



# RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

## Olympic National Forest

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### Buckhorn Wilderness

**Recommended Season**  
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

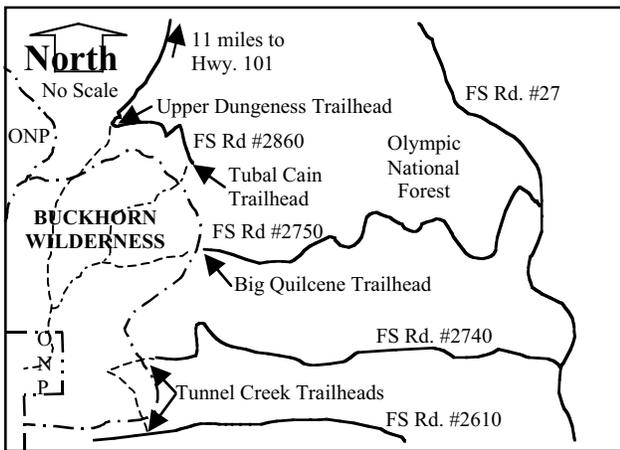


Hood Canal Ranger District – Quilcene Office  
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Quilcene, WA 98376 (360) 765-2200

**SIZE:** 44,258 acres

**KEY ACCESS POINTS:**

- F.S. Roads 2610, 2740, 2750 & 2860
- Upper Dungeness Trail #833
- Big Quilcene Trail #833
- Tubal Cain Trail #840
- Tunnel Creek Trail #841



**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Buckhorn Wilderness has excellent opportunities for backpacking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, hunting, hiking, camping, viewing wildlife, and fishing.

Over 67 miles of trail provide access to this Wilderness. The Gray Wolf Trail #834, Upper Dungeness Trail #833, Big Quilcene Trail #833 Tubal Cain Trail #840 and Tunnel Creek Trail #842 are the main trails providing access through the Wilderness. Most of the trails are open to stock. Check at the nearest Forest Service office for trail closures.

Wilderness visitors should always carry rain gear and adequate clothing, food, and backpacking equipment. Proper boots and clothing should be worn. Practice **LEAVE NO TRACE** techniques during your wilderness trip.

**TOPO MAPS:** Tyler Peak USGS Quad or Buckhorn Wilderness Custom Correct Map.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Buckhorn Wilderness is located in the northeast portion of the Olympic National Forest. A patented mining claim involving 216 acres of private land is within the Wilderness. This Wilderness, the largest on the Forest, includes very steep terrain ranging in elevation from 1,000 feet near the Gray Wolf River, to the summit of Mt. Fricaba at 7,134 feet. Other major peaks include Buckhorn Mountain, 6,988', Iron Mountain, 6,950', and Tyler Peak 6,350'. Barren ridges and steep, rocky cliffs and peaks are common in the higher elevations. Stands of old-growth Douglas-fir, western hemlock, and western red cedar blanket the lower slopes. At the higher elevations, subalpine fir and western white pine give way to alpine meadows.

The Gray Wolf, Dungeness and Big Quilcene Rivers are the major streams in the Wilderness.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

**PASS REQUIRED:** A Northwest Forest Pass is required on all vehicles parked at trailheads. \$5 Day Pass & \$30 Annual Pass are available at FS offices and vendors. Passes are not available at trailheads.

**FIRE CLOSURE:** Fires above 3,500 feet elevation are prohibited within the wilderness. (FIRES ARE PROHIBITED AT BUCKHORN, SILVER, GOAT, HARRISON, AND CHARILIA LAKES).

**GROUP SIZE:** Groups consisting of more than 12 persons and/or 8 livestock are prohibited within the wilderness.