Welcome to National Park and National Forest lands in the North Cascades.

Located east of I-5, there are many opportunities for you to enjoy this area with relatively easy access by several major highways. Starting up north: take a drive on the Mt. Baker Scenic Byway (State Route 542). This route starts in Bellingham, winds along the North Fork of the Nooksack River, and, from the town of Glacier, climbs 24 miles to an elevation of 5,100 feet at Artist Point in Heather Meadows. This destination is legendary for spectacular views of Mt. Baker, Mt. Shuksan and surrounding peaks.

For other stunning vistas, follow the northern part of the Cascade Loop along the North Cascades Scenic Highway (State Route 20). A side trip up the Baker Lake Road, 16 miles east of Sedro-Woolley, leads into the Baker Lake Basin, which hosts campgrounds, water recreation and numerous trails.

The 125-mile Skagit Wild and Scenic River System – made up of segments of the Skagit, Cascade, Sauk, and Suiattle Rivers – provides important wildlife habitat and recreation. The Skagit is home to one of the largest winter populations of bald eagles in the United States and provides spawning grounds for one-third of all salmon in Puget Sound.

The North Cascades Scenic Highway travels through the gateway communities of Concrete, Rockport, and Marblemount before reaching Ross Lake National Recreation Area within North Cascades National Park Complex.

Along the way, visit the North Cascades Visitor Center near Newhalem and many viewpoints above Gorge, Diablo and Ross lakes, which offer pristine perspectives of surrounding peaks. These mountains are home to more than 300 glaciers in the park and over 600 in the ecosystem.

Further to the east, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area features the third deepest lake in the nation. Gaze into the clear waters of Lake Chelan as you boat to the remote community of Stehekin and the Golden West Visitor Center.

Enjoy your visit. Be safe and be prepared.
Hiking Trails and Climbing Peaks

Hiking trails and climbing opportunities lead into the North Cascades. Storm damage may affect your trip, so check trail conditions before you leave home. Most long hikes and climbs enter designated Wilderness Areas where special restrictions may apply. Climbers should choose experienced partners or licensed guides.

Visit the North Cascades and National Forest web sites for current recreation reports and climbing information.

Backcountry National Forest: Backcountry camping does not require a permit, but a Northwest Forest Pass is needed at many trailheads. Campers in the Mt. Baker National Recreation Area and some areas of the Wilderness must camp at designated sites. Campfires are not allowed in most backcountry areas and seasonal fire restrictions may apply.

National Park: Free permits are required for overnight stays in both backcountry camps and cross-country zones and are issued in person only on a first-come, first-served basis. There are more than 200 backcountry camping sites, from boat-in sites to high alpine backpacking sites. Backcountry camping is allowed only at established sites. Camps include pit toilets, tent pads and in some cases, tables and fire pits. Dispersed camping is permitted in cross-country zones most often used by climbers and mountaineers. For permit information, contact the Wilderness Information Center (360) 854-7245 or visit www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit.

Do I Need a Pass?

North Cascades National Park Complex does not require an entrance fee or parking pass at trailheads. However, use of certain trailheads, picnic areas and recreation sites in the National Forest does require a federal recreation pass.

The Northwest Forest Pass is valid throughout all National Forests in Oregon and Washington. The Interagency Annual Pass, Interagency Senior, and Interagency Access Pass (formerly the Golden Age and Golden Access Passports) are also honored at Northwest Forest Pass sites. When in the area, passes can be obtained at ranger stations and some local vendors. You may also purchase the passes in advance by calling (800) 270-7504 or online at: www.naturenw.org.

Passes should be displayed from the rearview mirror or on the dashboard of your vehicle when parked at a Northwest Forest Pass site.

Day Pass $5
Annual Pass $30
Interagency Annual Pass $80 *
Interagency Senior Pass $10 **

The Interagency Access Pass is free for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with medically-determined permanent disability.
* Valid at U.S. Federal Recreation areas.
** Lifetime pass for U.S. citizens and permanent residents 62 and over.

Go Fishing

Fishing in Washington, including in National Parks and Forests, requires a valid Washington State fishing license.

In the National Forest, Baker Lake is a popular destination for salmon and trout fishing. The Skagit River, one of Washington's major rivers, is home to seven species of anadromous fish (all five species of Pacific salmon and two types of trout) and freshwater trout and char.

In the National Park, Diablo and Gorge Lakes have been stocked with rainbow and cutthroat trout. Ross Lake offers quality sport fishing opening annually on July 1. Lake Chelan has freshwater cod, trout and kokanee, a land-locked species of salmon. The Stehekin River offers rainbow and cutthroat trout. Comply with special regulations listed in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Sport Fishing Regulations, available wherever licenses are sold and online at: wdfw.wa.gov.

Water Recreation

River floating is an excellent adventure to plan. Experienced boaters run the Skagit, Nooksack and Stehekin rivers. Ask for a list of local outfitters at any ranger station.

Kayaking, canoeing and motor boating are other options. No personal watercraft (jet skis, etc.) are allowed in North Cascade National Park Complex. Motorboat and paddling rentals are available at Baker Lake, Ross Lake and Lake Chelan. Boat ramps are located at Baker Lake, Gorge Lake, Diablo Lake, Lake Chelan and the north end of Ross Lake at Hozomeen.

Horseback Riding

Stock animals are welcome on trails maintained to stock standards. Trail rules and seasons of use vary and special rules apply in Wilderness Areas.

- Stock parties are limited to 12 (people + animals) on trails.
- Grazing is permitted in the National Forest without a permit. But stock must use weed-free or processed feed while on National Forest lands.
- Grazing with a permit is allowed in the Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. This can be obtained with your backcountry permit.
- Grazing is prohibited in the National Park; pack in processed food pellets.

Traveling with Your Dog

Dogs are not permitted on trails or in cross-country areas within the National Park. Leashed dogs are allowed in Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas, along the Pacific Crest Trail, in car campgrounds and along roads in the National Park.

Dogs are allowed in the National Forest but must be leashed in developed recreation areas such as trailheads, campgrounds, picnic areas and Heather Meadows. For safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on Table Mountain Trail 681 in the Heather Meadows Area.

North Cascades by Bicycle

Many people tour across the North Cascades by bicycle. Ask for the bulletin "Cycling the North Cascades Highway" at any ranger station. Mountain biking is usually not permitted on park or forest trails. Riding is allowed on roads. Visitors should check for use restrictions on the trail system before heading out on a mountain bike trip.

Traveling with Children

- Make the most out of your adventure by taking special safety precautions.
- Children should remain with adults.
- Establish rules for keeping together.
- If separated, the child should hug a tree near an open area and stay put.
- Pick trails and adjust goals to children's ages and abilities.
- Bring along the ten essentials.
- Have children help make an emergency kit and make sure they know how to use the items.
- Help children develop responsible outdoor practices.

Activity Ideas for Children

Explore with ears and eyes. Play observation games—watch for birds and identify plants, bugs and animal tracks. Listen for sounds of wildlife. Draw a picture or write a poem to remember the trip.

Spend time with rangers. Ask for Junior Ranger and Family Fun activities and programs. Information is available at visitor centers and ranger stations.
SAFETY TIPS

Use caution on access roads. Watch for obstructions such as rocks, sharp turns, parked vehicles and pedestrians.

Safeguard your possessions by keeping them out of sight. Lock your vehicle.

Carry the ten essentials listed on this page.

Stay on trails. Wear adequate footwear and use a topographic map and compass.

After hiking, check yourself for ticks, which may carry lyme disease.

Horses can startle easily. Approach, make your presence known and exercise caution when hiking during hunting season; wear bright clothing and make your presence known. Hunting is not allowed in North Cascades National Park.

Always tell a friend your travel plans, including destination and expected return time.

Leave Fireworks at Home. Visitors are reminded that due to the potential fire danger, using or possessing fireworks of any kind is illegal on all federal and state-managed public lands in Washington throughout the year.

Check for avalanche danger. Before heading out into the backcountry, especially during the winter, check with the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center for current mountain weather and avalanche forecasts, online at www.nwac.us

Hunting on National Forest lands, Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas is governed by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Regulations. Visitors should exercise caution when hiking during hunting season; wear bright clothing and make your presence known. Hunting is not allowed in North Cascades National Park.

Report trail damage to the nearest ranger station.

Do not depend on cell phones as there are many ‘dead spots.’

Many people come to the North Cascades to enjoy its rugged beauty and remote wildness. Recreating in natural areas, however, has inherent dangers and responsibilities. Conditions in mountainous areas can change very rapidly, even during a day trip. These travel tips can help you have a safe and responsible journey so that you, and future travelers, can enjoy the landscape to its fullest.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Plan Ahead and Prepare
Know the regulations and special concerns for the region you are visiting. Prepare for emergencies and hazards.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
Stay on the trail and camp in designated spots. Avoid fragile areas along waterways and in alpine meadows.

Minimize Campfire Impacts
Use established fire rings or pits; keep fires small. Put out fires completely and scatter ashes. Use a stove when possible.

Respect Wildlife
Observe wildlife from a distance. Never feed animals.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors
Be courteous; yield to others. Strive to not disturb the natural ambiance.

Dispose of Waste Properly
Pack it in, pack it out. Use toilets where available. Otherwise, dig a cathole 6 to 8 inches deep away from trails and water.

Leave What you Find
Observe, but do not take. Leave all natural and historical objects as you find them.

WHERE CAN I CAMP?
Many public campgrounds in the North Cascades are accessible by car. Most sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Group camps in the National Park are located at Goodell and Newhalem Creek campgrounds.
National Forest group sites are available in the Baker Lake and Mt. Baker Scenic Byway areas.

National Park and Forest campground reservations can be made online at www.recreation.gov or at (877) 444-6777. Group sites can be reserved a year in advance and family sites may be reserved six months ahead.

For information about camping and other lodging opportunities in Washington State Parks, call (888) 226-7688 or visit www.parks.wa.gov.

LODGING
There are a variety of lodging options. Local Chamber of Commerce offices are happy to assist you. Remote accommodations in the North Cascades include:
Ross Lake Resort (206) 386-4437 www.rosslakeresort.com

Pick up the Stehekin Visitor Guide at any ranger station.

Learn about other tourism opportunities around the state at www.experiencewashington.com.
BAKER LAKE
Nine-mile (14 km) long Baker Lake offers opportunities for camping, boating, fishing, picnicking, hiking and pack & saddle trips. Washington State regulations govern boating and fishing at Baker Lake. Developed campgrounds are located along the western side of the lake. The Baker Lake Trail extends along the eastern shoreline, crossing the Baker River at the north end. For camping information see page 3.

MT. BAKER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
The Mt. Baker National Recreation Area was established in 1984 outside wilderness legislation to allow for snowmobile use when snow levels are sufficient. During the summer, hiking trails lead from the end of Forest Road 13 and through the Mt. Baker Wilderness from the Middle Fork Nooksack river drainage to this impressive landscape.

Hikers can explore the trails, and stock is welcome August 1 to November 1. Winter recreation includes skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.

To help prevent resource damage and protect sub-alpine vegetation, backcountry campers must stay at designated sites, and no campfires are allowed in this area. One-night-only campsites are established for hikers and stock parties at the trailhead at the end of Forest Road 13. Please ask for a detailed handout on campsites and area regulations at a ranger station.

A Federal Recreation Pass is required at posted sites and trailheads. Always check trail and road conditions at the Forest Service website or call a ranger station. Note: Discover Pass is not valid at National Forest sites.

NATIONAL FOREST CAMPING
Forest visitors may camp in dispersed undeveloped forest areas with a maximum stay of 14 days. Developed campgrounds are operated by forest concessionaire, Hoodoo Recreation, www.hoodoo.com, in the Mt. Baker Scenic Byway, Baker Lake and Cascade River corridors. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis or by reservation at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777.
The scenic Mt. Baker Byway winds along the North Fork of the Nooksack River, ending at Artist Point at 5,100 feet (1545 m) in Heather Meadows. The last 24 miles (39 km) is designated as a National Forest Scenic Byway. At the road’s end, trail systems lead into the Mt. Baker Wilderness. During winter months motor traffic ends at the Mt. Baker Ski Area three miles (6 km) below Artist Point.

POINTS OF INTEREST
GLACIER PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER - MP 34: Stop by to get current conditions from Forest Service and National Park staff.

Boyd Creek Interpretive Trail, FS Road 37: This short, self-guided nature trail focuses on components of healthy fish habitat.

Nooksack Falls, MP 40: A dramatic waterfall plummets more than 100 feet over rocky outcrops. A fence-lined pathway leads to a viewpoint.

Shuksan Picnic Area: Day use area at the base of Forest Road 32 (Hannegan Road). Pass required.

HEATHER MEADOWS AREA
Visit this spectacular sub-alpine setting along the upper reaches of the Mt. Baker Scenic Byway. Spread out a picnic lunch at Austin Pass Picnic Area and check in with staff at the Heather Meadows Visitor Center. Open daily in summer from 10 am to 4 pm. A valid Federal Recreation Pass is required for parking in the area during the summer season.

Hike along a network of scenic trails and enjoy several self-guided interpretive opportunities and accessible viewpoints. Several longer hikes lead into the surrounding Mt. Baker Wilderness, where Wilderness regulations apply. When entering such areas, be prepared for risk and challenge. The terrain can be rugged and the weather unpredictable.

During winter months, check avalanche forecasts by calling at www.nwac.us

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**FROM WEST TO EAST**

**BAKER LAKE AND MT. BAKER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

At MP 82 on SR 20 turn north onto Baker Lake Road #11 for access to water recreation, hiking and camping. After entering the National Forest, Roads #12 and #13 lead to the Mt. Baker National Recreation Area for winter sports and hiking on the south side of Mt. Baker.

**ROCKPORT** MP 96-98. Two parks, Rockport State Park and Howard Miller Steelhead Park, offer excellent day hikes near the Skagit River. State Route 530 goes south along the Sauk River, part of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River System, and accesses roads to the Glacier Peak Wilderness. Forest Roads 1030 and 1036 provide access to the Sauk Mt. Trail.

**MARBLEMOUNT** MP 105-107. This is the last stop for full services and gas before Mazama and Winthrop. National Park backcountry permits are issued at the Wilderness Information Center one mile (1.6 km) north of SR 20 on Ranger Station Road. East of town, the Cascade River Road leads through the National Forest to campgrounds and the Cascade Pass Trailhead.

**NEWHALEM** MP 120. Across the Skagit River is the North Cascades National Park Visitor Center with several short trails including To Know a Tree, Rock Shelter and Loop. Newhalem Creek and Goddell Creek Campgrounds offer tent, RV and group camp sites. In town, Seattle City Light runs an Information and Tour Center with facilities, walking tours, and trails including Trail of the Cedars and Ladder Creek Falls and a general store.

**GORGE CREEK FALLS AND OVERLOOK** MP 123. Rest stop and accessible loop trail offering views of the gorge and dam.

**COLONIAL CREEK CAMPGROUND** MP 130. Located on Diablo Lake, this campground has camp hosts and offers naturalist programs in the summer; an accessible picnic area and fishing platform. Thunder Creek, Thunder Woods, and Thunder Knob trails leave from the campground and go through diverse forests to scenic views.

**DIABLO LAKE OVERLOOK** MP 132. Viewpoint has a variety of vistas, restrooms, a map, and shelter.

**ROSS DAM TRAILHEAD** MP 134. The Ross Dam, west Bank and Happy Pany trails are accessed from this area, as well as Ross Lake Resort. SR 20 winter gate closure late fall through late spring.

**ROSS LAKE OVERLOOKS** MP 135-136. View Ross Lake, mountains and displays about ancient glaciers, lakes and more recent fire lookouts. Walk the Happy Creek Forest accessible trail.

**EAST BANK TRAILHEAD** MP 138 Panther Creek, East Bank and Ruby Creek trails converge near here. A new option is to follow the Happy Panther Trail west from here to Ross Lake.

**RAINY PASS PICNICK AREA** MP 158. One-mile (1.6 km) accessible trail leads to Rainy Lake and waterfall views. Longer hikes go to Lake Ann (2 mi, 3.2 km) or around Maple Pass Loop (7.5 mi, 12 km). Typically not snow-free until late July.

**WASHINGTON PASS** MP 162. Highest point along the highway, enjoy views of Liberty Bell and Early Winters Spires.

**UPPER METHOW VALLEY** MP 180. Mazama turnoff to Hart’s Pass (22 mi, 35.4 km). Road unpaved and usually not snow-free and passable until mid to late summer.
THE NORTH CASCADES ARE CALLING

“The sublimity of true mountain scenery in the Cascade Mountains . . . must be seen, it cannot be described. Nowhere do the mountain masses and peaks present such a strange, fantastic, dauntless and startling outline as here. Whoever wishes to see nature in all its wildness must go and visit these mountain regions . . .”

– Henry Custer, United States Northwest Border Commission topographer, 1859

North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area together make up the North Cascades National Park Complex. Whether you enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, climbing or just taking a drive along a scenic highway, the park has something for you! On this and the following pages learn how to:

• Become a Junior Ranger
• Do Your Part! for Climate Friendly Parks
• Drive the scenic North Cascades Highway and take the family for a hike
• Travel picturesque Lake Chelan aboard the Lady of the Lake to the unique community of Stehekin
• Be involved: volunteer

Take advantage of the many opportunities to learn, recreate and spend time with family in these special places that have been saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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DO YOUR PART! FOR CLIMATE FRIENDLY PARKS

With over 300 glaciers representing 1/3 of those remaining in the lower 48 states, the ecosystem and landscapes of North Cascades National Park Complex will experience unprecedented change in the future. Recognizing the drastic consequences of climate change, park staff is committed to reducing the park’s contribution to greenhouse gasses, supporting climate science, research and adaptive management and leading public awareness and education. “Do Your Part! for Climate Friendly Parks” is the first interactive online program in the country that provides national park visitors and supporters with the tools to understand and reduce their carbon footprints and thereby help protect our national parks from global warming.

LEARN MORE:
Climate Friendly Parks
www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks

Do Your Part! for Climate Friendly Parks
www.DoYourPartParks.org

The EPA Climate Change Kids Site
www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids

U.S. Forest Service Climate Change Resource Center: www.fs.fed.us/ccrc

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Pick up a FREE booklet at any of the following locations:
• Glacier Public Service Center
• Park and Forest Information Center
• Hozomeen
• Wilderness Information Center
• North Cascades Visitor Center
• Golden West Visitor Center

In addition to the Junior Ranger program, North Cascades National Park also offers Family Fun Packs and hidden questing activities within the park. Learn more at any visitor center.

Explore our growing digital image library on Flickr: www.flickr.com/northcascadesnationalpark
Be inspired by beautiful photographs and even submit your own!
NEWHALEM

The North Cascades were still remote and wild in the 1910s, when the power of the Skagit River was first being harnessed. Newhalem was built as a company town for the men who worked at the dams and their families. Learn about the area's natural and cultural history by exploring interactive exhibits, watching theater presentations or talking with rangers at the North Cascades National Park Visitor Center. The interpretive staff present a wide variety of programs including evening programs at both Colonial Creek and Newhalem Creek campgrounds.

POPULAR TRAILS ALONG NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY

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*Obtain a permit at the Wilderness Information Center in Marblemount for all backcountry camping.
Embrace the pioneer spirit and journey to the remote community of Stehekin, located on the northern shore of Lake Chelan. Nestled in a serene valley and surrounded by wilderness, Stehekin offers a variety of attractions to suit all visitors. Whether you are seeking a quiet weekend or want to challenge your muscles on rugged peaks, Stehekin and the surrounding trails have plenty of new sights to discover.

WHAT TO SEE, WHAT TO DO

The Historic Golden West Visitor Center: knowledgeable rangers can assist you with trail and camp conditions, backcountry permits, and general information. The visitor center also offers daily naturalist programs featuring natural and cultural history, including evening programs, short talks, guided walks, bicycle tours and Junior Ranger activities.

The Golden West Gallery: located in the visitor center, displays artwork inspired by the North Cascades.

Stehiken Pastry Company: no visit is complete without stopping by the bakery for a fresh, delicious treat.

Buckner Orchard: an intact example of early entrepreneurial farming in the Pacific Northwest and the only farm currently producing Common Delicious apples in the United States.

Hike: more than 11 trails varying in difficulty and length.

Camp: more than 13 campsites are available with locations on the lakeshore or deep in the wilderness.

TRAVELING TO STEHEKIN

Ferry
Lake Chelan Boat Company provides round-trip service between Chelan and Stehekin with scheduled stops at Field’s Point and Lucerne.
- Lady of the Lake II offers one daily round trip from May 1 through October 15.
- Lady Express offers one daily round trip from June 1 through September 30.
  From May 1 through May 31 & October 1 through October 15 one round-trip shuttle is offered Saturdays and Sundays only.

For up-to-date schedule and rates, regulations regarding transportation of freight and pets, or information regarding private charters visit www.LadyoftheLake.com or call (509) 682-4584.

On Foot or Horseback
For a wilderness adventure hike or horseback into the Stehekin Valley, multiple routes transverse the surrounding Wilderness areas. For trail conditions and trip planning, contact a ranger station.

Private Boat
There are over 16 public docks along Lake Chelan including four in the National Recreation Area. Boaters using any of these federal docks need a dock site pass from May 1 to October 31 ($5 daily or $40 for the season). This fee helps pay for maintenance costs. Passes can be obtained at the Chelan Ranger Station and from local vendors.

Float Plane
Chelan Airways offers daily flights during summer months. For more information or to schedule a flight visit www.chelanairways.com or call (509) 682-5555.

Lodging
A variety of accommodations are available in Stehekin ranging from resorts to backcountry camping.

For a complete list of lodgings, services and schedules, consult the National Park website (www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/stehekin.htm) or call the Golden West Visitor Center (360) 854-7365 ext. 14.
Volunteering in the National Park and Forest is an opportunity to give back to the resources and meet people with similar connections to the North Cascades. Participating in group work projects allows for a deeper understanding of the many issues related to management of public lands. No matter your skill level, a day spent combining friends, fun and stewardship is rewarding for all.

**VOLUNTEER WITH NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK**

North Cascades National Park Complex partners with a variety of groups to organize volunteer work for trails, campground facilities and maintenance. For information contact: Michael_Brondi@nps.gov

The Artist-in-Residence program offers artists a unique opportunity to live and work in the North Cascades. Each spring and fall an artist spends a month in either the Skagit or Stehekin valley gaining perspective from the surrounding wilderness and using their talents to inspire others. Artists are selected by a panel of park staff and community members. Former artists include: photographer David Snyder; painters Alice Dubiel, Karen Lewis and Becky Fletcher; musician David Boye and sculptor Greg Pierce.

Applications are available by contacting Cindy.Bjorklund@nps.gov, or, for the Stehekin program contact Mark_Scherer@nps.gov. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/noca/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm

**VOLUNTEER WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest works with several groups to help organize volunteers for trails and other restoration projects. Volunteer hours may help earn a Northwest Forest Pass.

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington  
(206) 517-3019 www.trailvolunteers.org

Backcountry Horsemen www.bchw.org

Washington Trails Association (206) 625-1367 www.wta.org

Pacific Northwest Trail Association (360) 854-9415 www.pnt.org

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (360) 336-0172 www.skagitfisheries.org

Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (360) 715-0283 www.n-sea.org

**MOUNTAIN STEWARDS**

From late July through mid-September, Mountain Stewards assist with educational efforts along popular trails surrounding Mount Baker. These trails are well-traveled by day hikers looking for breathtaking vistas, as well as climbers attempting the summit of Mount Baker.

Mountain Stewards help teach the importance of “Leave No Trace”, a program encouraging people to reduce their impact on wilderness areas. The sheer number of feet on these trails leaves them vulnerable to damage and deterioration.

The Mountain Stewards program is an exciting way to become an advocate for the Mount Baker area. Participants need to be skilled in hiking and outdoor recreation, including snow travel, but are not required to travel on technical climbing routes.

Volunteers donate three trail days in addition to two days of training. Trail days take place during daytime hours, Friday through Sunday. If you are interested in becoming a Mountain Steward contact Barb Richey at the Mount Baker Ranger District (360) 856-5700.

**A FEW KEY PARTNERS...**

**North Cascades Institute**

North Cascades Institute offers a variety of hands-on programs, including Mountain School, a residential program for elementary, junior and high-school students from various school districts in western Washington. Other programs include summer youth adventures, family getaways, adult seminars and retreats, graduate studies and volunteer stewardship opportunities.

For more information about classes and programs call (360) 854-2599 or visit www.ncascades.org.

The Environmental Learning Center is located across Diablo Dam, near Sourdough Creek on the shores of Diablo Lake. NCI offers a variety of day and overnight field seminars at the ELC.

**Washington’s National Park Fund**

Every year millions of people visit Washington State’s spectacular national parks: Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic. Since 1993, Washington’s National Park Fund has connected people to parks and inspired contributions of time, talent and money. The Fund helps to ensure visitors have high quality, memorable experiences by sponsoring educational, trail and wildlife projects. By securing funding from individuals, corporations, foundations and businesses, the Fund supports park restoration, enhancement and preservation.

For information about how you can help Washington’s national parks, visit www.wnpf.org or call (206) 770-0627.

**Student Conservation Association**

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a nonprofit organization that offers conservation internships and summer trail crew opportunities to more than 3,000 people each year. SCA’s mission is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of our environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land.

For more information about opportunities with SCA in the Northwest, visit www.thescara.org or call (206) 324-4998.

**Seattle City Light**

Seattle City Light has generated hydroelectric power on the Skagit River since 1918. Seattle City Light partners with North Cascades Institute and the National Park Service to offer the Skagit Tours during the summer. http://www.seattle.gov/light/tours/skagit/

**National Forest Foundation**

Bringing people together for public lands.  www.nationalforests.org

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