RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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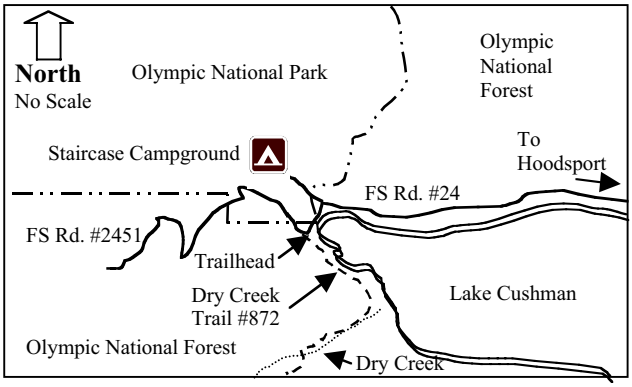
Dry Creek Trail #872

Recommended Season
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

Hood Canal District – Hoodsport Office
150 N. Lake Cushman Rd. P.O. Box 68
Hoodsport, WA 98548 (360) 877-5254

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to Hoodsport. Turn onto SR 119, travel 9.0 miles to the junction with FS Road #24. Turn left and travel 6 miles to FS Road #2451. Turn left and drive across the causeway over the North Fork Skokomish River. Drive approximately 100 yards to trailhead located on left side of the road.



FACILITIES: There is a large area on the roadside for parking. The beginning of the trail is gated (private property), so please don't park in front of the gate. There are no facilities at the trailhead. Toilets are available at Bear Gulch Picnic Area (just beyond the causeway on FS Rd. #24).

SETTING: Trail starts on a private road, then meanders through the woods and along the lake shore to a viewpoint where Mt. Rose is visible. ***Once you leave the road, you continue through private land for another .25 mile. Please stay on the trail while traveling this section of trail.*** Old growth forest starts approximately 4.0 miles up Dry Creek.

TRAIL INFORMATION: This trail follows the shore of Lake Cushman and is flat for 1.4 miles then turns and begins to climb to a junction with a lake access trail (keep right). The trail then follows an abandoned/overgrown road to a campsite near the Dry Creek crossing. After crossing Dry Creek, bear right and climb steeply before entering an old growth forest. The trail continues to climb to the pass between Dry Mountain and Prospect Ridge. At this point the trail levels out, then descends to FS Road #2352-200. This trail is considered easy along the shore of Lake Cushman but then becomes difficult due to steeper grades.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead	0.0	750'
End of private road	0.4	750'
Jct. w/lake access trail	1.4	907'
Dry Creek crossing (Foot Log Bridge (bridge is damaged, do not cross), switchbacks begin	4.2	1,543'
Dry Mountain/Prospect Ridge Pass	6.5	3,700'
End of Trail (FS Road #2353-200)	7.0	3,200'

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, backpacking, wildlife observation, and scenery.

Practice LEAVE NO TRACE techniques during your hike.

CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles prohibited.

TOPO MAPS: Mt. Skokomish-Lake Cushman Custom Correct Map or Mt. Tebo USGS Quad.

***PASS NOT REQUIRED**: A Northwest Forest Pass is NOT REQUIRED at this trailhead.*

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