park for conditions of the following facilities in the Forks area: *Call (360) 565-3130 before visit.

KALALOCH CAMPGROUND: OPEN YEAR ROUND
OZETTE CAMPGROUND: * Closes during low visitor use
MORA CAMPGROUND: OPEN YEAR ROUND
RIALTO BEACH DAY USE: OPEN YEAR ROUND
FAIRHOLM CAMPGROUND: * Closes during low visitor use
SOL DUC CAMPGROUND: * Closes during low visitor use

Golden Access (no charge), Golden Age (one-time \$10 fee), and Golden Eagle (\$65) Passports are available at the Forks Recreation Information Center.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS - FORKS AREA www.access.wa.gov/

Contact the Washington State Parks for conditions of the following facilities in the Forks area:

BOGACHIEL State Park: OPEN YEAR ROUND
RESERVATIONS: 1-800-452-5687. INFORMATION: 1-800-233-0321

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Contact: (360) 374-6131

EVENTS

From time to time, the Olympic National Forest will host special events through out the coming year.

The Lake Quinault Interpretive Schedule is posted at Lake Quinault Lodge and the Quinault Office, or call (360) 288-2525 for the latest interpretive activities.