



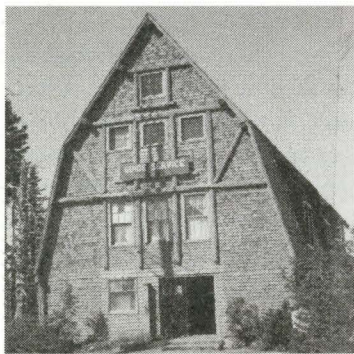
# The Tahoma News

September 2 - December 31, 2003

*The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. Mount Rainier National Park is a source of inspiration, providing boundless opportunities for exploration, solitude, and contemplation.*

## Welcome to Your National Park!

WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WILDERNESS SOLITUDE OR HISTORICAL architecture, spectacular drives or challenging hikes, Mount Rainier National Park has something for you. This issue includes information that will help you plan your activities and have a safe and enjoyable visit.



### Paradise Guide House Rehabilitation

On a ridge near Paradise Inn, the Paradise Guide House has served as a climbing center and a dormitory since its construction in 1920. The Guide House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Paradise Historic District and as part of the Mount Rainier National Historic Landmark District. This historic building is an important part of the park's history and the early history of the National Park Service.

While visiting Paradise, you'll see evidence of the extensive repairs needed to maintain this historic building, including replacing the existing masonry stone foundation. Last fall and this spring, we installed a temporary water treatment plant (replacing the existing plant in the basement of the Guide House), completed associated trenching and piping work, and salvaged all viable plants from the construction area. This summer and fall the contractor is working on the foundation. This involves lifting the building and excavating underneath. The construction will affect your visit to Paradise as part of the upper parking lot is cordoned off for construction use and the traffic pattern is altered. Parking in the upper loop (Loop A) of the Paradise Picnic Area will also be limited. *Please drive with extra caution.*

**In Case of  
Emergency  
Dial 911**

*From any phone located in the park.*

### Winter Driving & Road Closures

Poor visibility and reduced traction present driving hazards during winter. Shady areas and bridge surfaces can be treacherously icy even when other sections of roadway are not. Stay alert! Use caution. **State law requires that you carry tire chains at all times when in the mountains.** Chains and/or traction tires may be required in the mountains at anytime during winter. **Check current road status and traction requirements at an entrance station or visitor center.**

As autumn progresses toward winter and storms bring increasing amounts of snow to Mount Rainier, roads will close for winter. Look for most roads to reopen in May or June.

- **Sunrise Road** closes at the junction with White River Campground Road every night beginning in late September. It reopens each morning as conditions permit. Overnight parking is not allowed at Sunrise when the road is closed nightly. The entire road will be closed for winter at the SR 410 junction on October 14, or earlier with the first heavy snowfall.
- Depending on snowfall, Washington State Department of Transportation usually closes the east section of **SR 410** and **Chinook Pass** in late November. They normally close SR 410 at the northeast park boundary in early December, and Cayuse Pass and SR 123 north of Ohanapecosh close at the same time. Call 1-800-695-ROAD for current status.
- **Mowich Lake Road** closes October 19, or with the first snowfall.
- **Stevens Canyon Road** closes November 17, or with the first heavy snowfall.
- **The road between Nisqually Entrance and Longmire** remains open throughout winter except during extreme weather.
- **The road between Longmire and Paradise** closes nightly from mid-October through winter. It reopens the following morning or when snow removal activities allow.

### Welcome!

...to Mount Rainier National Park, the nation's fifth oldest national park and one of 388 national treasures cared for and held in trust for the American people by the National Park Service. National Parks are preserved and protected for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Many special people work here at Mount Rainier, caring for the park so that visitors from both near and far may enjoy it. The ranger staff, maintenance crew, food services, and many others are here to help make your visit enjoyable.



During your visit you will find limitless opportunities for recreation, exploration, and discovery. The base of the mountain covers about 100 square miles with the summit towering 14,410 feet above. The snow and ice covered volcano supports 26 major glaciers, the largest single mountain glacial system in the lower 48 states. Autumn is beautiful at the mountain. While visiting look for brilliant fall colors, visit the lowland old growth forests, and view dramatic glacial and geological features. The wildlife, historic buildings, cultural history, 260 miles of trails, and natural resources are all here for you to enjoy.

John Muir wrote, "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul." Our magnificent National Parks offer safe havens from the often disturbing events of modern life. As you drive the historic roads, hike the trails, climb the mountain, or contemplate the view, find comfort and solace in the beauty and peace of nature.

Dave Uberuaga, Superintendent  
Mount Rainier National Park

#### 2 Road Construction

Summer and fall are the seasons for road construction. Check page 2 for road construction locations that may cause traffic delays, driving tips, and more.

#### 3 Wild Encounters

What would you do if you came face to face with a bear or a mountain lion or encountered bad weather on the Muir Snowfield? Find out how to prepare for an encounter with the wilder side of Mount Rainier.

#### 4 Park Information

Where are the visitor centers? When are they open? Where can I get something to eat? Which campground is right for me? It's all on the back page!

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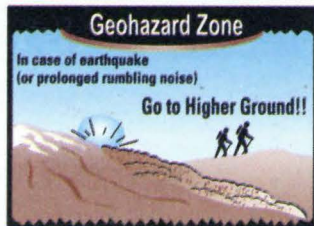
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## Mount Rainier: An Active Volcano

Recent research has improved our understanding of Mount Rainier, an active volcano. Active steam vents, periodic earth tremors, and reported historical eruptions provide evidence that Mount Rainier is sleeping, not dead. Seismic monitoring stations around the mountain should provide days or weeks of advance warning of impending eruptions. However, other geologic hazards like debris flows and rockfall can occur with little warning.

Needless to say, the longer you stay in an area where there are geologic hazards, the greater the chance that you could be involved in an emergency event. While most people consider the danger to be relatively low, *you* must decide if you will assume the personal risk of visiting these potentially dangerous locations.

If you are near a river and notice a rapid rise in water level, feel a prolonged shaking of the ground, and/or hear a roaring sound coming from upvalley – often described as the sound made by a fast-moving freight train – move quickly to higher ground! A location 160 feet or more above river level should be safe. Detailed information is available at park visitor centers and from scientists at the U.S.G.S. Cascades Volcano Observatory, 1300 SE Cardinal Court, Building 10, Suite 100, Vancouver, WA 98661, [www.vulcan.wr.usgs.gov](http://www.vulcan.wr.usgs.gov).

## What's New In Park Planning?

Planning for the future of Mount Rainier National Park is a monumental responsibility shared by park managers and the public alike. You have the opportunity to participate in the park's planning process through review and comment on park management plans open for public comment.

The Commercial Services Plan is open for comment through November 25, 2003. The plan provides a vision for managing commercial activities within the park.

The Fire Management Plan and Environmental Assessment are nearly ready for release. Public meetings and a release date in September are planned. Check the park's website for the specific date.

Plans are available on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/mora/current/park\\_mgt.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/current/park_mgt.htm). Send comments to Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304-9751.

## Please Recycle!

Mount Rainier National Park has been involved in recycling since the late 1960's. We reduce our consumption of resources by reusing and recycling. We recycle aluminum cans, plastic (no. 1 and 2), glass, office paper, mixed paper, cardboard, scrap metal, used oil, batteries, and a number of other items.

We also purchase recycled plastic products such as plastic bags, picnic tables, and plastic lumber; paper products made of pre- and post-consumer recycled paper; automobile products; and other products.



Be part of the effort! Please deposit aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass in the recycle cans provided.



Mount Rainier is a place of great beauty and inspiration.

You may be inspired to take a picture or to get a close-up look at a wildflower. But stop and consider your actions before stepping off the trail.

With each step you take onto a meadow, an average of 20 plants are impacted! Even if a plant survives the weight of your footstep, it may be stunted for years. Please remember this when exploring Mount Rainier's fragile meadows and...

Please hike only on maintained trails or on thick patches of snow.

## Plan for Traffic Delays

Long snowy winters mean that most of Mount Rainier's road work must be done during the busy summer and fall seasons. Please allow extra time in your schedule to accommodate construction delays. Use the time to enjoy the views .... and read the Tahoma News!

Roadwork just east of Christine Falls Bridge and on the Nisqually Glacier Bridge is estimated to go through mid-November. Expect one lane closures with 20 minute delays on weekdays.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to improve visitor facilities throughout the park during this busy season. Please drive carefully. Park roads are narrow with numerous tight curves and you'll be sharing them with many other drivers, construction equipment and crews, bicyclists, and even pedestrians. Buckle up, obey speed limits, and please slow down through the construction zones!

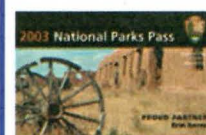
## Park Smart Driving

During your visit to the park use these guidelines to help assure a safe visit:

- Don't stop in the road; use a pullout
- Buckle up and use car seats for infants or booster seats for children under 80 lbs – it's the law!
- Use pullouts to allow vehicles to pass if traveling under 30 m.p.h.
- Brake gently – don't swerve to avoid wildlife, you could end up in a collision with a tree or a vehicle!
- Never pass another vehicle while in the park
- Use caution when passing bicycles

Please drive courteously and use sound judgement and caution while visiting Mount Rainier!

## Looking for that perfect holiday gift? How about a Mount Rainier Annual Pass or a National Parks Pass?



Purchase your **National Parks Pass** at any Mount Rainier Entrance Station, on-line at [www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org), or by calling 1-888-GO-PARKS.

Just \$50 (plus shipping and handling if you buy on-line or by phone). Good at any national park site for one full year.

If you only plan to visit Mount Rainier National Park, consider the **Mount Rainier Annual Pass**. It costs \$30 and, like the

National Parks Pass, is good for one full year. Available at any Mount Rainier Entrance Station or by calling (360) 569-6003.



\*A National Parks Pass can be upgraded to a Golden Eagle Pass for \$15. This covers additional sites such as Forest Service trailheads requiring the Northwest Forest Pass, Mount St. Helens, and the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge.

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## Wilderness Permits

Wilderness Permits are required for backcountry camping and are available at all Wilderness

Information Centers and most visitor centers.

Permits are free, but an optional, fee-based reservation system for campers and climbers is in effect May through September. Reservations may be made between April 1 and September 30. Backcountry reservations are \$20 per party (1-12 people) for 1 to 14 consecutive nights. Sixty percent of all backcountry sites and zones are available for reservation. The remaining 40% are issued on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of, or one day prior to, the start of trip. Go to [www.nps.gov/mora/recreation.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/recreation.htm) to learn more.

A Reservation Request Form is available at Wilderness Information Centers and on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/rsvpform.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/rsvpform.htm). Fax or mail completed forms to: Wilderness Reservations Office, Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304-9751. Fax (360) 569-3131.

## Climbing Mount Rainier

Over 10,000 people attempt to climb Mount Rainier each year. About half actually make it to the 14,410 foot summit. Climbing information is available at ranger stations and on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/mora/climb/climb.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/climb/climb.htm). For prerecorded route conditions, call (360) 569-2211 ext. 2314. Climbers pay a Cost Recovery Fee of \$30 per person, per calendar year.

Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. (360) 569-2227 (RMI) conducts guided climbs and related seminars. Guides for the Emmons Glacier Route include Alpine Ascents International (206) 378-1927, American Alpine Institute (360) 671-1505, Cascade Alpine Guides (800) 981-0381, and Mount Rainier Alpine Guides (360) 569-2889.

## Winter Group Camping

Winter camping at Paradise is permitted when there is sufficient snow (generally mid-December through April). Parties of 13 to 100 must camp in one of the designated group camping areas at Paradise and **must pre-register**. Please call (360) 569-2211 ext. 6003 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at least 2 weeks in advance. Provide group name, leader name, party size, date requested, and a call-back phone number. Your pre-registered permit will be available for pickup at the Longmire Museum on the day of your arrival to camp.



## The Secret to a Great Visit

Mount Rainier National Park offers excellent opportunities for adventure, exploration, learning, and just plain having fun! The secret to a great visit? Staying safe! Reduce the risk of spoiling your trip by following these guidelines:

### Protect Yourself and Your Park

Mount Rainier National Park was established in 1899 to preserve its resources and to provide for public benefit and enjoyment. By observing the rules, you protect your park and yourself:

- Pets must be on leashes no longer than six feet and are not allowed in buildings, on trails, or on snow
- Do not feed or disturb the wildlife
- Stay on designated trails
- Make fires only in a fire grill. Collecting firewood is prohibited
- Weapons are prohibited in wilderness. Firearms transported through the park must be unloaded, broken down, and stored to prevent use
- Bicycle only on roads, not on trails
- Camp in designated campsites only. Sleeping in vehicles outside of a designated campsite, in parking lots, or in pullouts is not permitted.
- Oil leaks and contaminated water are washed into storm drains to waterways and streams. Help prevent pollutants from entering waterways.

### Pay Attention to the Weather

Think about all the ways weather can outsmart you. It's easy to get lost or injured when the weather deteriorates, the trail is covered with snow, and you don't know where you are. You might be in an avalanche zone and not even know it.

### Eyes on the Trail

You may be hiking before trail crews have a chance to clear away fallen trees or replace missing foot logs at river crossings. Be especially careful at river crossings. Many people underestimate the power of the water and are unaware of the large, rolling boulders it carries. If you must cross, go in the morning when rivers are generally lower.

### Prepare and Take Care

Bring the "10 Essentials" with you and know how to use them (see bottom of page). Tell someone your travel plans so they can notify the park if you fail to return. Do not travel alone. If visibility is poor, do not travel at all. Taking these few precautions could save your day...and your life!

## Hiking the Muir Snowfield?

The Muir Snowfield, a permanent field of snow, ice, and rock outcrops, is located north of Paradise between 7,000 - 10,000 feet in elevation. Thousands of people hike on the Muir Snowfield each year en route to Camp Muir. On a clear day, the hike is spectacular. But when the weather deteriorates, as it often and unpredictably does, crossing the Muir Snowfield can be disastrous. More hikers, skiers, climbers, and snowboarders get lost on the Muir Snowfield each year than in the rest of the park combined. While many find their way out, searches must be initiated for others, and some are never found.

What makes the Muir Snowfield such a dangerous place? The snowfield is made up of snow and rocks. In whiteout conditions, snow, rocks, and sky look the same, making it extremely difficult to stay oriented. Even those who have hiked the snowfield dozens of times (including park rangers) find it easy to get off course. Travel too far west and you'll encounter cliffs, avalanche chutes, and the huge crevasses of the Nisqually Glacier. Veer too far east and you'll end up on the Paradise Glacier, with its many crevasses and steep cliffs. In 1999, four people died on the Muir Snowfield. Two had ascended the snowfield dozens of times and were very experienced hikers.

### Don't Become a Muir Snowfield Statistic!

- Avoid the snowfield in questionable weather, especially if you are alone or unprepared. Weather conditions can change suddenly and drastically.
- If you're ascending and clouds or fog start rolling in, turn around and head back to Paradise. If that's not possible, stop moving, dig in, and wait for better weather.
- Without a compass, map, and altimeter, it is extremely difficult to find your way to the trailhead in a whiteout. Carry these items and know how to use them!
- Do not attempt to descend from Camp Muir in poor weather. Do not descend on skis or a snowboard in limited visibility — you could become quickly lost!
- When hiking to Camp Muir, be sure to carry emergency bivouac gear so that you can spend the night out if you have to.
- While it may be disappointing to abandon your hike to Camp Muir, remember that the snowfield will be there for you next time, in better weather.

Ask a ranger for tips on other areas to explore during your visit.

### "Leave No Trace" of your Wilderness trip

- plan ahead & prepare
- travel & camp on durable surfaces
  - dispose of waste properly
  - leave what you find
- minimize campfire impacts\*
  - respect wildlife
- be considerate of other visitors

\* for emergency use only; fires are not allowed in Mount Rainier's Wilderness.

### Carry the "10 Essentials" and know how to use them!

- map of the area
  - compass
- extra food and water
  - first aid kit
- flashlight or headlamp
- sunglasses & sunscreen
  - pocketknife
- extra clothing & rain gear
  - emergency shelter
- matches in a waterproof container\*

Wilderness camping permits are required for all overnight stays in the park's backcountry. Climbing permits are required for travel above 10,000' and/or on glaciers.

## Animal Encounters



Black bear  
(Ursus americanus)

The beauty and wonder of Mount Rainier National Park doesn't just come from the scenic grandeur of a single, towering mountain. The presence of wild creatures remains an essential part of the experience of wilderness. Being in the home of large creatures like bear and mountain lion can make Mount Rainier an exciting and sometimes scary place

to visit. You are not likely to see them, more people die annually in the U.S. from bee stings and lightning strikes than bear and cougar attacks combined. If you do meet one of these larger mammals, learning more about them serves as your best defense and theirs!

### Avoiding Mountain Lion And Black Bear Encounters



Mountain lion (Felis concolor)

- Hike in a group rather than alone.
- Avoid trail running — don't look like prey
- Keep children close to you — preferably in view just ahead of you
- Never approach cougar kittens — leave the area immediately
- Follow the rules regarding pets in the park — don't take your pet on trails or in the backcountry and never leave it unattended at the campground — you could lose it!
- If you are backpacking, hang your food high or use bear-proof canisters at your campsite whenever it is not needed. For everyone's welfare, keep a clean campsite.

### Close Encounters With Black Bears Or Mountain Lions

- Do not run or panic
- Do not approach it or come between the animal and its young;
- Talk loud to make sure the animal is aware of you; if the animal sees you, back away slowly while facing the animal
- Pick up and hold small children to avoid rapid movements
- Stand upright to make yourself appear larger - wave your arms and make a noisy commotion if the animal stares or moves toward you
- If attacked, fight back aggressively

Please report bear and mountain lion sightings to the nearest ranger station.

## Explore Mount Rainier From Home!

Learn more about park resources, recreation opportunities, facilities, and much more on the web at [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora) or go directly to one the follow website pages:

### Education Page

[www.nps.gov/mora/education/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/education/index.htm)

Information on teacher workshops, professional development and more!

### Employment Page

[www.nps.gov/mora/employment.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/employment.htm)

Great information on jobs within the park.

### Nature and Science Page

linked from [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora)

Learn more about the park's natural resources.

### Nature Notes

[www.nps.gov/mora/notes/nn-intro.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/notes/nn-intro.htm)

Nature Notes are issues of the early park newsletter from 1923 through 1939.



## Fall Hours

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## Visitor Centers

**Longmire Museum (360) 569-2211 ext. 3314**

Information, exhibits, book sales, climbing permits

**September 2 - October 13:**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**October 14 - December 31:**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily

**Jackson Visitor Center (Paradise)****(360) 569-6036**

Information, exhibits, movies, book sales, food service, gifts, showers

**September 2 - October 13:**

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

**Open weekends and holidays only starting October 14:**

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekends/holidays

**Ohanapecosh Visitor Center (360) 569-6046**

Information, exhibits, book sales

**Closed for the season starting October 14**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**Sunrise Visitor Center (360) 663-2425**

Information, exhibits, book sales

**Closed for the season starting September 14**

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

**Wilkeson Wilderness Information Center****(360) 569-6046** Information, exhibits, climbing and backcountry camping permits. Located in downtown Wilkeson.**September 2 - September 21:**

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - Wednesday

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thursday - Saturday

**September 21 - December 31:**

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily



## Food &amp; Lodging

For lodging reservations in the park call Mount Rainier Guest Services at 360-569-2275 or visit [www.guestservices.com/rainier](http://www.guestservices.com/rainier)**National Park Inn (Longmire)**Lodging and dining. **Open year-round.****General Store (Longmire)**Groceries, gifts, firewood. **Open year-round.****September 2 - Pre-Ski Touring Season:**

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**During Ski Touring Season (approximately November - April):**

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. weekends/holidays

**Jackson Visitor Center (Paradise)**

Grill &amp; Gift Shop:

**September 1 - October 10:**

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

**October 11 - December 31:**

11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. weekends/holidays

Showers are in the basement open building hours.

**Paradise Inn**

Lodging, lounge, dining, gifts, and dining room.

**Closes after breakfast on October 6th.****Sunrise Lodge**

Day use only. No overnight lodging.

**Closed for the season starting September 15.****September 1 - September 14:**

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

Gasoline, lodging, dining, recreation equipment rentals, and other services are available in local communities. A list of these services is available at park visitor centers and on the park's website: [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora). Religious services are available in local communities.**GAS IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE PARK.**

## Park Partners in Protection

**Who's responsible for protecting Mount Rainier National Park?  
Everyone! Here are some people who deserve special thanks:**

## Visitors Like You

Just by paying the entrance fee, you make a difference. Eighty percent of the fees collected at Mount Rainier are kept in the park, while twenty percent are made available to other parks in need. Your money is helping several projects right now:

- Planning for the new Education Center
- Rehabilitating park trails
- Meadow restoration at Sunrise and Reflection Lakes
- Upgrading exhibits and media
- Rehabilitating picnic areas

As you explore the park, look for signs of your fees at work:

## UserFee

improves this park



## Northwest Interpretive Association

NWIA operates bookstores in the park's visitor and information centers. As a nonprofit organization benefitting educational programs in the national parks and forests of the Pacific Northwest, NWIA plays an important role in making interpretive and educational publications available to travelers. It also funds special interpretive projects in the areas it serves. For more information or membership, call (360) 569-2211, ext. 3320, or visit NWIA on the web at: [www.nwpubliclands.com](http://www.nwpubliclands.com).

## Accessibility



Most comfort stations, visitor centers, picnic areas, and designated campsites are accessible or accessible with help for wheelchair users. Accessible lodging is available inside the park and in local communities. In the Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise, written information, exhibits, and scripts for uncaptioned audiovisual programs are available. An accessible boardwalk at Kautz Creek (3 miles west of Longmire) overlooks the 1947 debris flow and a view of the mountain. TDD: (360) 569-2177

## Washington's National Park Fund

The Fund was created to restore, enhance, and preserve Washington's national parks. The Fund is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization that works with individuals, businesses, foundations, and others to secure financial and volunteer support for projects to improve the parks. If you'd like to help, look for donation boxes at park visitor centers, or contact Executive Director, Washington's National Park Fund, 2112 Third Avenue, Suite 501, Seattle, WA 98121. Tel. (206) 770-0627 [www.wnpf.org](http://www.wnpf.org).

## Volunteers

Each year more than 125,000 volunteers donate over 4,500,000 hours of service in the national parks. They come from every state and nearly every country in the world to help preserve and protect America's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. At Mount Rainier National Park, 856 volunteers contributed a total of 31,392 hours in 2002. We express our deep appreciation to them and to all who are volunteering in 2003! If you are thinking about volunteering, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304-9751. Tel. (360) 569-2211 ext. 3385.

## Interpretive Programs

Stop by a visitor center for information on interpretive activities being offered during your visit. Park rangers and volunteers may be offering talks, guided walks, evening slide programs, or snowshoe walks. These programs explore the park's natural and cultural history and are free.

**Hey Kids!** Ask for a free **Junior Ranger Book** at any visitor center. Complete it and you'll earn a badge and certificate. You'll also learn lots of cool stuff about your park!

## Drive-in Campgrounds

Name	Elev.	Fee	# of sites	Flush Toilets	Pit Toilets	Dump Station	Location/Notes
<b>Sunshine Point</b> <i>Open all year</i>	2000'	\$10	18		X		SW corner of park, 0.25 miles E of the Nisqually Entrance.
<b>Cougar Rock*</b> <i>Open May 23 to Oct. 13, 2003</i>	3180'	\$12 \$15*	173 + 5 group sites	X		X	SW corner of park, 2.3 miles NE of Longmire.
<b>Ohanapecosh*</b> <i>Open May 23 to Oct. 13, 2003</i>	1914'	\$12 \$15*	188 + 1 group site	X		X	SE corner of park, 11 miles NE of Packwood on SR123.
<b>White River</b> <i>Open June 27 to Sept. 15, 2003</i>	4400'	\$10	112	X			E side of park, 5 miles W of White River Entrance.
<b>Ipsut Creek</b> <i>Open all year, depending on snow &amp; road status</i>	2300'	None	28 + 2 group sites		X <b>NO POTABLE WATER</b>		NW corner of park, 5 miles E of Carbon River Entrance. <b>ROAD SUBJECT TO CLOSURES DUE TO WASHOUT</b>
<b>Mowich Lake</b> <i>Open June 27 to Oct. 19, 2003</i>	4950'	None	30 walk-in sites		X <b>NO POTABLE WATER</b>		NW corner of park, at the end of SR165. Unpaved road. NO FIRES.

\* Advance reservations are required for Cougar Rock and Ohanapecosh Campgrounds from the last Friday in June through Labor Day (group sites from May 23 - October 12). Call 1-800-365-CAMP up to 5 months in advance or reserve your site online at <http://reservations.nps.gov>. The nightly fee during the reservation period is \$15 per site. All other campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first-served basis.