



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Recommended Season

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

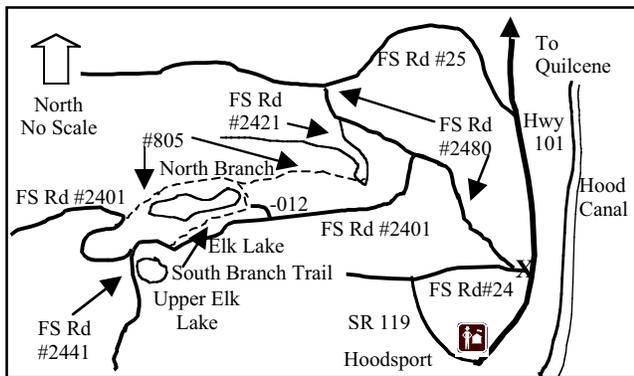


Elk Lake Trail #805

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

ACCESS: Note: FS Road #24 (Jorsted Creek Rd.) is closed 1 mile west of US Highway 101 due to a washout. Travel Highway 101 to FS Road #25 (Hamma Hamma Recreation Area) 14 miles north of Hoodsport. Turn west on FS Road #25 and drive 6.5 miles to the junction of

For a loop hike, continue along the FS Rd. #2401 to the north branch of trail and return to the trailhead.



Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead (Rd.#2401-012)	0.0	1,100'
South Branch Trail (Left Fork) to Cedar Creek (south shore of lake)	0.25	1,150'
Road #2401	0.27	1,180'
Trailhead to North Branch Trail (across bridge)	0.2	1,100'
Jefferson Ridge FS Road #2421 (right fork of North Branch Trail)	1.1	1,100'
FS Road #2401 (left fork of North Branch Trail – north shore of lake)	0.7	1,200'

FS Rd. #2480. Then turn left and travel 3 miles to the FS Rd. #2401 and turn right on FS #2401, then go 2.5 miles to FS Rd. #2401-012. See Note under “Facilities.”

North Branch of Trail: Hike for a short distance to a junction, go right and cross Jefferson Creek, this will lead to the North Branch of the Elk Lake Trail.

FACILITIES: Small parking area and toilet at trailhead. The trailhead is located at the bottom of a fairly steep spur road –012 off of FS Road #2401. Note: Instead of driving the steep spur road, you can park on the side of the road and walk to the trailhead.

Right fork of North Branch Trail: This fork goes through a second growth stand of timber and older stands of Douglas-fir, Hemlock, and Pacific madrone. This portion of trail meets FS Road #2421 (Jefferson Ridge Road).

SETTING: This trail has both old and second growth forests and views of Jefferson Creek Drainage area.

Left fork of North Branch Trail: The left fork travels along the edge of Elk Lake and through old growth forest and ends 0.7 miles at FS Road #2401.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Left Fork to Cedar Creek (from the –012 spur): Follow the trail for a short distance to a junction, go left and the trail leads to the south shore of Elk Lake, through old growth forest to Cedar Creek, where the trail pops up to FS Rd. #2401. There are several campsites along the lake in this area.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, fishing, wildlife observation, bird watching, and camping.

CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

TOPO MAPS: Mount Skokomish-Lake Cushman Custom Correct Map.

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PASS REQUIRED: A NW Forest Pass or a Golden Passport (Eagle, Age or Access) is required on each vehicle parked at trailhead. Day & Annual NW Passes are available at FS offices and vendors, but not at trailheads.