

Olympic National Forest Recreation Report
HOOD CANAL RANGER DISTRICT – SOUTH



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Summer Season: Open 7 days/week Mid-May to Mid-September

Winter Season: Open Monday through Fridays, closed holidays

24 hour kiosk information board

CURRENT AS OF: October 22, 2004

FIRE CLOSURES

No Closures at this time.

DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS

BIG CREEK CLOSED \$10 25 campsites *Secluded campsites in busy Lake Cushman area*

Available: Vault toilet, well, fire rings, tables, picnic shelter, 1.1 mile and 4.0 loop trails begin in the campground, pack out garbage. Located 9 miles from Hoodsport on SR 119, turn left at the T, campground is on the right.

Remarks: Potable water during camping season. Closed for the season

BROWN CREEK OPEN Sites 1-6 \$10 *Peaceful location near South Fork Skokomish River*

Available: Fire rings, tables, nature trail, pack out garbage. Located 15 miles Northwest of Hwy 101 via the Skokomish Valley Road and FS Rds. 23/2353/2340.

Remarks: Site 1-6 open year round. No potable water during winter season.

COHO CLOSED \$12 56 campsites (10 walk-in) Boat ramp-Closed *Scenic Wynoochee Reservoir.*

Available: Flush toilets, piped water, fire rings, tables, trailer dump, garbage pickup, paved road in campground, boat ramp, lakeshore and interpretive trail. Tacoma Power Dam/River info: 1-888-502-8690. Remote area, the closest services in Montesano 35 mile away (including 15 miles of gravel road). **Remarks:** Use caution, log truck traffic on road from Montesano to Nat'l Forest Boundary. Reservoir is open for fishing (see WA fishing regulations).

COLLINS CLOSED \$10 16 campsites *Quiet location along Duckabush River*

Available: Vault toilet, well, fire rings, tables, pack out garbage. 5 miles from Hwy 101 on FSRd.2510

Remarks: **Hazard Warning-** River contains swift water, rapids and waterfalls- River is not floatable. Use extreme caution. **No potable water, water available at nearby Interrorem Cabin.**

HAMMA HAMMA *CLOSED* \$10 15 campsites *Scenic Hamma Hamma River*

Available: Vault toilet, well, fire rings, tables, CCC Interpretive trail, pack out garbage. Located 6 miles from Hwy 101 on FS Rd. 25. **Remarks:** No potable water. Closed for the season.

LEBAR HORSE CAMP *CLOSED* \$10 13 campsites. *Tranquil setting in old growth forest.*

Available: Vault toilet, well, fire rings, tables, covered picnic shelter, stock unloading ramp, hitches for stock, pack out garbage. 15 miles Northwest of Hwy 101 via the Skokomish Valley Road and FS Rds. 23/2353 **Remarks:** Campers with stock only. No potable water available. Closes for the season October 6.

LENA CREEK *CLOSED* \$10 16 campsites *Scenic Hamma Hamma River.*

Available: Vault toilet, hand pump well, fire rings, tables, pack out garbage. Located 8 miles from Hwy 101 on FS Rd. 25 near Lena Lake Trailhead.

Remarks: Potable water available. Closed for the season.

RUSTIC CAMPING AREAS

CHETWOOT *Open No Fee Wynoochee Recreation Area*

Remarks: Boat-in or Hike-in only. Primitive-no facilities. Boat Launch at Coho Campground-*closed*

ELK LAKE *Open Parking Fee 3 mile at trailhead. Southwest of Fs Rd #2480 on FS Road #2401*

Available: One vault toilet. **Remarks:** NW Forest Pass or Golden Passport required for parking.

JEFFERSON LAKE *Open Six miles West of FS Rd. #2480 on #2401*

Remarks: Primitive-No facilities. Short steep trail from 2401 Road to Lake.

LANEY CAMP *Open- hike in, the access road is closed due to erosion from the river No Fee South Fork Skokomish Area , off FS Road #2361.*

Remarks: Located in the Upper So. Fork Skokomish Rec. area near Church Crk. Shelter. Toilet, fire rings, and tables. **Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.**

LENA LAKE *Open Parking Fee Hamma Hamma Recreation Area*

Available: Hike-in Access via Lena Lake Trail #810, no potable water. Backcountry camp, 28 campsites, composting toilet, fire ring.

Remarks: NW Forest Pass or Golden Passport required for parking at trailhead. Must be purchased in advance.

OXBOW *CLOSED for the season No Fee 14 miles NW of Hwy 101 off Skokomish Valley Rd to Fs Rd. #23*

Available: Vault toilets and fire rings

Remarks: Camping and motorized vehicles in designated areas only. Gravel bar and river area closed to overnight camping and motorized vehicles.

PINE LAKE *Open No Fee Upper South Fork Skokomish River Basin*

Available: Hike-in, no facilities. Pack out all garbage.

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. Road 2361-21 converted to trail - 3 mile hike.

SPIDER LAKE *Open Eight miles west of Brown Creek Campground on Road #23.*

Remarks: No facilities

WYNOOCHEE FALLS *Open No Fee Wynoochee Recreation Area off FS Road # 2270*

Remarks: Short hike-in from road. Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

DAY USE

BEAR GULCH PICNIC AREA *OPEN No Fee Access to Lake Cushman and the North Fork Skokomish River*

Available: Vault toilets, picnic tables, wayside interpretive sign.

Remarks: No overnight camping or fires.

INTERROREM PICNIC *Open Duckabush Recreation Area*

Available: 3 picnic tables, vault toilets, trailhead for Interrorem Interpretive Trail (Wheelchair accessible with assistance) and the Ranger Hole Trail. Potable water is available year round.

Remarks: Northwest Forest Pass or Golden Passport is required for parking at the trailhead.

LAKE CUSHMAN RECREATION AREA *Open No Fee Access to lake along Staircase Road.*

Available: Port-a-potties in the summer months

Remarks: **Day Use Only** No overnight camping or fires. Parking daily from 6 a.m to 10 a.m.

HISTORIC RENTAL CABINS

HAMMA HAMMA *\$40/NIGHT 6 people max. Tranquil location in Hamma Hamma Rec. Area*

Facilities: Historic Cabin built by the Civilian Conservation Corp in 1937. No electricity, **No Water, No shower—only toilet.** Two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room, propane heater, refrigerator, cook range, and lights. Propane is furnished. Vault toilet, fire ring, picnic table, pack out garbage.

Located 6 miles from Hwy 101 off FS Rd. 25. Four-wheel drive vehicle recommended during winter-access to the cabin may require snowshoes or skis.

Remarks: Reservations can be made by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777 or over the Internet at

www.reserveusa.com

INTERROREM *\$30/NIGHT 4 people max. Quiet location in Duckabush Rec. Area*

Facilities: Log cabin with kitchen, living room and bedroom. No electricity. Propane heater, refrigerator, cook range, and lights. Propane is furnished. Vault toilet, **hand pump well water**, fire ring, picnic table, pack out garbage. Located 4 miles from Hwy 101 on FS Rd. 2510.

Remarks: Reservations can be made by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777 or over the Internet at

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TRAILS-

Trail users: please report any condition updates at any Olympic National Forest office or on our website under Important Information: Comments/ Suggestions.

What's New: The Golden Passport (Golden Eagle, Age & Access) are now accepted in National Forests where a day-use fee is charged to recreate. On the Olympic National Forest, they can now be used for trailhead parking. If you have one of the Golden Passports, you do not need the Northwest Forest Pass. The Golden Eagle costs \$65 a year, while the other two passports are limited to individuals 62 years of older (Golden Age); or those who have permanent disabilities (Golden Access)

10 ESSENTIALS ARE NECESSARY! Map of area, compass, flashlight/with extra batteries, extra food, extra clothing, sunglasses, picket 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

BIG CREEK LOWER LOOP Trail #827 1.1 miles Campground Nature Trail.

Conditions: Maintained 6/04.

Remarks: Campground is closed Park outside of campground gate- please do not block the gate. A Northwest Forest Pass or Golden Passport is required for parking at this trailhead when the campground is open.

BIG CREEK UPPER LOOP Trail #827.1 4.3-mile loop trail through Big Creek Basin.

Conditions: Maintained, excellent condition.

Remarks: Campground is closed. Park outside of campground gate- please do not block the gate.. Connecting trail completed from Loop Trail to Lower Ellinor Trail. Wonderful view of Lake Cushman from connecting trail at 1 mile. Hiker can travel from Big Creek Campground to Mt. Ellinor Summit 6.2 miles (see conditions for Mt. Ellinor Trail). A Northwest Forest Pass or Golden Passport is required for parking at this trailhead when the campground is open..

BROWN CREEK Trail #877 0.8 miles Beaver Pond Nature Trail-Interpretive Trail.

Conditions: Fair to excellent condition. 9/30/04

Remarks: Portion of trail nearest to 2340 road and hand pump well is wheelchair accessible.

CHURCH CREEK Trail #871 3.5 miles Along Church Creek to Satsop Lakes.

Conditions: Route finding difficulties from pass down to Satsop Lakes not maintained, several large trees across trail. Recently adopted by the Olympia Mountaineers. 10/04

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

CHURCH CREEK SHELTER Trail #870 0.7 miles Short trail to Church Creek Shelter.

Conditions: Brushed and opened to the shelter. 09/21/04.

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

DRY CREEK Trail #872 8.2 miles 750'-3,700' Trail goes from the lakeshore of Lake Cushman to the 2353-200 spur in the S.F. Skokomish Rec. Area. First 1.4 makes an excellent family day hike. The beginning of the trail crosses through private property, please stay on the trail.

Conditions: Cleared for 4.3 miles from the Cushman side by USFS 7/04. 8 trees across trail beyond 4.2 miles with one 4 foot log with steps cut into it at 1 and ¼ mile on the S.F. Skokomish side of trail. Easy for hikers to cross. **Remarks:** Dry Creek Bridge at 4.2 miles is missing (look for creek crossing when creek is low). Trail in good condition to 4.2 miles Portion of 2353-200 road was converted to trail 8/04 add 1 mile to hike for total 8.2 miles Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

DRY CREEK EXTENSION Trail #872.1 2353-300 Road has been decommissioned and converted to trail.

Conditions: Trail is semi horse friendly. Area is stabilizing- work will be done in 2005 to make it useable for stock. 10/04 Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

DUCKABUSH Trail #803 6.7 mile 270'-1,750'-1,300. Good day hike to Big Hump 1,750' at 4 mi.

Conditions: At 3.5 miles in, on Big Hump, a tree with rootwad took out 15-20' of trail--it has been repaired. Trail is very difficult for stock and is recommended for experienced stock users only. 8/9/04

Remarks: Twenty trees down on trail between trailhead and Upper Duckabush Camp. Trail is washed out in creek 1 mile past Ten Mile. This stopped a party of Llamas. Trail is not stock passable past the park boundary. Tree giant trees down (5 ft.) near Ten Mile. 07/01/04

ELK LAKE Trail #805 1.1 miles - Old growth along trail. Can make a loop by hiking on 2401 road.

Conditions: Trail is brushed. 06/25/04

Remarks: Please practice "Leave no Trace" Trail reconstruction in progress 10/6/04.

HAMMA HAMMA BEAVER POND Trail #815 0.03 nature trail around pond. Bench overlooking pond for wildlife viewing.

Conditions: Cleared of all logs and brushed by volunteer crew. 7/15/04

Remarks:

INTERROREM INTERPRETIVE TRAIL Trail #804 0.25-mile interpretive trail. Trail wheelchair accessible with assistance. Take a step back in time to the early 1900's when Historic Interrorem Cabin was built and Forest Ranger Emery Finch brought his bride to live in the Duckabush Valley.

Conditions: Excellent short family hike.

Remarks: Handicap accessible trail. Interrorem Cabin is occupied by renters, please respect their privacy. www.reserveusa.com to make reservations.

JEFFERSON PASS Trail #800 1.1 miles 3,000'-3,850' Trail ends in timber. Climbing route beyond trail is very steep, cliffy and dangerous, requiring climbing gear, knowledge, and experience using climbing gear. **Conditions:**

Remarks: *Climbers route.* Most climbers use Rt. 1-A for Mt. Washington, an easier route. See Rd. #2419 for access.

JEFFERSON RIDGE Trail #808 1.6 miles 2,300 - 3,832' Trail offers a view of the Olympic Mountains, Hood Canal, Mt. Rainier, and Cascade Mountains.

Conditions: The trail is in good condition. Only one tree down over the trail; an old withered white snag; easy to step over. This is a steep trail that leads to the site of the former fire tower on Jefferson Ridge 3,900 ft elevation. The view is stunning! 06/18/04 Please practice "Leave No Trace."

Remarks: Very steep, extremely rocky access road, sturdy tires recommended.

JUPITER RIDGE Trail #809 7.2 miles 2,000'-5,701' **Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.** Hikers may walk the road 2.5 miles to the trailhead. Road is narrow, steep and rocky (use caution) and goes through private land. Several viewpoints overlooking the Duckabush Valley, viewing The Brothers and Mt. Jupiter. The trail enters The Brothers Wilderness at 5.6 miles, 3,950' elevation. Beyond the Wilderness Boundary the trees thin and fantastic views open up of the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound. **NO OPEN FIRES ABOVE 3,500' IN WILDERNESS**

Conditions: Trail snow free, in excellent condition. Lakes are thawed 7/04. **Remarks:**

Recommend 3 liters of water per person through summer.

LENA LAKE Trail #810 3.0 miles 650'-1,900' A well maintained trail with moderate grade with long switchbacks. Excellent for family hike, or first time backpacking trip.

Conditions: Trail is in good shape to the campground.

Remarks: Keep a clean camp. Please practice "Leave No Trace."

LIVING LEGACY INTERPRETIVE Trail #802 1.5 mile Loop Trail begins in the Hamma Hamma Campground. Signs interpret the Civilian Conservation Corps work in the Hamma Hamma area in the 1930's.

Conditions: Good shape. 7/04

Remarks: 0.25 mile handicap accessible trail along river.

MILDRED LAKES Trail #822 4.5 miles 1,800-3,900' Extremely steep, difficult way trail. Trail provides access to Mt. Skokomish Wilderness.

Conditions: Trail is a boot beaten path and is well marked and in good shape.

Remarks: Campfires above 3,500' are prohibited. Use "Leave no Trace" ethics. Bring a trowel to dig a "cat hole" for human wastes. Pack it in, Pack it out. 8/25/04

MT ELLINOR Trail #812 3.0 miles from lower trailhead 2,500-5,944', 1.7 miles from upper trailhead 3500-5944' Scenic ascent with panoramic views.

Conditions: Summer trail is open, snowed 10/18 at 3,200' elevation.

Remarks: Check weather **forecast**- Carry 10 essentials. Bring lots of water, sunscreen, sunglasses and be prepared for being on a mountain summit and quickly changing weather conditions. See road condition report.

MT. ROSE Trail #814 2.9 miles to summit via summit route, 6.4 round trip mileage. 800'-4,300' Trail is in the Mt. Skokomish Wilderness. Peek-a-boo views of Lake Cushman, Prospect Ridge, Dow Mountain and Lightning Peak may be seen on ascent. Trail travels through quiet, old growth forest, and from ridge loop trail, views of Bear Gulch Valley, Mt. Ellinor, Mt. Washington, Mt. Pershing, and the distant Huckleberry drainage may be seen.

Conditions: Trail in great shape. 09/20/04

Remarks: Route to the right (ridge route) is marked to the ridge with orange diamonds in the trees. Trail is extremely steep and is very hard on the legs coming down. Ice axe when snow is present, good hiking boots and the ten essentials are highly recommended.

MT. WASHINGTON CLIMBING ROUTES Commonly used Route 1-A is a 4-5 hour climb from road to summit. Bring good boots, helmets, climbing rope, ice axe, crampons and 10 essentials.

Conditions: Check weather and avalanche forecast. Take 2419 road to start of climbing route (see road report for road conditions).

Remarks: *This is a climbing route and there is no trail register.* Climbers may register at the Hood Canal Ranger Station in box on outside of building. Make sure you sign in when returning.

MURHUT FALLS Trail #828 0.8 mile 800-1050' Moderate hike to beautiful waterfall in Duckabush Rec. Area. **Conditions:** Trail has been cleared and brushed by U.S.F.S. 7/04

Remarks: Protect the vegetation and beauty, stay on trail at falls area. Trail has one narrow spot near the falls. Please pack home all trash.

RANGER HOLE Trail #824 0.8 mile Good short day hike. Easy until last 500', then steep descent to the river. **Conditions:** Trail is good to the river. 06/14/04 **HAZARD WARNING:** River contains swift water, rapids, and waterfalls. **Remarks:** **River is not floatable.** Use extreme caution in or near the water.

PUTVIN TRAIL Trail #813 3.7 miles 1,530'-4,880' Wilderness-Extremely steep way trail beyond 2.2 miles. Trail leads to Lake of the Angels (ONP) - **STOVES ONLY** above 3,500' elevation, bear canisters recommended at lake.

Conditions: Forest Service section of trail is in good condition.

Remarks: This trail is not recommended for those with a fear of heights.

THE BROTHERS Trail #821 3.0 miles 1,800'-3,100' Wilderness - lush green moss covered valley.

Conditions: Thanks to the Washington Trails Association, 16 down logs have been removed from The Brothers Trail 9/20/04. Washouts remain on the trail, use caution. Trail may be difficult to travel during high water. **Remarks:** Oh Brother Fire area from 1999 is unstable and climbers of the Brothers Peak are advised to stay to route 1 up the South Peak and avoid all other routes.

THE BROTHERS CLIMBING ROUTE 3,100'-6,866' Wilderness - **Helmets, Ice Axe, crampons and rope recommended for climb.**

Conditions: Two patches of snow remain on the South Route 7/04. Lots of loose rock, helmets needed. Ice axes recommended year round either for snow, or to help stabilize yourself in the rock scree. Check weather and avalanche forecast

Remarks: Oh Brother Fire area from 1999 is unstable and climbers of the Brothers Peak are advised to stay to route 1 up the South Peak and avoid all other routes. Hikers/climbers traveling to or staying at The Brothers base camp need to avoid the fire area as area is unstable.

SOUTH FORK SKOKOMISH-LOWER Trail #873 10.9 miles 800-1,250' Trail meanders through ancient forest as it parallels the South Fork Skokomish River.

Conditions: Trail is maintain the entire distance and is in excellent condition. Hikers; *during low water*, use the river ford at the old stock ford 8.5 miles, or look for crossing on the log jam. Stock; use new river ford near Laney Camp, this a permanent change. From the crossing, horses stay on the south side of the river to the upper trailhead. Use caution. 8/26/04 See remarks for big bridge closure..

Remarks: Note for stock—The river has taken out the Camp Comfort meadow. Footlog across river ¼ mile below Camp Harps is eroded and lying on a 45 degree angle, it is taped off and posted closed. It is potentially very dangerous and should not be crossed. *During low water*, hikers cross river above Laney Camp @ former stock crossing.

SOUTH FORK SKOKOMISH- UPPER Trail #873.1 5.0 miles 1,300'-2,980' This trail wanders through old growth forest and crosses the South Fork Skokomish River and other streams several times before reaching an old avalanche chute at approximately 1.8 miles. May be difficult for stock. Trail closed to stock at park boundary.

Conditions: Four large trees down ¼ mile before the park boundary 8/25/04 Stock turn around at 4 miles at the last creek crossing, no other turn around point before the blocking trees.

Remarks: **Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.** River closed to fishing between Church Creek and Rule Creek (check WA State Fishing Regs) Trail becomes a way trail at the Park boundary, Six Ridge Trail was logged out 8/10/04.

SPIDER LAKE # 879 1.9 Miles. This trail loops around Spider Lake through a lovely old-growth forest.

Conditions

Remarks: One large tree is difficult to get over. 06/24/04

SPOON CREEK FALLS Trail #885 0.3 mile This is an excellent trail for a short family day hike. Trail leads to two viewpoints of picturesque Spoon Creek Waterfall. The lower view takes you to the base of the falls and the swimming area. **Remarks:** Short, but steep.

WORKING FOREST NATURE TRAIL 0.25 mile Begins in Loop B of Coho Campground. Interpretive signs guide forest visitors through this scenic area.

Conditions: Cleared of logs, brushy in spots. 5/03

Remarks: Campground is open.

WYNOOCHEE Trail #874 Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

Conditions: Cleared by ONP, summer of 2002.

Remarks: River crossings in ONP difficult in bad weather.

WYNOOCHEE LAKE SHORE Trail #878 16.0 miles Trail begins at the north end of Coho Campground and travels mainly through second growth forest.

Conditions: Upper section along river has been rerouted around washouts. Trail is in good shape, but still needs to be logged out. 7/23/04

Remarks: At the head of the lake, the trail continues up river and crosses the river on bridges. If fording the river at the head of the lake, use caution and ford only during low water.

LAKES

LAKE	CONDITION UNKNOWN	100% FROZEN	25% OPEN	50% OPEN	75% OPEN	100% OPEN
Discovery Lake	X					
Ellinor Lake	X		-	-		
Lower Elk Lake		-				X
Upper Elk Lake		-				X
Goober Pond						X
Jefferson Lake		-				X
Jupiter Lakes	-		-	-	-	X
Klone Lakes	-	-			-	X
Lower Lena Lake				-	-	X
Mildred Lake #1	-	-		-		X
Mildred Lake #2	-			-		X
Mildred Lake #3	-			-		X
Murdock Lake	X					
Pine Lake						X
Satsop Lake	-					X
Snow Lake	-	-				X
Spider Lake						X
Lake Wynoochee		-				X

ROADS

Use caution traveling forest roads. To help have a safe, enjoyable trip, make sure your vehicle is in good operating condition, carry a road map of the area, bring extra food and clothing, carry a shovel, chains, and a bag of sand. Always let someone know your plans and stick to those plans. Enjoy your stay in the forest, and return home safely. Check the weather forecast, and avoid traveling during storms.

FS Road #22 Wynoochee to Hwy 101/Quinault “Donkey Creek RD OPEN

Conditions: Heavy truck traffic to Pacific R.D. Boundary- use extreme caution. **Remarks:** Road is open from Wynoochee Lake to Hwy 101.

FS Road #22 Montesano to Wynoochee CONSTRUCTION

Conditions: Federal Highway Construction Project (30 minute delays)/.

Remarks: Construction traffic, use extreme caution.

FS Road #22-400 Lower Wynoochee CLOSED-Simpson truck traffic

Conditions:

Remarks: Wildlife gate – Simpson Timber Company

Cougar-Smith Road Simpson Timber OPEN

Conditions: Heavy truck traffic- use extreme caution.

FS Road #2260 Simpson's 600 Road OPEN

Conditions: Narrow-

Remarks: Watch out for heavy truck traffic.

FS Road #2270 to Wynoochee Falls (eastside) CLOSED

Conditions: Road is rough and potholed. Road washed out after Wynoochee Falls at MP 9.8
10/24/03

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

FS Road #2270 Loop Road West side(Gate MP 6.1) CLOSED

Conditions: Passable to the Wynoochee Pass trailhead. 07/09/04. Road is narrow, steep and rough in places. High clearance 4X4 vehicle recommended.

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

FS Road #2294 Loop Road (Gated MP 10.5 and 5.1) CLOSED

Conditions: Washed out on Trout Creek side. 6/17/02

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

FS Road #23 Camp Govey to Brown Crk. OPEN

Conditions: The first 1.5 mi. of road, as you leave the Skokomish Valley is rough.
Remarks:

FS Road #23 Brown Creek to Spider Lake OPEN

Conditions: Gravel road, narrow spot 1.3 mi. before lake **Remarks:** Open to Wynoochee Rec Area

FS Road #23 Spider Lake to Wynoochee OPEN

Conditions: Road has a few rough spots. **Remarks:** Water bars installed during winter and early spring months. Open to Wynoochee Rec Area

FS Road #2340 (1250) to High Steel Bridge OPEN

Conditions: Rough roadway.

Remarks: Truck traffic log haul-use caution.

FS Road #2340-200 CONSTRUCTION

Conditions: Stabilization work begins August 6, 2004- **Remarks:** Travel may not be possible during construction..

FS Road #2340-250 OPEN

Conditions: Road is rough to Dennie Ahl Lookout.

FS Road #2340-300

CONSTRUCTION

Conditions: Stabilization work begins August 6, 2004

Remarks: Travel may not be possible during construction.

FS Road #2340-400 Prospect Ridge

OPEN

Conditions: No recent report **Remarks:** Rough, rocks, slides and water bars.

FS Road #2341 (S-800 W)

GATED

Conditions: From milepost 18.0 4 wheel drive only.

Remarks: Simpson gate/closure signs posted at gate or call Simpson T.C. 426-3381. Gate is open during hunting season.

FS Road #2341 from Matlock

OPEN

Conditions: From Milepost 18.0, 4 wheel drive only 10/24/03

Remarks:

FS Road #2343 Bingham

CLOSED MP 9.0

Conditions: Washed out about 5 miles before Haven Lake. Water bars.

Remarks:

FS Road #2350 Walter Creek

OPEN

Conditions: Road is rough and potholed.

Remarks: Watch for narrow spots and rocks at Walter Creek.

FS Road #2351 Rock Creek

OPEN

Conditions: Road maintenance planned for August, 2004.

Remarks: Very narrow spot at slide area, larger vehicles may have trouble, use extreme caution.

FS Road #2352 to Rock Peak

OPEN

Conditions: Road maintenance planned for August, 2004.

Remarks:

FS Road #2353 (1200) LeBar Loop Rd.

CLOSED

Conditions:

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.

FS Road #2353-200 to Dry Creek Trail

CLOSED

Conditions: Road decommissioned and converted to trail 1 mile beyond the junction of the 2353 and 2353-200 roads. Trailers park at LeBar Pass (junction 2353 & 2353-200).

Remarks: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. Rough road, high clearance vehicles recommended beyond LeBar Pass.

FS Road #2353-210**CONSTRUCTION****Conditions:** Stabilization work begins August, 2004.**Remarks:** Wildlife gates open May1 to October 1. Rough road.**FS Road #2353-230****CONSTRUCTION****Conditions:** Stabilization work begins August, 2004**Remarks:** Wildlife gates open May1 to October 1. Rough road.**FS Road #2353-300****CLOSED****Conditions:** Decommissioning work begins August 6, 2004.**FS Road #2354 Prospect Ridge****OPEN****Conditions:** Road maintenance recently accomplished 7/26/04.**Remarks:** Wildlife gate is open for those with firewood cutting permits. Road is closed after gravel pit.**FS Road #2355 to Steel Creek****CLOSED****Conditions:** Road maintenance planned for August, 2004 Road is passable to site of the old Steel Creek Shelter. 9/02. No report for 2004 season. **Remarks:** Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.**FS Road #2361 Church Creek (V1060) .****CLOSED****Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. Conditions:** Open to end of the road, road is rough.**Remarks:** Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. 600 Spur – washout Laney Camp access road washed out, spur closed at MP .0.**FS Road #2361-210 to Pine Lake 3.0 miles****ROAD CONVERTED TO TRAIL****Conditions:** Spur Road to trailhead has lots of small Alder trees along the side with overhanging branches and will rub on vehicle in places and knock off any roof antennas. Except for that, road is in good shape and driveable. 06/28/04**Remarks:** Road converted to trail at Jct. 2361-210. No snow anywhere in the area. Trail in good condition with no obstacles. 06/28/04 Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1.**FS Road #2364 to Dusk Peak****OPEN****Conditions:** Road maintenance recently accomplished, 7/26/04. Sharp rocks are exposed on the road bed. Trucks with heavier tires.**Remarks:** Rough, narrow road, water barred.**FS Road #2368 Canyon River (C-500)****OPEN****Conditions:** Road has been repaired 11/03**Remarks:****FS Road #2370****Conditions:** Road maintenance planned for August, 2004. 2370- 500 spur 4-wd only.**Remarks:**

FS Road #2372 to Satsop Lakes OPEN
Conditions: Road maintenance planned for August, 2004. Rough road water barred.
Remarks: High clearance vehicles recommended.

FS Road #24 Jorsted Rd to Lake Cushman OPEN to thru traffic
Conditions: Road is rough and potholed.
Remarks: Use caution, Log truck traffic.

FS Road #24 to Staircase Entrance Olympic National Park OPEN
Conditions: The 4 miles of gravel road leading to Olympic National Park

FS Road #2401 Elk/Jefferson Lakes OPEN
Conditions: Rough road way beyond Jefferson Lake, narrow roadway before Goober Pond, slide has been removed. .
Remarks: Water bars in roadway.

FS Road #2419 Big Creek/Mt. Ellinor Road OPEN
Conditions: Road recently graded and in good shape. 8/14/04.
Remarks: Northwest Forest Pass or Golden Passport required to park at trailheads.

FS Road #2421 Jefferson Ridge OPEN
Conditions: Rough , rocky, very steep narrow road. Water barred., road very rough 8/14/04
Remarks: Loose gravel

FS Road #2441 Nettleton Pass OPEN
Conditions: Recent road work improved travel, narrow spots still exist. **Remarks:** North end is not recommended for travel.

FS Road #2451 Four Stream CLOSED
Conditions: Recent road repairs made, rocky and narrow spots still exist. Parking not allowed near cliff area from milepost 0.8 – 1.5. Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. Rocky and narrow in places.
Remarks: Loose rock above road before wildlife gate, use caution.

FS Road #2451-100 Four Stream CLOSED
Conditions: Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. Rocky and narrow in places, not recommended.
Remarks: Rough narrow roadway, water bars. Loose rock above road before wildlife gate, use caution.

FS Road # 2464 Lilliwaup tie-through CLOSED
Conditions: Rough roadway. Washed out at MP 4.4 10/24/03
Remarks: Narrow rough road, not recommended for travel. Water barred

FS Road #2469 OPEN

Conditions: Road recently maintained 7/26/04

Remarks: Narrow road, water barred

FS Road #2480 OPEN

Conditions: Road recently maintained 7/26/04

Remarks: Truck traffic, log haul – use caution. Local route from Lake Cushman to the Hamma Hamma Recreation Area is open.

FS Road #25 Hamma Hamma River Road OPEN

Conditions: Narrow spots near Putvin Trailhead, use caution.

Remarks: The Hamma Hamma Road is a two-lane paved road for 8 miles to the Lena Creek Bridge. Expect log truck traffic on the first 3 miles of road to the junction of the 2510 road.

FS Road #2502 Cabin Creek OPEN

Conditions: Road is currently being repaired and will be open 8/2/04 Narrow and rough road, water barred year round

Remarks:

FS Road #2510 Duckabush OPEN

Conditions: From Hwy. 101 to Duckabush trailhead, the road is in fair condition. The part of the road that connects Hamma Hamma to the Duckabush is rough and narrow in places! Washout at milepost.18.1 road very narrow, large trucks not recommended.

Remarks: Truck traffic log haul, use caution on Hamma Hamma side.

FS Road #2510-012 (Seamont Estates) OPEN

Conditions: Rough, narrow road. **Remarks:** Use caution, log truck traffic.

FS Road #2530 Murhut OPEN

Conditions: **Remarks:** Narrow and rough road, water barred year round. **Road repairs will be started in August 2004. Narrow road will still exist beyond milepost 9.0.**

FS Road #2610 Dosewallips CLOSED at 10 miles

Conditions: Road is closed at 10 miles due to road washout. Closed 1 mile before Elkhorn Campground. Road will be closed for an extended period of time. No vehicle access to Elkhorn and Dosewallips National Park Campgrounds, or Lake Constance and Dosewallips trails. Foot bypass. **Remarks: Road closed at 10 miles.**

OTHER AGENCIES

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK-HOODSPORT DISTRICT www.nps.gov

*****STAIRCASE AREA** *** **Gate at the park boundary open.**

STAIRCASE Campground OPEN Primitive Service Camping - vault toilets, bring potable water and pack your garbage out, no camping fee. **Entrance fee charged year round \$10 for 7 day**

entrance to Olympic National Park. Annual Passes are also available. **Rapids Loop Trail** is open, but the bridge one mile up trail has been removed due to damage from heavy snow pack. Wilderness fee is charged year round for overnight backcountry permits - \$5 for the permit and \$2 per night per person.

DOSEWALLIPS AREA: NO VEHICLE ACCESS – 100 YARDS OF THE DOSEWALLIPS ROAD AT APPROX. 10 MILES HAS BEEN WASHED AWAY- 5.5 from Ranger Station. Uphill reroute trail is narrow and steep in places, use caution. Use uphill route during high water 10/24/03. *During low water, the best route for hikers to take is to follow flagging to reroute down by the river. Do not use during high water.* Expect the road to be closed for an extended period of time.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS - HOOD CANAL AREA – Day Use Fee collected at all Washington State Parks \$5.00/day or \$50.00 rolling calendar year.
Potlatch State Park... *Campground and day use open year round. No reservations taken for camping - first come, first served. Group covered picnic area available for reservations through the park at (360) 877-5361.*

Former Lake Cushman State Park...Now Camp Cushman *The lease on Lake Cushman State Park has being turned back to Tacoma Power. www.lakecushman.com or 1-866-259-2900*

Dosewallips State Park... *OPEN year round...*This Park is a Popular Destination Park, note that \$1 is added to State basic camping fees (see below). Hook-ups - \$21.00, Tent sites - \$15.00. Reservations 1-888-226-7688. Platform Wall Tents available for overnight stays - \$35.00/night. Toasty, warm way to camp.

Basic camping fees for Washington State Parks: Tent \$15.00, Electric hookup and one other utility, such as water or sewer \$21.00.

Washington and Oregon State Parks may be reserved through the state reservation system. Group camping sites also reserved through the state system.

RESERVATIONS: 1-888-CAMPOUT. INFORMATION: 1-360-902-8844

DNR CAMPGROUNDS

Lilliwaup Creek- Closed.. Melbourne Lake -Campground Closed.

SPECIAL NOTICES

CABIN RENTALS: Three historic cabins are available for overnight rental in Olympic National Forest. Hamma Hamma, Interrorem, and Louella Cabins may be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation System. Reservations can be made by calling toll-free 1-877-444-6777, or through the internet at www.reserveusa.com For additional information, call either the Hoodspout Office at 360/877-5254 or Quilcene Office at 360 /765-2200.

HUNTING AND FISHING SEASONS: Hunting and fishing regulations are set by Washington State Fish and Wildlife. For more info check <http://wdfw.wa.gov>

NORTHWEST FOREST PASS: The Golden Age, Access, or Eagle Pass Program has expanded to include sites requiring a Northwest Forest Pass (Golden Passports are available at ranger

stations. Golden Eagle Passes may be purchased at www.natlforests.org or 1-877-465-2727). A Northwest Forest Pass is required year round for parking at most Olympic National Forest Trailheads. Daily passes are \$5.00, annual passes (good for 12 months from date of issue) are \$30.00 and are good in National Forests throughout Oregon and Washington where required, and in the North Cascade National Park. Northwest Forest passes may be purchased at National Forest Ranger Stations. In the Hoodport Area, they are also available at the Hoodport 76 Station, Lake Cushman Grocery, the Eldon Store, and Purdy Drive In Restaurant. Passes are also available at the Mary E. Theler Community Center in Belfair, Verle's Marine Center in Shelton, Backpacker's Supply in Tacoma, Marmot Mountain Works in Bellevue, and Kitsap Sports in Silverdale. Northwest Forest Passes for motorcyclists may be obtained by calling 1-800/270-7504 *New pass is available that covers federal fee sites and some Oregon and Washington State Park Day Use Fees.*

ROAD CLOSURES: SEASONAL Wildlife gates closed October 1 to May 1. Check with the ranger station for road conditions before traveling in the Forest. **Please report any road damage to the nearest ranger station.**

**** Do not cross road washouts, as you could get trapped behind the washout if the creek rises. Use caution driving forest roads. Check the weather forecast.*

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS: Permits are required for removal of most forest products including firewood, plants, commercial mushrooms, and Christmas Trees. **Check with the ranger station for permit information before removing material. Harvesting moss, floral greens, bear grass, stripping cedar bark, and bough cutting are prohibited. Permits for mushrooms and firewood are available by appointment.** The Hood Canal Ranger District no longer sells individual permits for harvesting floral greens (brushpicking). This is a permanent closure.

Recreationists are encouraged to sign in and out at the Climbing Register in front of the Hood Canal Ranger Station while Hiking or Climbing.

VISIT US ON THE WEB: Olympic National Forest home page site is www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic For more information on campgrounds, cabins, trails, eco-system management visit us on the web. . Access to the Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs) is available on the web page as well as other information to help you plan your trip to the Olympic National Forest. Check out recent changes to the website. Comments appreciated

EVENTS

No events are scheduled at this time.