

Olympic National Forest Recreation Report
PACIFIC RANGER DISTRICT - SOUTH



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Closed for Lunch Approximately 12:00 – 12:30
Closed Weekends and Holidays

24 Hour Kiosk

CURRENT As Of October 27, 2004

FIRE CLOSURES

None at the time.

CAMPGROUNDS

FALLS CREEK CLOSED - \$15 Drive-in, Walk-in \$12 - 23 Campsites *Set under a canopy of lush Bigleaf Maple trees bordering the creek and trail access*

Available: Flush toilets, potable water, fire rings, tables, boat launch, garbage, hosts, swimming and hiking trails. Firewood for sale. Located on the South Shore Road, approximately three miles from Highway 101 on Lake Quinault. No fee for Day Use Picnic Area or Boat Launch

WILLABY CLOSED - \$12 All Drive-in, 21 Campsites *Rain Forest Trails wind through old, large conifers from the Lake shore to trailhead*

Available: Flush toilets, potable water, fire rings, tables, boat launch, garbage, hosts, swimming and hiking trails.. Located on the South Shore Road, approximately two miles from Hwy 101 on Lake Quinault. No fee for Day Use Picnic Area or Boat Launch

See Special Notices for Lake Quinault fishing information.

GATTON CREEK CLOSED - \$12 All Walk-in, Over Flow \$12 - 5 Campsites, 8 Over Flow Sites *Red Alder shade you for shoreline activities with close access to trailhead*

Located on South Shore Road, approximately four miles from Highway 101, on Lake Quinault.

Available: Vault toilet, walk-in tent sites, swimming and hiking trails. No fee for Day Use Picnic Area

CAMPBELL TREE GROVE – OPEN - No Fee, 11 Campsites *Tranquility surrounds you in magnificent old growth forest. Large ferns abound All set. near a babbling stream* Located on FS Road 2204. via FS Road 22

Available: Vault toilets, campsites and hiking trails.

ROADS

Drive With Caution: Expect many roads to be washed out or have downed trees over the roadway. **Snow levels vary from day to day.**

FS Road #21 West Boundary OPEN

Conditions: Maintained

Remarks:

FS Road #22 Donkey Creek OPEN

Conditions: Open to Wynoochee Lake

Remarks: Maintained

FS Road #2220 Newbury Creek OPEN

Conditions: Maintained

Remarks:

FS Road #2204 W. Side of West Fork Humptulips. OPEN

Conditions: Maintained

Remarks:

FS Road #2258 Quinault Ridge OPEN

Conditions: Maintained

Remarks:

FS Road #2140 Salmon River/Matheny Creek OPEN

Conditions: Maintained

Remarks:

FS Road #2160 Lower Matheny OPEN

Conditions: Limited Access, Maintained

Remarks: Road is CLOSED by a locked gate at M.P. 0.1

FS Road #2170 Matheny Ridge OPEN

Conditions: Limited Access Maintained

Remarks: Road is OPEN to the wildlife gate at M.P. 8.0.

FS Road #2170-020 Middle Matheny OPEN

Conditions: Limited Access

Remarks: Road is CLOSED at M.P. 2.8, due to a washout.

FS Road #2180 Sam's River CLOSED
Conditions: Maintained
Remarks: Road is closed at MP 2.5 for culvert replacement.

FS Road #2190, Prairie Creek Road OPEN
Conditions: Maintained.
Remarks:

Lake Quinault South Shore County Road Loop Drive OPEN
Remarks: A BRIDGE INSTALLATION IS IN PROGRESS ON THE NORTH SHORE ROAD APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES OFF HWY 101. BE PREPARED FOR SHORT STOPS. The road is open for the scenic loop drive. Expect some areas of rough roadway where flood damage repairs were made. The road is suitable for passenger cars.

TRAILS

Cars are vulnerable to vandalism at trailheads. DO NOT leave valuables in cars.

HIKERS – Please report any condition updates at any ONF Office or on our website under General Information: Suggestions/Comments. **Stoves only above 3,500 feet.**

A **Northwest Forest Pass** is required year round for parking at specific Forest Service Trailheads (see last page of this report for details).

Weather changes rapidly in Washington state. Be prepared and carry the following **10 Essentials:** 1. Map of the trail and/or area, 2. Compass, 3. Extra Food, 4. Extra Clothing, 5. Flashlight with extra batteries and bulbs, 6. First Aid kit, 7. Pocketknife, 8. Matches in a waterproof case, 9. Candle or firestarter, and 10. Sunglasses.

Help make your trail experience an enjoyable and safe one. Contact public agencies before your trip for current trail conditions and closures.

Plan out emergency procedures before you leave. Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

QUINULT RAIN FOREST NATURE TRAIL #855 .5 mile long, 300 - 350 feet elevation, 15% maximum grade.

Conditions: Good, maintained.

Remarks: Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles

QUINULT LOOP TRAIL #854 3.9 miles long, 220 - 500 feet elevation, 20% maximum grade.

Conditions: Good, maintained.

Remarks: Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles.

WILLABY CREEK TRAIL #860 1.7 miles long, 300-1,000 feet elev., 15% max. grade

Conditions: One tree across the beginning of the trail. It can be skirted.

Remarks: **USE CAUTION** crossing Willaby Creek. Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles.

GATTON CREEK TRAIL #888 2.7 miles long, 250 – 800 feet elev., 20% max. grade

Conditions: Good. Maintained.

Remarks: Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles.

COLONEL BOB TRAIL #851 7.25 miles long, 230 – 4,492 elevation, 30% maximum grade.

Conditions: Good, Maintained for the first 4 miles.

Remarks: Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles. Good, Maintained.

FLETCHER CANYON TRAIL #857 2.5 miles long, 450 – 1,500 feet elevation, 30% maximum grade.

Conditions: Good. Maintained.

Remarks: Trail provides access to the Colonel Bob Wilderness. This portion is not maintained. Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles.

PETE'S CREEK TRAIL #858 2.4 miles long, 1,100 – 2,900 feet elevation, 35% maximum grade.

Conditions: Good, Maintained..

Remarks: Trail provides access to Colonel Bob Wilderness. Trail is closed to mountain bikes and motor vehicles.

LOWER PETE'S CREEK TRAIL #858.1 1.5 miles long, 1,100 – 700 feet elevation, 20% maximum grade.

Conditions: Good, Maintained.

Remarks: Snow free.

WEST FORK HUMPTULIPS RIVER TRAIL #806 17.0 miles long, 2,900 – 600 feet elevation, 15% maximum grade.

Conditions: Maintained

Remarks: There are no bridges. **USE CAUTION** at all river crossings.

HIGLEY PEAK TRAIL # 856 .5 mile long, 2,600 – 3,025 feet elevation, 10% maximum grade.

Conditions: Maintained.

Remarks:

SPECIAL NOTICES

CLOSED PER 36 CFR 261.53:

FS ROAD 2210 AND ACCESSED BY FS ROAD 2210-060 AND 500 FEET SOUTH OF EAST FORK HUMPTULIPS RIVER FROM POINT OF ORIGIN TO TERMINUS ALL WITHIN T21N, R8W, SECTIONS 8.

NORTHWEST FOREST PASS: Beginning April 18, 2003 the Golden Age, Access or Eagle Pass Program will expand to include sites requiring a Northwest Forest Pass (available at ranger stations). A Northwest Forest Pass is required year round for parking at most Olympic National Forest Trailheads. Site Passes (good for Quinault Loop Trail only) are \$3.00 - Daily passes are \$5.00 and annual passes are \$30.00, valid for 12 months from the month of purchase. Year passes are good throughout Oregon and Washington where required.

Passes are available in the Quinault area at the **Forest Service Office** and the **Rain Forest Resort Village**, located on the South Shore Road one mile beyond the office. Northwest Forest Passes for motorcyclists may be obtained by calling 1-800-270-7504 or in the Quinault Office.

A new pass is available that covers federal fee sites and some Oregon and Washington State Park Day Use Fees.

If you are planning to hike in the Olympic National Park, contact the Wilderness Information Center for current conditions at (360) 565-3100.

Lake Quinault is OPEN for fishing through October 31, 2004. The Lake is part of the Quinault Indian Reservation. A Tribal Fishing License and boat decal are required and may be purchased from local vendors, during the season. For further information, please, contact Tribal Headquarters at (360) 276-2821.

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS: Permits for Special Forest Products, ferns, and salal, and firewood are available at this time. Permits are available Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Due to year end vacations, please call to make sure someone will be available to process a permit on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you require a special appointment, please call to make arrangements... The number is (360) 288-2525.

Check with the ranger station for permit information before removing material. Harvesting moss, bear grass, stripping cedar bark and bough cutting are prohibited.