The Elwha River flows freely once again, for the first time in over 100 years. On August 26, 2014, a blast removed the last 30 feet of Glines Canyon Dam.

That explosion was the result of over 30 years of effort to address two dams built on the Elwha in the early 1900s to power regional growth. What started as a federal licensing process for the aging hydroelectric projects grew into a contentious public debate. The discussions revolved around electricity production and reservoirs versus restoring a natural river ecosystem with healthy salmon runs.

Negotiating a Future
Key voices in the debate included the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, federal and state agencies, the City of Port Angeles, environmental groups, industry, politicians and the public.

After lengthy negotiations, Congress passed the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act in 1992. The act authorized restoration of the wild Elwha ecosystem and gave the Secretary of the Interior the authority to remove both dams if necessary. Decades of research pointed to dam removal as the only way to restore the historic fish runs that brought abundance to the watershed and its residents.

Even then, continuing public debate, political roadblocks, regulatory hurdles and funding challenges threatened to halt everything.

The dams are gone, but restoration is ongoing. Witness the renewal of the Elwha by visiting new river overlooks (above). Look for migrating salmon like this steelhead (right), one of the first species to return after dam removal.
TRIP TIPS for your Olympic adventures

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MOUNTAINS

Hurricane Ridge (3) is the most easily accessed mountain area in the park. At 5,242 feet, it is located 17 miles up a gently winding road from Port Angeles. Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center offers information, exhibits, a 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 crowning miles of wilderness. Avalanche and glacier lilies, hiptie, bistros and tiger lilies dance beneath subalpine fir trees. High-pitched whistles announce the Olympic marmot, found only on the Olympic Peninsula. Black-tailed deer feed in summer meadows and migrate downspoons when cold recaptures the high country.

LAKES, LOWLAND FORESTS and RIVERS

Olympic National Park Visitor Center and Wilderness Information Center (1) provide information, exhibits, Discovery Room, wilderness camping permits, bear cans, park passes, bookshops and trails. Heart O’ the Hills campground, five miles south, has sylvan beauty and access to forest trails.

Elwha (2) has two campgrounds and many trails. Madison Falls, an accessible self-guiding trail, provides a refreshing interlude. Visit Glines Canyon Spillway for a bookshop. Visitors also enjoy campgrounds, Kalaloch Ranger Station has information, exhibits and a small lakeside campground. Kalaloch Ranger Station is located on the coast approximately 21 miles south of La Push. Kalaloch Ranger Station has information, exhibits and a small lakeside campground.

COAST

The coastline provides a dynamic scene. Lower tides expose sea anemones, sea urchins, sea stars and limpets strategically arranged on the rocks. It is important to leave tide pool animals in their homes, as moving just a few centimeters can cause injury or disrupt an entire community.

Kalaloch (7) offers an expansive sandy beach. Kalaloch Ranger Station has information, exhibits and a bookshop. Visitors also enjoy campgrounds, Kalaloch Lodge, a restaurant and convenience store. For advance reservations at Kalaloch Campground during summer call (360) 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov. Beach 4 and Ruby Beach are popular sites for tide pool exploration.

TEMperate RAIN FOREST

Dechased over 12 feet of rain a year, west side valleys flourishes with giant western hemlock, Douglas-fir and Sitka spruce trees. Moss-draped bigleaf maples create a magical scene that eludes all sense of time. Roosevelt elk may linger along riverbanks at dawn and dusk.

Hoh Rain Forest (6) offers a visitor center, bookshop, maps, self-guiding nature trails and a campground.

Quinault Rain Forest (10) Ranger Station is located on the Quinault North Shore Road. It offers information, exhibits, bookshop and self-guiding trails. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station and additional trails are located on the south shore of Lake Quinault. Throughout the valley, visitors enjoy rain forest hikes, lake activities, several campgrounds, lodging and restaurants.

**MILES & TIMES** Are we there yet?

Welcome to Olympic National Park! Whether you are here for a day, two days, a week or more, many spectacular sights await your discovery in this vast and diverse wilderness park. Highway 101 encircles the park and several spur roads lead to mountains, forests and coast. The center of the park, untouched by roads, offers incredible wilderness adventures.

Stations for information and park
Stop by park visitor centers or ranger
Highway 101 encircles the park and several spur
and area map, along with the park brochure, to create
counter trips combinations for a memorable vacation.

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PARK PROGRAMS
June 20 - September 6*

*Our summer staff will be in training June 23. Visitor centers will be open, but ranger programs won’t be offered that day.

See bulletin boards for additional programs and visit www.nps.gov/olym

OVERVIEW

STAIRCASE Ranger Station - North Shore Road

Dial 360-406-5056 then select from the options to learn more about Olympic National Park destinations.

Press # to end the message. Press ‘0’ to leave a comment.

Thanks to our Facebook fans who shared some of the photos featured in the Bugle.

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STAIRCASE Ranger Station - North Shore Road

Audio Tour

Make connections...

Audio Tour

Discover the night sky

HURRICANE RIDGE ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS

Meet Master Observer John Goar at Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center for a one-hour astronomy program with telescopes. Look for the rings of Saturn or a distant galaxy.

June 19 - 20 and July 5 through July 14 - 11:00 p.m.
July 15 through July 20 - 10:45 p.m.
August 4 through August 6 - 10:15 p.m.
August 7 through August 14 - 10:00 p.m.
August 15 through August 18 - 9:45 p.m.
September 3 through 6 and September 11-12 - 9:00 p.m.

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INFORMATION

Entrance Fees and Recreation Fees
Your loss support facilities and services at Olympic National Park. Your projects include accessible paths at the Hoh and Quinault, new exhibits for the Hoh Visitor Center and wilderness trail and bridge repair. Thank YOU!

- Entrance Fees - single visit up to seven consecutive days
  $20—Vehicle (private) or $7—Individual (foot, bicycle)

- Camping Fees - per site, per night
  50% discount with Interagency Senior/Aged Passes
  $15—Deer Park, Quilcene, Skokomish, Cape Flattery
  $20—Elwha, Hoh, Sol Duc, Queets, Kalaloch

- Wilderness Use Fees
  - overnight trips require permit
  $15—Deer Park, Queets, North Fork, South Beach
  $18—Kalaloch, June 10 - September 20
  $20—Hoh, Sol Duc, Hot Springs Resort

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Annual Pass
U.S. citizen/resident
Access Pass
Free - Interagency
Military
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Annual Pass
$80 - Interagency
National Park
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- RV septic dump station in park campgrounds

SAFETY

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Next year the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday! Our centennial is a big milestone and we’re excited to celebrate our first hundred years of protecting our country’s most treasured sites and landscapes by helping all Americans rediscover their national parks.

On our first birthday there were 35 national park areas. Today, there are 407 National Park Service sites in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan and the Virgin Islands. From Yellowstone’s geysers to the hills of Gettysburg, from the internment camp at Manzanar to the Great Smoky Mountains, these places tell the stories of our nation and our people, and protect them for future generations.

National parks belong to all of us—people of every age and background—and we want every American to know what national parks offer. Whether you’re a lifelong park visitor or brand new to national parks, we’re glad you’re here and we hope you’ll help spread the word about Olympic to your friends and family.

We invite you to join the celebration. Share your photos and stories at www.findyourpark.com. Stay connected to Olympic through our social media sites. We’re glad you found Olympic. Welcome to your park!

Where’s The Snow?

Most years, visitors arriving at Hurricane Ridge in June are greeted with snow still covering some trails. As seasoned travelers know, summer typically comes late to the mountains, with snow drifts lingering in the shadows well into July.

But 2015 is anything but typical. By late February, the Olympic Mountains had less than three percent of normal snowpack. The meadows were bare, whereas in an average year over six feet of snow would have blanketed the high country. The culprit wasn’t drought—the range received about normal precipitation. The culprit was above normal temperatures. The weather monitoring station near Hurricane Ridge recorded that January and February were over six degrees Fahrenheit warmer than average.

One winter can’t be attributed to global climate change. However, data for the past decades and scientific projections reveal this warming trend, with less snowpack, is something the Pacific Northwest should get used to. What does this mean for summer wildflowers, cold-water loving salmon, and myriad animals that depend on a flush of summer vegetation watered by melting snow? Researchers will be watching. In the meantime, it should be easier to hike mountain trails in June this year!