



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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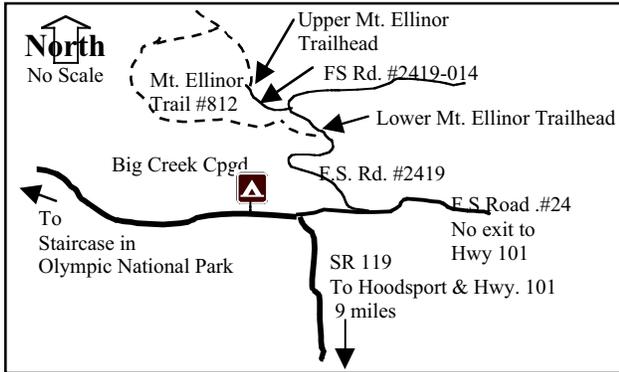
Recommended Season
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Mt. Ellinor Trail #812

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ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to Hoodsport. Turn onto State Route 119, travel 9.0 miles to the junction with FS Road #24. Turn right and go 1.6 miles to FS Road #2419 (Big Creek Road). Travel 4.9 miles to the lower trailhead. To reach the upper trailhead go another 1.5 miles, turn left on FS Road #2419-014, follow it to the end of road.



FACILITIES: Parking and trail registers at both trailheads. Vault toilet at upper trailhead.

SETTING: Open coniferous forest to timberline at 4,500', then the forest opens up to wildflower meadows and views of Lake Cushman and Puget Sound. The trail veers to the left of the steep chute, passes through abundant wildflower meadows, and then follows the ridge to the summit with expansive 360° views.

TRAIL INFORMATION: The lower trail climbs gently through the forest for the first mile, and then becomes steeper and increasingly rough. At timberline, 2.5 miles from the lower trailhead, the trail intersects the winter climbing route to the right and the summer trail route to the left. This is a good turnaround point for inexperienced hikers. Nice views of Hood Canal, Lake Cushman and the Cascades from rock outcrops near base of the chute.

Summer Route to Summit: Beyond the viewpoint, the Summer Trail switchbacks to the south ridge of Mt. Ellinor, then follows the ridge to the summit at 5,944' elevation. Please use the summer route during the snow free months to prevent damage to the fragile vegetation along the winter climbing route. Always wear good boots, carry the ten essentials, and a full canteen.

Winter Route to Summit: Use extra caution when climbing the chute, especially when it is cloudy and foggy as the rocks are extremely slick when wet. Check on avalanche conditions before beginning the climb. Ice axe, boots, and the ten essentials are necessary. Conditions can change very rapidly and the chute can be hazardous even in good weather.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Lower Trailhead	0.0	2,600'
Junct. lower/upper trails	1.8	3,900'
Junct. w/winter climbing rt. (Steep avalanche chute)	2.5	4,500'
Summer trail to summit	3.1	5,944'
Upper Trailhead	0.0	3,500'
Junct. lower/upper trails	0.3	3,900'
Junct w/winter climbing rt.	1.0	4,500'
Summer trail to summit	1.6	5,944'

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, climbing, and wildlife and wildflower observation.

TOPO MAPS: Mt. Skokomish-Lake Cushman.

CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles, stock and mtn. bikes prohibited.

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



Lake Cushman from Mt. Ellinor Trail #812.