Visiting Paradise – Shuttles & Parking

Paradise wildflower meadows, trails and the Jackson Visitor Center are open to visitors during construction of the new visitor center.

All traditional services and activities are available at Paradise during the construction of the new visitor center. All normal activities and guest services remain available throughout the park.

If you plan to visit Paradise during construction, be prepared for significantly reduced parking, construction noise, and to use alternate trailheads to reach trails in the upper meadow.

- The best time to visit Paradise is on weekdays, early or late in the day.
- If visiting on a weekend or holiday plan to arrive at Paradise by 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. for the best parking opportunities. Activities and other areas to visit prior to or following your visit to Paradise are listed later in this insert.
- Consider exploring other areas of the park or outside of the park during construction. You'll find information on activities outside of the Paradise area listed in this insert.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Mount Rainier, the nation's fifth oldest national park.

Facility Status

- The Jackson Visitor Center is open providing book and gift sales, dining at the Grill, nature walks, interpretive activities, and climbing permits.
- Paradise trails are open and accessible via trailheads near the visitor center, the main trailhead, and Fourth Crossing. Access upper meadow trails via the main trailhead on the north side of the upper parking lot and Fourth Crossing off of Paradise Valley Road.
- Paradise Inn is open. Stop by to see this newly renovated historic inn. Eat in the dining room or cafe. Browse the gift shop or relax in the lobby.
- The Guide House is closed. Climbing information operations have moved to the Jackson Visitor Center.
- Plan ahead for picnicking opportunities en route to Paradise. Picnicking opportunities are limited at Paradise during construction. Picnicking is available at Cougar Rock or Narada Falls to the west of Paradise and Ohanapecosh and Box Canyon to the east.
- The walkway on the north side of the upper parking lot, the main trailhead, and the restrooms below the Guide House are open.

Protecting Paradise

Help limit impacts and protect Paradise by parking only in designated parking spots, walking and hiking on roads and trails, by staying off vegetation and by not feeding wildlife.
Parking and Shuttles

Parking at Paradise

Construction needs have reduced parking by approximately half in the immediate Paradise area. A free shuttle is available Friday - Sunday for those parked at Longmire and Cougar Rock. Limited shuttle service is also available to and from Ashford.

- Park at Longmire or the Cougar Rock Picnic Area and ride the shuttle up to Paradise.
- Day Use and Overnight Parking is available south of the visitor center lot. Loop A is reserved for overnight parking.
- Overflow parking is available on the Paradise Valley Road.
- RVs and vehicles over 20 feet in length must park on the Paradise Valley Road, see the shuttle schedule for shuttle options Friday through Sunday through August 31.

- Pets are not allowed on shuttles or trails.
- Camping is not permitted at Paradise. Check with a ranger for campground locations.
- Extreme congestion at Paradise limits maneuverability and turnarounds for RVs and larger vehicles.
- The road to Paradise will close at the Stevens Canyon Wye and traffic will be diverted east towards Stevens Canyon or west towards Longmire if parking fills.
- The main area of the upper parking lot is closed with limited parking available near the Paradise Inn and along the south side of the lot as indicated.

### Paradise Shuttle Schedule

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Parking and Shuttle Stop

Parking CLOSED through mid-August --

New Paradise Visitor Center CLOSED (under construction)

Shuttle Stop Visitor Dropoff

To Longmire 12 mi.

Jackson Visitor Center OPEN

Day Use and Overnight Parking

Paradise Inn Parking Open

Paradise Valley Road Parallel Parking Available One-Way Road

Shuttle Routes and Stops

Longmire to Paradise Shuttle Stop
Visitor Center Parking Lot

Upper Parking Lot and Construction Area

Paradise

Stevens Canyon Road Wye

Narada Falls

Ricksecker Point

Cougar Rock Picnic Area

Cougar Rock Campground

Longmire to Paradise Shuttle Stop
Parking available in the Cougar Rock Picnic Area

Located at the Historic Gas Station

Longmire to Paradise Shuttle Route
Main Roads and Campgrounds

Paradise Visitors Guide

2008
Activities Outside of the Paradise Area

**Nisqually Entrance to Paradise**

Enjoy lowland forests, Longmire Meadow, and glacial rivers. As you travel higher up the slopes of Mount Rainier, the trees begin to open up with views of glaciers, vistas, and meadows. Multiple opportunities are available to enjoy this part of the park.

**View Points**
- Westside Road
- Kautz Creek
- Longmire
- Ricksecker Point

**Picnicking**
- Kautz Creek
- Longmire
- Cougar Rock
- Narada Falls

**Short Hikes**
- Twin Firs Trail
- Trail of the Shadows
- Narada Falls
- Historic Longmire Walk

**Facilities**
- Longmire Museum
- Longmire Wilderness Information Center
- National Park Inn at Longmire

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**Stevens Canyon and Highway 123**

Follow Stevens Canyon Road for views of waterfalls and wildflowers. Spectacular Box Canyon provides views 180 feet down to the Cowlitz River as it continues to carve through old lava. You can experience some of the park's oldest and largest trees in the Ohanapecosh area.

**View Points**
- Inspiration Point
- Reflection Lakes
- Martha Falls
- Box Canyon
- Backbone Ridge

**Picnicking**
- Box Canyon
- Backbone Ridge

**Short Hikes**
- Bench and Snow Lakes Trail
- Box Canyon
- Grove of the Patriarchs
- Silver Falls
- Hot Springs Nature Trail

**Facilities**
- Ohanapecosh Visitor Center

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**Highway 410 and Sunrise**

For those traveling to the east side of the park, you are rewarded by old-growth forests, subalpine meadows, and panoramic views. Mountain goats frequent the higher slopes while marmots nibble on plants or sun themselves on rocks.

**View Points**
- Sunrise Point
- Mather Overlook
- Tipsoo Lake
- Chinook Pass

**Picnicking**
- White River Campground
- Sunrise
- Tipsoo Lake

**Short Hikes**
- Emmons Moraine Trail
- Silver Forest Trail
- Naches Peak Loop Trail

**Facilities**
- White River Wilderness Information Center
- Sunrise Day Lodge (no overnight lodging)
- Sunrise Visitor Center

For more information visit the Paradise construction website at http://www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/paradiseconstructioninformation.htm