Lake Chelan National Recreation Area
North Cascades National Park Service Complex

Focus on Stehekin
2002-2003

North Cascades National Park Service Complex, located in north-central Washington State, is characterized by a mix of jagged mountain peaks, glaciers, lush and diverse forests, and tumbling waterfalls. The park complex includes North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. Lake Chelan National Recreation Area encompasses the upper 4.5 miles of Lake Chelan and remote Stehekin, nestled in the glacier-carved Stehekin Valley. The small community of Stehekin has no road connections to the rest of the world. Visitors and residents arrive by passenger ferry, private boat, floatplane, horseback, and on foot. Trails into large areas of wilderness branch off the Stehekin Valley Road ascending to the rugged mountains. The road begins at the boat landing and follows the meandering Stehekin River to Cottonwood Camp, 23 miles upvalley.

Stehekin is a treasure of significant natural and cultural features including the historic Golden West Lodge. Built in 1926 utilizing portions of the old Field Hotel, the lodge provided overnight accommodations until 1972. During the summer of 2002, the historic lodge will undergo renovation and rebuilding. The building's features that are important from an historical perspective will be retained. Upon completion, it will function as the National Park Service district office while continuing to serve as a park visitor center. New exhibits will complement the historic fabric of the building while conveying a sense of the unique natural and cultural history of the Stehekin Valley and the park complex.

Purple Point Information Center
The National Park Service staffs the Purple Point Information Center from mid-March through mid-October (8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily with reduced hours in spring and fall). Be sure to stop by the information center, located a short distance upvalley from the landing (see inset map), where you can find the following:
- Rangers available to assist you with trail information, backcountry permits and general information about the area.
- Naturalist Programs including evening programs, children's programs and short-talks presented daily on a variety of topics.
- Exhibits and Relief Map
- The Golden West Gallery displaying artwork related to Stehekin and the North Cascades by area artists. Programs and workshops presented by the artists throughout the summer.
- "A Wilderness Place" ten-minute slide program which can be viewed any time. This presentation includes narration and images of Stehekin and the surrounding wilderness area.

For additional information or to check on the lastest park and trail conditions:
- visit the website www.nps.gov/noca or call the Purple Point Information Center at: (360) 856-5700 ext. 340, then ext. 14 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm after May 14.
- ask a ranger about latest conditions on the road.

Stehekin Transportation
The 23-mile Stehekin Valley Road is paved for four miles from Stehekin Landing and becomes gravel at Harlequin Campground. Views of the Stehekin River, glacier-clad jagged peaks, and dense coniferous forests are found along the way. Transportation is offered along the road for your enjoyment and convenience. Drivers provide a guided tour, as well as camping and lodging information. You may get on or off the buses at any location. Infant and child safety seats are available on the NPS bus.

Stehekin Valley Road Status:
Beyond High Bridge, 11 miles from the landing, many sections of the road were damaged by the floods of November '95. At present, the road is open to Glory Mountain, 20.1 miles from Stehekin Landing. Above Glory Mountain, a channel of the river flows down the road for approximately 3000 ft. Due to this damage, the road will remain closed for 2.7 miles between Glory Mountain and Cottonwood Camp until conditions change and the road can be repaired. A trail is maintained along the damaged section of road. Hikers and horseback parties are able to use this trail. Bicycles are allowed, but not recommended. Ask a ranger about latest conditions on the road.

National Park Service Shuttle Van:
Reservations are strongly recommended to guarantee a seat and can be made in person, at ranger stations in Stehekin, Chelan, Marlblemount, North Cascades Visitor Center in Newhalem and Sedro-Woolley Information Station. Reservations may be made in advance by calling the Purple Point Information Center at (360) 856-5700, ext. 340, then ext. 14 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm after May 14. Long-term reservations must be reconfirmed by telephone or in person between 8 and 4 days in advance of the bus ride or departure on trail. Otherwise, the reservations will be cancelled. Buses do not leave specified points before the scheduled times. Vehicle, road, or other problems sometimes cause delays and adjustments to schedules. Call ahead for current road conditions.

The Stehekin Shuttle (lower valley):
This bus runs from Stehekin Landing to High Bridge. The bus accommodates backpacks and bicycles. No reservations are required for this trip, passenger bus. A Bakery Special ride between Stehekin Landing and the Stehekin Pastry Company is available for $1 one way. See shuttle schedules and fares on back page.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA
The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.
Leave No Trace Principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare: Plan ahead by considering your goals and those of your group. Prepare by gathering information, communicating expectations and acquiring the technical skill, first aid knowledge, and equipment to do the right trip. Contact the ranger station for current conditions.

- Travel & Camp on durable surfaces: In high use areas, concentrate activity within established campsites and trails where additional use causes little impact. Hike and camp on surfaces such as rock, sand, gravel, and snow.

- Properly dispose of what you can’t pack out: Pack it in. Pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter. Deposit human waste properly. Use vault and compost toilets where provided (human waste disposal may be required). Properly dispose of food and cultural artifacts for other to enjoy.

- Respect wildlife: Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Never feed wildlife. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail. Most trails are narrow and accommodating other users should be considered. Avoid crossing trails when hikers are present. Mammals are likely to be startled by your presence.

- Be considerate of other visitors: Plan ahead by considering your goals and those of your group. Prepare by gathering information, communicating expectations, and respecting the needs of others. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail. Most trails are narrow and accommodating other users should be considered. Avoid crossing trails when hikers are present. Mammals are likely to be startled by your presence.

- Minimize impact of fire: Use campfires in established campgrounds or other fire rings. If allowed, only build a fire in existing campfires. Fire damage can be prevented by using fire rings. Be sure to extinguish your fire completely when finished using it. If allowed, only build a fire in existing campfire. Fire damage can be prevented by using fire rings. Be sure to extinguish your fire completely when finished using it.

- Respect fire damage: Avoid setting fires in areas damaged by fire. Avoid setting fires in areas damaged by fire. Fire damage can be prevented by using fire rings. Be sure to extinguish your fire completely when finished using it.

- Keep it clean: Keep campsites and trails clean. Leave no trace of your visit. Do not remove or disturb natural objects and cultural artifacts from other to enjoy.

- Keep it moving: Keep it moving. Do not exceed the speed limit. Be courteous to other users on the trail. Most trails are narrow and accommodating other users should be considered. Avoid crossing trails when hikers are present. Mammals are likely to be startled by your presence. Keep it moving. Do not exceed the speed limit. Be courteous to other users on the trail. Most trails are narrow and accommodating other users should be considered. Avoid crossing trails when hikers are present. Mammals are likely to be startled by your presence.

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Activities & Services

Cascade Corrals: Horse supported hiking and riding trips into the Corrals are available. For trip times and costs visit the Courtney Log Office located 200 yards from the boat landing or write to Cascade Corrals, Box 67, Stehekin WA 98852.

The House That Jack Built: located near the Golden West Visitor Center. For sale are a variety of handcrafted items including t-shirts, cards and jewelry made by residents of Stehekin. The store is open during the summer.

Laudry and Shower Facilities: Public telephone, coin operated laundry and shower located 200 yards uplake from Landing.

McGregor Mountain Outdoor Supply: offers boating, hiking and backpacking supplies, 2-day fishing licenses and gear and a variety of books, maps, trail foods, snacks, souvenirs and apparel. Located near the Golden West. Open daily April-October. Email: mcgregormountain@starband.net

North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Call (509) 682-4994. Services include:
- Store: Small selection of food items, gifts and souvenirs.
- Boat & Bicycle Rentals: Mountain bike and boat rentals by the hour or day.
- High Bridge Bus and Lunch Tour: Picnic lunch and narrated bus tour to High Bridge daily during summer months.
- Rainbow Falls Bus Tour: Narrated bus trip to the 312’ falls. Four leaves Stehekin Landing upon arrival of all passenger vessels.
- Taxi Service: Year-round.
- Restaurant: Year-round. Limited operation in winter.

NOTE: There is no ATM in Stehekin and few businesses accept credit cards.

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Rafting the Stehekin River: Raft the lower 11 miles of the Stehekin River. See Stehekin Valley Ranch under Accommodations for reservation information.

Stehekin Discovery Bikes: Mountain bike rentals by the hour or day. Feature trip is Ranch Breakfast Ride. Stop by Courtney Log Office or write P.O. Box 8, Stehekin WA 98852.

Stehekin Pastry Company: Located 1.9 miles from the Landing. The bakery offers fresh baked goods, coffee, refreshments and ice cream. Open daily June to September.

Winter Activities: Recreational activities are available throughout the year. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are popular winter pursuits. North Cascades Stehekin Lodge offers transportation to and from ski and snowshoe destinations and rents snowshoes. Contact the North Cascades Stehekin Store for more information.

Family Activities
- Children’s Programs: Check schedule at the Purple Point Information Center during summer months.
- Family Fun Packs: Available to borrow at the Purple Point Information Center, these free packs are great tools for exploring the area. They include field guides, books, binoculars, games and an activity journal.
- Junior Ranger Program: By becoming a Jr. Ranger, kids can experience the national park setting with opportunities for learning, teaching and protecting this national treasure and earn a badge and certificate! Stop by the Purple Point Information Center for additional details.

Accommodations
North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Write to North Cascades Stehekin Lodge, P.O. Box 457, Chelan WA 98866 or call the Chelan office at (509) 582-4494.

Silver Bay Inn Resort: Write to Silver Bay Lodging, Box 15, Stehekin WA 98852. Call (509) 687-3142 or 1-800-555-7781 or email stehekin@silverbayinn.com

Stehekin Valley Ranch: Visit the Courtney Log Office or write Stehekin Valley Ranch, P.O. Box 881, Chelan WA 98816 or call (509) 682-4777 or 1-800-336-0745.

Housekeeping Cabins: These are individual housekeeping cabins available for rent by owners. Locations vary from 1.4 to 6 miles from the landing. Inquire with owners. (All addresses Stehekin WA 98852).
- Flick Creek: P.O. Box 25 (509) 884-1790 email: barnharphoto@earthlink.net
- Stehekin Cedar Home: P.O. Box 14
- Stehekin Log Cabin, P.O. Box 67 (509) 682-7742
- Stehekin Mountain Cabin, P.O. Box 38

2002 Stehekin Valley Road Shuttle Service

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One way fares per zone:
- $6.00/adult, $3.00/bike & child 12 and under.
- Zone 1 = Stehekin Landing to High Bridge
- Zone 2 = High Bridge to Glory Mt.
- **NPS shuttle May 18 - June 13 is demand only.** Service only provided if passengers board at Stehekin Landing or with advance reservations.


These shuttles are available to NPS shuttle passengers only.