Elwha Road and Trail Access

The largest dam removal in U.S. history begins on the Elwha River in September, with the deconstruction of Elwha and Glines Canyon dams. Olympic National Park is working to provide park visitors with opportunities to safely view aspects of this landmark restoration project, with the following safety-related closures in place.

- Olympic Hot Springs Road is closed to all travel into June or early July. On August 1, the road will close to all public access just south of Altair Campground for the duration of the dam removal period.
- Beginning August 1, Appleton Pass trailhead and Olympic Hot Springs will not be accessible from the Elwha valley. Hikers can still access Olympic Hot Springs via a 14-mile hike from Sol Duc valley.
- Altair Campground is open through September 6. Elwha Campground will remain open year-round.
- Whiskey Bend Road is closed to vehicles through late summer or early fall due to winter storm damage. It will remain open for pedestrian, bicycle and stock use.

Updates on project status and area access will be posted at Olympic National Park Visitor Center, Elwha Ranger Station and on the park’s website www.nps.gov/olym.

“Native plants are key to fully restoring the Elwha ecosystem.”
Steve Acker, Supervisory Botanist, Olympic National Park

Employees and volunteers will sow seeds of grasses and forbs, and plant shrubs and trees. To increase future seed dispersal and natural regeneration, crews will incorporate a variety of species that produce fruits attractive to birds. Restoration will rely on natural processes whenever possible. At sites near intact forests, wind-dispersed seeds will promote recovery.

When native vegetation covers the landscape, natural processes will once again shape the future of the Elwha. For more information please see The Restoration and Restoration Plan for Lake Mille and Lake Altair at: http://www.nps.gov/olym/naturalresources/elwha_restoration-facts.htm.

Elwha Road remains open and will be the main route for traffic into Olympic National Park. The Elwha Ranger Station and the park’s Olympic National Park Visitor Center will remain open year-round.

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Trip Tips!

Welcome to Olympic National Park. Whether you are here for a day, a two day, a week or more, many spectacular sights await your discovery in this vast and diverse wilderness park. Highway 101 enunciates the park and several spur roads lead to mountains, forest and coast. Look for interpretive exhibits along the park roads, ranger stations in the center of the park, outfitted by roads, offers incredible wilderness adventures.

Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles offers information, exhibits, children’s discovery room, park film, park, passes, bookshop and trails. Located in the visitor center, the Wilderness Information Center offers wilderness trip planning, assistance and camping permits, minimum impact tips and bear canisters. Also visit the ranger stations and visitor centers located throughout the park. Pick up a free park map for trip planning or purchase topo-maps for hiking. Ask for handouts about day hikes, accessible river trips, and more! Self-guiding trail brochures are available for $1 donation on various park trailheads. Park programs, including talks and guided walks, are offered throughout Olympic. See program schedules in this newspaper and check park bulletin boards for further details. Most programs and facilities are seasonal.

Are you entering the park from the north, east or west? Along the north side of the park, the magnificent forest cloaks lower elevations. This old growth is dominated by western hemlock and Douglas-fir trees. In one day on the north side you can drive up to Hurricane Ridge in the morning, and then visit either Elwha, Lake Crescent or Sol Duc in the afternoon. On the west side, you can explore the rain forests at Quinault or Hoh in the morning, and then visit either Elwha, Lake Crescent or Sol Duc in the afternoon. Staircase is a popular destination on the east side of the park. Ozette is a unique destination in the park’s northwest corner. Kalaloch, Mora and Ozette await your discovery in this vast and diverse wilderness park.

LAKES
Lake Crescent is located 19 miles west of Port Angeles on Highway 101. This 624-foot deep shimmering jewel was carved by a huge glacier thousands of years ago. Stroll along the shore or take day hikes on the Marymere Falls, Spruce Railroad or Moments in Time trails. The Storm King Ranger Station has information, books and maps. Lake Crescent Lodge and Log Cabin Resort offer restaurants, boat rentals and overnight lodging. Farmhouse Campground and a convenience store with boat rentals are located at the west end of the lake. Olympic National Park, south of Port Angeles, offers a lovely lake for boaters, a small campground and trails to the rocky beach (see COAST, page three).

TEMPERATE RAINFOREST
Drenched in over 12 feet of rain a year, west side valleys flourish with giant western hemlock, Douglas-fir trees, Sitka spruce trees. Moss-draped huge maples create a magical scene that obliterates all sense of time. Roosevelt elk may linger along riverbanks at dawn or dusk. Hoh Rain Forest, 91 miles west of Port Angeles, offers a visitor center, exhibits, books, maps, self-guiding nature trails and a campground. Quinault Rain Forest, on the Quinault North Shore Road, is located 128 miles from Port Angeles. Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station offers information, exhibits, bookshop and self-guiding trails. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station on the Quinault North Shore Road, is located 128 miles from Port Angeles, 100 miles southeast of Port Angeles. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station offers information, exhibits, bookshop and self-guiding trails. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station on the Quinault North Shore Road, is located 128 miles from Port Angeles, 100 miles southeast of Port Angeles.

LOWLAND FOREST
On the north and east sides of the park, the magnificent lowland forest cloaks lower elevations. This old growth is dominated by western hemlock and Douglas-fir trees. Five miles south of Port Angeles, Heart of the Hills, and two miles north of Port Angeles, offers a visitor center, exhibits, books, maps, self-guiding nature trails and a campground. Quinault Rain Forest, on the Quinault North Shore Road, is located 128 miles from Port Angeles. Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station offers information, exhibits, bookshop and self-guiding trails. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station on the Quinault North Shore Road, is located 128 miles from Port Angeles, 100 miles southeast of Port Angeles.

Mountains
The most accessible mountain area is Hurricane Ridge at 5,242 feet, 17 miles up a paved road from Port Angeles. Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center offers information, exhibits, 20-minute film, snack bar and gift shop. Picnic areas provide a chance to relax amid the breathtaking scenery. Along the trails you can capture views of glacier-clad mountains in crowns of evergreen, avalanche lilies, lilies, bowties and tiger lilies dance beneath subalpine fir trees. Highpitched whistles announce the Olympic marmot, found only on the Olympic Peninsula. Black-tailed deer feed in summer meadows and migrate downslope when cold recaptures the high country.

Elwha Kick Off Events
We're counting down the days until the Elwha River Restoration project reaches its most exciting milestone to date. After years of planning and hard work, Sept. 17 will mark the start of the three-year process to remove the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams. Olympic National Park, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, City of Port Angeles, and other partners are working together to celebrate the largest dam removal in U.S. history and the restoration of the Elwha River ecosystem.

A series of events including educational and cultural activities, Olympic Coast cuisine and musical entertainment is scheduled for the North Olympic Peninsula. From park visitors to local, national and international audiences, everyone is invited to participate in this inspiring story of restoration.

On September 13 and 16, a science symposium focusing on river restoration will feature some of the nation’s leading scientists. Elected officials, dignitaries and tribal leaders will gather on September 13 at Elwha Dam for the removal of the first pieces of concrete. Artists, authors, photographers and poets will share Elwha-inspired work throughout Port Angeles. For a full schedule of events please visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/olym.

Friends of Olympic National Park support the park’s natural, cultural and recreational resources for present and future generations. They promote understanding of Olympic National Park’s ecosystem, history, and recreational importance and they work on park projects. Website: www.friendsofnp.org

Olympic National Park Institute is a private, non-profit educational organization on the shores of Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park. Field courses are offered for students. For more information please call (360) 928-3720. Write to: Olympic Park Institute, 111 Burns Point Road, Port Angeles, WA 98363.

Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a non-profit organization that educates young college and high school volunteers who protect and nurture America’s parks, forests and other public places. Field science courses are offered for students. SCA volunteers will work at Olympic to help preserve and protect park resources. Contact: www.thensca.org

Washington’s National Park Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore and preserve national parks in Washington State. The Fund supports projects in Olympic, North Cascades and Moran-Runzler National Parks. Call (206) 284-0044. Mail donations to: P.O. Box 64626, University Place, WA 98464-0626.

Discover Your Northwest is a non-profit organization that provides educational materials at park sales outlets. Proceeds support Olympic’s symposiums, exhibits and publications. Annual membership $15. For more information, please call the Olympic National Park Branch at (360) 565-3100.

Wilderness Use Fees
50% discount with Interagency Senior/Accom. Golden Age/Accom. Passes $10 - Deer Park, North Fork Quinault, Queets, South Beach $12 - Altair, Elwha, Faithhope, Grove Creek, Heart O’Hills, Hoh, Ozette, Crescent $14 - Kanahat (except summer* and Sol Duc) $16 - *Kalahash, June 1 through September 9. Reservations available at least three days in advance online at www.reserve.gov or by phone at 1-877-444-7377. Sites not reserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

WILDERNESS USE FEES
- single visit up to seven consecutive days
- backpacking groups on a first-come, first-served basis

ENTRANCE PASSES
- $15 - Vehicle (private) or $5 - Individual (foot, bike)

For more information about fees and passes visit online at www.nps.gov/olym

Thanks to YOU...
Your recreation fees provide about $2,000,000 annually to support visitor facilities and services at Olympic National Park. For more information about fees and passes visit online at www.nps.gov/olym or ask staff at visitor centers or entrance stations.

Entrance and Recreation Fees
$15 - Vehicle (private) or $5 - Individual (foot, bike)

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Along the north side of the park, you can drive up to Hurricane Ridge in the morning, and then visit either Elwha, Lake Crescent or Sol Duc in the afternoon. On the west side, you can explore the rain forests at Quinault or Hoh in the morning, and then visit either Elwha, Lake Crescent or Sol Duc in the afternoon. For another wonderful, varied day trip visit Rialto Beach (Mora) during low tide and hike the hoil trails in the morning or afternoon. Staircase offers a one-day trip to the lowest east side of the park. Ozette is a unique destination in the park’s northwest corner.

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WILDERNESS USE FEES
$5 - RV septic dump station use at Faithhope, Hoh, Kalahash, Sol Duc

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For more information, please call the Wilderness Information Center at (360) 565-3100.
Safety and More

The Wilderness Information Center (WIC), located in Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles, provides wilderness information and permits, minimum impact tips, bear canisters, and more. When hiking in the backcountry, you are required to use bear cannisters as the Del Six is required to transport you to the coast and other park locations. For more information visit the WIC or phone (360) 565-3300.

View the park website at www.nps.gov/oly. Please plan your visit carefully to ensure a safe trip.

Please help protect marine life. All fish and sea mammals are protected. When hiking on the beach and in tide pools are protected. If you encounter a sea lion or sea otter on the beach please do not touch. The pup does not need help and since some actions could lead to abandonment by its mother.

Filter or boil all backcountry water for five minutes to avoid infections caused by Giardia, a microscopic intestinal parasite.

Pack rain gear and warm clothing. Hypothermia, a dangerous lowering of body temperature, may result from exposure to wet or chilly weather.

Tread lightly please. Avoid walking on delicate vegetation by staying on trails. Help protect this beautiful wilderness park for future visitors.

In case of an emergency dial 911. Park rangers, located throughout the park, can assist you with any issues of safety or crime.

Visit the park website at www.nps.gov/oly. Tune your radio to 1610 AM. For park information call (360) 565-3300. For 24-hour recorded park road and weather information call (360) 565-3131.

Recycle this waste. Travel around Lake Crescent and other park areas can be hazardous due to heavy traffic, narrow roadways and seasonal road construction. Please use extra caution.

Drill holes are dangerous. Avoid swimming in or walking near the ocean during storms or heavy surf.

Campers can call the information line of the park where you will be camping, and you will be provided with camping suggestions. If you encounter a cougar, make yourself large and loud, and if your arms or stick, face the cougar and slowly back away. Report all cougar observations at the Olympic National Park Information Center (OPIC) located in Port Angeles, Hoh, Kalaloch and Forks.

WILDLIFE!

Spotting wildlife can be a memorable part of your park visit. Some animals are elusive and rarely seen, such as foxes and bobcats. Others, like deer, chimpanzees, gray fox and mountain goats, have become overly accustomed to humans. Instead, their natural reaction to your presence should be to flee and not approach you. Do not follow when they move away. Thank YOU for keeping wildlife wild!

• Stay fifty yards from wildlife. Avoid eye contact. If they approach, scare them away with waving arms and loud shouts.

• Never feed park wildlife. Feeding them by humans can increase their fear of people, which will alter natural animal behavior and may lead to aggression.

• Beach camping or picnicking, secure food and trash from animals. Whenever possible, store these items in your vehicle.

At Olympic, diligent visitors have helped prevent dangerous animals hazardous to you. Animals fed by humans lose fear of people, which will alter natural animal behavior and may lead to aggression.

If you encounter a seal pup on the beach please do not touch. The pup does not need help and since some actions could lead to abandonment by its mother.

Avoid swimming in or walking near the ocean during storms or heavy surf.

The park's wilderness coast provides a constantly changing palette of this rare masterpiece called Olympic.

Bookshop Coupon

Discount Your Northwest

Valid on all merchandise, except sale items, at park bookshops.

Port Angeles, Hoh, Kalaloch and Forks.

Bookshops are located throughout the park.

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NORTH SIDE

1. PORT ANGELES
   Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open Daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

2. HEART O' THE HILLS
   Terrace Talk - Daily 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
   Discover wildlife, wildflowers and other features of the Olympic landscape.
   Join this easy one-hour guided walk to explore life in the mountains.

   Meadow Walk - Daily 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
   Join a 20-minute talk about Olympic's treasures of fish, fur and flowers.

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   Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - dusk.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

3. HURRICANE RIDGE
   Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - dusk.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

   Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open Daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

4. ELWHA
   Elwaha Ranger Station
   Information, bookshop, maps, trails.
   Check bulletin boards for programs.

5. LAKE CRESCENT
   Storm King Ranger Station - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

   Marymere Falls Walk - Daily 2:30 p.m.
   Meet at Storm King Ranger Station. One hour.

   Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - dusk.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

   Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open Daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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6. SOL DUC
   Log Cabin Resort - Lakeside Campfire Circle.
   Evening Program - Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.
   An outdoor program for families, children and adults.
   Learn about Olympic National Park’s rain forest, its wildlife and natural wonders.

   Sol Duc Campground amphitheater.
   Evening Program - Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.
   An outdoor program for families, children and adults.
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7. STAIRCASE
   Staircase Ranger Station
   Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps, trails.

   Evening Program - Saturday 8:00 p.m.
   Meet in the amphitheater.

   Tide Pool Walk - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 2 hours
   Meet at the Staircase amphitheater campfire circle.

   Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open Daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

8. FORKS
   NPS/U.S. Recreation Information - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

9. HOH
   Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
   INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

10. QUINAULT
    Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station - North Shore Road
    Open Thursday through Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
    INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS, TRAILS.

11. MORA
    Mora bulletin board
    Closed for guided walks & lunch.
    INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS.

12. KALALOCH
    Kalaloch Ranger Station - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
    INFORMATION, EXHIBITS, BOOKSHOP, MAPS.

   Drop by the Kalaloch Lodge gazebo anytime during this one-hour hands-on
   exploration of Olympic’s treasures. Bring your coastal curiosity!

   Junior Ranger
   Olympic National Park Junior Rangers learn exciting secrets about the park.
   Booklets are $1.00 donation at park visitor centers. Earn your Junior Ranger badge!

   Discovery Backpack
   Have fun exploring nature with a Discovery Backpack filled with binoculars, guidebooks and more!
   Borrow a backpack at park visitor centers for a $5.00 donation.