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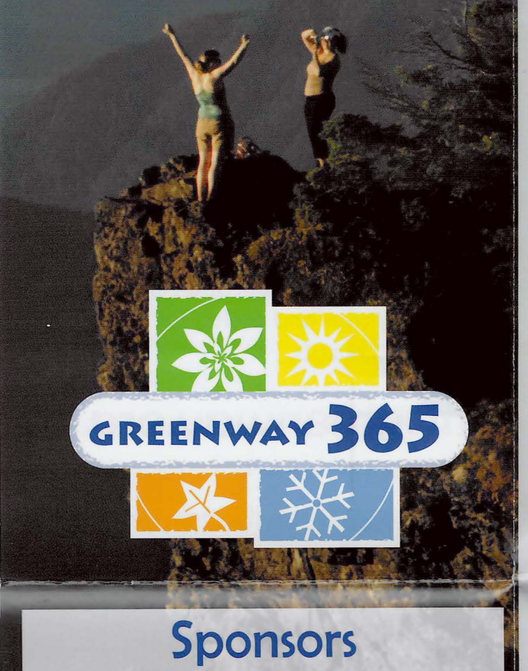

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Parks

1 Olympic Sculpture Park
Magnificent views and world-class art at Seattle Art Museum's nine-acre outdoor sculpture park on the north end of the Seattle waterfront.

2 Jim Ellis Freeway Park
Iconic downtown park on a lid above I-5, named after Greenway founder.

3 St. Edward State Park
This forested park in Kenmore includes trails for hikers and equestrians, a huge playground and a rich history as a former religious seminary.

4 Mercer Slough Nature Park
Beginning under I-90, the Slough covers 320 acres of wetlands with 5 miles of trails for nature walks, canoe trips and bird watching. Marshes, meadows and waterways provide wildlife habitat for birds, animals, amphibians and native plants. The Visitor Center/Museum is in the historic Winters House. *I-90 exit 9, Bellevue Way. First right leads to boat launch and trails. Continue north past Park and Ride to Winters House.*

5 Lake Sammamish State Park
A favorite day-use destination for boaters, water skiers, swimmers and picnickers. The Greenway Trust and Washington State Parks have taken on a major ecological restoration effort at the lake and along Issaquah Creek to restore salmon and wildlife habitat and improve the park for visitors. *From I-90 take exit 15, turn north, follow signs to the park.*

6 Snoqualmie Falls
Snowmelt from the Cascades feeds the Snoqualmie River as it cuts through the valley to plunge over 270-foot Snoqualmie Falls, creating a spectacular natural attraction that draws 1.5 million visitors a year. A trail leads to viewing platforms and down switchbacks to the foot of the falls. *I-90 take exit 25, follow signs to the falls.*

7 Snoqualmie Point Park & Rattlesnake Mountain Trailhead
This magnificent Greenway park offers sweeping views of the front range of the Cascades and Snoqualmie Pass. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust played a key role in preserving this land and building a community gathering place and regional treasure. Adjacent to the park is the western trailhead to Rattlesnake Mountain. *Eastbound I-90, exit 27 and turn right, then follow road left. Westbound I-90, exit 31, turn north, left on North Bend Way and continue until you cross under I-90. Head up hill to park.*

8 Rattlesnake Lake & Cedar River Watershed Education Center
Nestled between Mt. Washington and Rattlesnake Mountain, this lake is popular for fishing, swimming, hiking and picnicking. The John Wayne Pioneer Trail heads east from here and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail heads north. The Cedar River Watershed Education Center houses exhibits relating to the 90,000-acre watershed that supplies much of Seattle's drinking water. *I-90 exit 32, south on 436th Avenue SE 2.7 miles to lake.*

9 Gold Creek Pond
A large pond offers glimpses of wildlife, an interpretive nature walk, picnic facilities and great views into the peaks of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Park and trail are disabled-accessible. *I-90 exit 54, north to first right. Drive east across Gold Creek bridge and take first left on gravel road. Follow about 0.5 mile and turn left into parking and picnic area.*

10 Lake Kachess
Camping, boating, fishing and hiking with a disabled-accessible trail in a fjord-like setting. *From I-90 exit 62 head north to the lake.*

11 Lake Easton State Park
Hiking, biking, boating, fishing and camping in a beautiful, eastern Cascades setting. *I-90 exit 70, turn south.*

12 Washington State Horse Park
Recreational riding, competitive events and shows, camping/RV, and educational programs for equestrians of all ages and abilities at this expansive park just west of Cle Elum. *North of I-90 exit 84.*

13 Irene Rineheart Riverfront Park, Ellensburg
Riverfront park offering swimming, boating, volleyball and picnics along the scenic Yakima River. *I-90 exit 109, merge onto Canyon Road, left on Umptanum Road.*

More Information

Current hiking trail reports: Washington Trails Association *wta.org*
Detailed hiking maps: Green Trails Maps *greentrails.org*
Required parking passes and permits: *greenway365.org*

Trails

14 Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park
Largest wild park in an urban area in America with 5,000 acres. A network of trails through wetland and forest terrain allows hiking and horseback riding. Mine shafts and concrete foundations from 19th century coal mining can still be seen. *To the Red Town Trailhead: I-90 exit 13, head south on Lakemont Boulevard for 3 miles. To Wilderness Creek Trailhead: SR 900 (I-90 exit 15) south for 3.3 miles; small parking area is on the right.*

15 Squak Mountain State Park
Over 2,000 acres of forest on the south edge of Issaquah offer hiking, equestrian trails and excellent wildlife habitat. *I-90 exit 15, south on Highway 900 past milepost 18, then left on SE May Valley Road for 3 miles. Trailhead will be on left.*

16 Tiger Mountain State Forest
The state's most popular trails wind through 13,000 acres of working forest and conservation area, managed by the State Department of Natural Resources. There are two access points for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, just minutes from Seattle suburbs. *For the High Point Trailhead take I-90 to exit 20 and turn south. For the Tiger Summit Trailhead take Highway 18 exit 25 south off I-90. In about 4 miles the trailhead will be on the right. Bicycles allowed at Tiger Summit.*

17 Duthie Hill Park
Duthie Hill Park encompasses 120 acres of evergreen forest located on the Sammamish Plateau. The lush forest of Douglas firs and western hemlocks provides an excellent backdrop for a mountain bike park and miles of hiking trails. *I-90 exit 18, go north for 2.1 miles, turn right onto Issaquah-Fall City Road, follow for 3 miles, park is on right.*

18 Preston-Snoqualmie Trail
This paved, 6-mile regional trail segment connects Preston on the west to an overlook of Snoqualmie Falls on the east. *To the western trailhead, take I-90 exit 22, head north, turn right, trailhead on the left.*

19 Taylor Mountain Forest
Over 1,800 acres of forest and wetland near the communities of Hobart and Maple Valley offer miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrians as well as excellent wildlife habitat. *I-90 exit 25, south on Highway 18, then exit onto 276th Ave SE. Trailhead is first turn on the left.*

20 Snoqualmie Valley Trail
From Duvall, this pastoral, gravel trail winds south through Carnation to Snoqualmie and North Bend, passing through Three Forks Natural Area and Meadowbrook Farm Open Space. Hikers, bicyclists and equestrians will see wildlife and birds flocking to the confluence of the three forks of the Snoqualmie River. The trail extends to Rattlesnake Lake and the cross-state John Wayne Pioneer Trail south of North Bend.

21 Mt. Si Natural Resources Conservation Area
Mount Si towers over the town of North Bend and is a favorite hiking and rock climbing destination with a strenuous 4-mile (each way) trail to the summit or a 2.5-mile (each way) trail to Little Si. Mountains to Sound Greenway conservation corps crews and volunteers completely rebuilt the Mt. Si trail to withstand over 100,000 hikers each year. *I-90 exit 31, head north, then east on North Bend Way. Turn left on Mt. Si Road for 0.3 mile to the Middle Fork bridge. The Little Si Trailhead is 0.25 mile beyond the bridge. Continue 2 miles from the bridge to the Mt. Si Trailhead.*

22 Rattlesnake Ledge and Rattlesnake Mountain
From Rattlesnake Lake, the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail climbs 1,175 feet through classic Western Washington forests to rock outcrops that provide sweeping views of the Central Cascades and Snoqualmie Valley. From Rattlesnake Ledge, hikers can cross Rattlesnake Mountain and in 11 miles reach Snoqualmie Point and its new park and trailhead (see #7). *From I-90 take exit 32, head south and drive on 436th Avenue SE for about 4 miles to the Ledge trailhead and lake.*

23 Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley
Over 100,000 acres of forest and river landscape on the edge of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness provide a variety of trails and both ancient and young forests, just minutes from North Bend. A 12-mile road leads to a footbridge and access to many miles of backcountry trails that hikers, anglers and boaters will enjoy. *I-90 exit 34, turn north past the truck town, then right up the valley on the Middle Fork Road. NOTE: closures planned for summers 2014, 2015, 2016. Visit mtsgreenway.org for details.*

24 Twin Falls Natural Area, Olallie State Park
A 1.3-mile (each way) forested trail along the south fork of the Snoqualmie River to a spectacular view of upper and lower Twin Falls. Continue on and reach Iron Horse State Park a mile above, with popular rock climbing areas near Exit 38. *NOTE: the lower trailhead at I-90 exit 34 is currently closed -- access trail via the upper trailhead I-90 exit 38.*

Trails, continued

25 Asahel Curtis Picnic Area & Nature Trail/Annette Lake Trail
Spectacular old growth forest and a plunging mountain stream characterize the easy 0.5-mile Nature Trail loop. Reach Annette Lake by a 3.5-mile (one way) hike. *I-90 exit 47, south to Nature Trail and Annette Lake Trailhead. Just north of I-90 is a picnic area.*

26 Denny Creek and Franklin Falls
One of the best family trails in the Greenway, a short walk from the road leads to 70-foot Franklin Falls. Nearby is a portion of the historic Snoqualmie Pass Wagon Road. *From I-90 exit 47 drive north of the freeway and take a right on Denny Creek Road. Drive 2 miles to the campground, and a bit farther is the trail to the falls.*

27 Snoqualmie Pass
Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, hiking and mountain biking. *I-90 exit 52, 53 or 54 to the ski areas and trails.*

28 Alpine Lakes Wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail
A nationally famous wilderness with dozens of rugged alpine peaks, glacial lakes and meadows full of wildflowers; dangerous country for the inexperienced hiker and fragile habitat. Reservations and permits limit hikers in the wilderness, but several day-hike trails from I-90 exits east of North Bend give a taste of the alpine region beyond. *The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, which runs from Canada to Mexico, heads north of I-90 exit 52 at Snoqualmie Pass into the Wilderness, and south of I-90 exit 52 through parts of Mt. Baker–Snoqualmie National Forest.*

29 Crystal Springs and Cabin Creek Sno-Parks
Cross-country skiing trails. Snowmobiles at Crystal Springs. Sno-park permit required from Washington State Parks www.parks.wa.gov. *From I-90 at exit 62 for Crystal Springs, Exit 63 for Cabin Creek.*

30 John Wayne Pioneer Trail, Snoqualmie Tunnel, Iron Horse State Park
A major, non-motorized, cross-state link, this former Milwaukee Road railway grade reaches from Rattlesnake Lake near North Bend east across Washington State. The level grade of the trail makes it ideal for mountain bikers, equestrians and walkers. Main trailheads are at Cedar Falls/Rattlesnake Lake and Hyak. The Hyak trailhead is disabled-accessible and provides closest access to the damp, dark 2.3-mile Snoqualmie Tunnel. Hyak accesses the Lake Keechelus boat launch as well. *Access: Cedar Falls/Rattlesnake Lake (I-90 exit 32, head south 3 miles), Hyak (I-90 exit 54), Lake Easton (I-90 exit 71) and South Cle Elum (I-90 exit 84).*

31 Coal Mines Trail
This former Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway is now a trail connecting the historic towns of Cle Elum, Roslyn and Ronald through central Washington forests and past small mountains of tailings left from coal mining days. The Greenway Trust helped local communities buy the six-mile trail corridor, which can be reached at its trailhead located in the west end of Cle Elum. *I-90 exit 84 and follow W. 1st Street to Flag Pole Park. The Coal Mines Trail begins across from the park at W. 2nd Street.*

32 Cooper River and Cooper Lake
A magnificent walk along 4 miles of the rushing Cooper River leads to Cooper Lake, a reservoir surrounded by eastern Cascade peaks and forested slopes. Anglers and families alike will enjoy trout, birds and wildlife. *I-90 exit 80, head north 15 miles toward Salmon la Sac. Take a left toward Salmon la Sac campground, cross the Cle Elum River bridge, turn right and travel about 1/2 mile to the trailhead.*

33 Esmerelda Basin - the Teanaway
The Teanaway River Basin has rugged mountain ridges, wildflower meadows, red cliffs and remnants of a mining past. Hikers enjoy sunshine and remnants of a gold mining past along this and many other trails. *I-90 exit 85, north on 970, left on Teanaway River Road. Follow North Fork Teanaway signs to junction. Turn right, go to end of the road/trailhead.*

Campgrounds

34 Lake Easton State Park, I-90 exit 70
Washington State Park Camping Reservations
www.parks.wa.gov - 888-226-7688

35 Middle Fork Campground, 12 miles north of I-90 exit 34
36 Tinkham Campground, I-90 exit 42
37 Denny Creek Campground, I-90 exit 47
38 Kachess Lake Campground, I-90 exit 62
39 Lake Cle Elum and Salmon la Sac Campgrounds, along Lake Cle Elum and Highway 903 north of I-90 exit 80/84
National Forest Recreation Camping Reservations
www.recreation.gov - 877-444-6777

Historic & Cultural Sites

40 Log House Museum, "The Birthplace of Seattle"
Celebrates the early history of Alki and West Seattle. *From I-5 south of I-90, take the West Seattle Freeway and turn right off the Harbor Avenue S.W. exit to circle around Alki Point, then turn left on 61st Avenue S.W. loghousemuseum.info*

41 Hiram M. Chittenden Locks
Many lake and river systems of King County flow to the sea through the locks in Ballard, in northwest Seattle. The view of migrating salmon at the fish ladder is a powerful reminder of the thread of life that begins in snowmelt from the mountains along the Greenway. *From I-5 north of I-90, take the 45th Street exit, head west and follow signs.*

42 Museum of History and Industry
MOHAI, in a former armory in South Lake Union in Seattle, is the largest private heritage organization in Washington, telling stories of the people who built Seattle from wilderness to world city.
mohai.org

43 Burke Museum
Located on the University of Washington campus in Seattle, the Burke features the natural and cultural history of the Pacific Northwest - birds, fossils, logging tools, and more. *burkemuseum.org*

44 Klondike Gold Rush Museum
Between I-90 and the Seattle waterfront in the historic Pioneer Square district, with photos and memorabilia from Seattle's turn-of-the-century boom days. *319 2nd Ave South, Seattle. www.nps.gov/klse*

45 Issaquah History Museums
The Gilman Town Hall Museum and the Issaquah Depot Museum discover, preserve and share the history of Issaquah.
I-90 exit 17, head south on Front Street. issaquahhistory.org

46 Northwest Railway Museum, Snoqualmie
Historic train cars in downtown Snoqualmie, exhibits in the classic Victorian railroad station and train rides show the history of railroads and logging in the Snoqualmie Valley. *From I-90 westbound take exit 31, or from I-90 eastbound take exit 27. The depot is at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and King Street. trainmuseum.org*

47 Meadowbrook Farm
By oral tradition, this is the birthplace of the Snoqualmie Tribe, and was maintained by the Snoqualmies for thousands of years as a hunting and food gathering prairie. The historic 460-acre farm at the foot of Mt. Si is now public open space, farmland, wildlife habitat and interpretive facilities in the heart of the Snoqualmie Valley. *I-90 exit 31, turn north, follow the curve onto Highway 202, and turn right onto Boalch Ave. meadowbrookfarmpreserve.org*

48 Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum, North Bend
Located in a small city park, this museum tells the story of Native American civilization and European explorers and settlers. *From I-90 take exit 31 and head north on North Bend Way to the museum, on the right just before you enter downtown. snoqualmievalleymuseum.org*

49 Roslyn
A 19th century coal mining town, Roslyn was the setting for the TV series "Northern Exposure." The historic graveyard is divided into ethnic zones reflecting the many nations that sent miners here. The Roslyn Museum houses photos, mining tools and historical information.
I-90 exit 80 or 84 and head northwest on Highway 903.

50 South Cle Elum Depot
Cafe and interpretive trail at the former Milwaukee Road railway depot and substation. *I-90 exit 84 to South Cle Elum. milwelectric.org*

51 Indian John Hill
Washington State Department of Transportation rest area with views of the Stuart Range, picnic tables, interpretive signs. *I-90 east of Cle Elum.*

52 Thorp
Built in 1883 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1977, the Thorp Grist Mill is the oldest industrial artifact in Kittitas County. See a remarkable collection of handmade wooden mill machinery in this small museum, open in the summer. *I-90 exit 101, turn north and go 3 miles to Thorp to reach the mill at the far edge of town. thorp.org*

53 Kittitas County Historical Museum, Ellensburg
Historic artifacts from mining, ranching and farming history.
kchm.org

Spring

Earth Day
April 22nd
Join your community in celebrating Earth Day.
Cities all over the Greenway are hosting festivities and activities for this annual event. Visit *greenway365.org* to see what is happening in your community.

Farmers Markets
Typically March-September
Visit a community farmers market to get local, farm-fresh fruit and vegetables, locally made baked goods and artisan crafts, throughout towns and cities in the Greenway. *wafarmersmarkets.com*

Spring Hikes
Take a low-elevation hike before the snow melts with Issaquah Alps Trails Club. *issaquahalps.org*

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Summer

Festival at Mt Si
Second weekend in August
Celebrate this annual festival at the base of Mt Si in North Bend with plenty of events for everyone, including arts & crafts vendors, multiple music stages, Kids Fun Zone, cherry pie eating contest, Tour de Peaks Bicycle Ride, The Grand Parade and more.
festivalatmtsi.org

Celebrate Shoreline Festival
August
Stop by for live music on stage, food vendors, community booths and fun activities for the whole family. Don't miss the parade with decorative floats, marching bands, drill teams and more.
shorelinewa.gov

Explore the Greenway Trips
Unique, behind-the-scenes explorations. *greenway365.org*

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Fall

Ellensburg Rodeo
Labor Day Weekend
One of America's Top Ten professional rodeos, started in 1923. The host of the World Finale of the Extreme Bulls Tour. Watch riders, ropers, and wrestlers compete in the best rodeo arena in the nation.
ellensburgrodeo.com

Issaquah Salmon Days
First weekend in October
Join in this annual celebration of the return of salmon to Issaquah's waters. The streets will be full of art, food, music, a parade, sporting events and more. *salmondays.org*

Festivals and Events
Seek out Snoqualmie Valley farm events, Woodinville winery celebrations and fall harvest festivals on our event calendar.
greenway365.org

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Winter

Santa Train Rides, Snoqualmie
December
A tradition at the Northwest Railway Museum, participants of all ages travel by train to visit Santa Claus. *trainmuseum.org*

Guided Snowshoe Outings, Snoqualmie Pass
January through March
Join a guided snowshoe hike this winter with the US Forest Service. Programs include a 90-minute walk, extended half-day trip, winter photography, ecology outings, and "Kids in the Snow."
Reservations: 425-434-6111, *fs.usda.gov/mbs*

Christmas in Cle Elum, Parade of Lights
December
Celebrate the holidays with Cle Elum-Roslyn Chamber of Commerce.

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The Mountains to Sound Greenway Heritage Area

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the scenic landscape that stretches from Seattle to Ellensburg and encompasses mountains and hills, forests and farms, rivers and lakes, and communities large and small. Being close to so much nature shapes how residents live and why tourists visit, whether to enjoy a hike, climb, paddle or simply stop to take in a magnificent view. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust celebrates this natural heritage and brings people together to conserve natural lands, restore habitat for wildlife, increase recreation for people, and together build a sustainable future.

- Regional Trails
- Cities & Urban Growth Areas
- Rural Private Lands
- Public Land in the Greenway
- Greenway information kiosks:
  - *Aubrey Davis Park, I-90 lid, Mercer Island*
  - *Tiger Mountain, Issaquah*
  - *Rattlesnake Mountain &*
  - *Snoqualmie Point Park, Snoqualmie*
  - *Mt. Si, North Bend*
  - *Rattlesnake Ledge, Seattle Watershed*
  - *Snoqualmie Pass*
  - *Cle Elum*

You can help conserve and enhance the Mountains to Sound Greenway!

Become a member. Join today to show your support.

Volunteer. Make a difference in your community. Join a tree planting or trail maintenance event.

Educate. Teach future stewards of the Greenway. Sign your class up for environmental education classes, field study trips and ecological restoration events.

mtsgreenway.org

Greenway 365 is your passport to adventure in the Greenway. From outdoor recreation and farmers markets to festivals and family-friendly events, you'll find hundreds of things to see and do throughout the year.

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