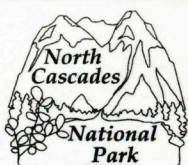


Lake Chelan National Recreation Area



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North Cascades National Park Service Complex, located in north-central Washington State, is characterized by a mix of jagged mountain peaks, glaciers, lush & diverse forests, and tumbling waterfalls. The park complex includes North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. Lake Chelan National Recreation Area encompasses the upper 4.5 miles of Lake Chelan and the glacier-carved Stehekin Valley. The Stehekin River, one of three major tributaries to Lake Chelan, meanders through this narrow valley. Elevation gradually rises from 1100 feet at the lake to 5400 feet at Cascade Pass, 29 miles away. Rainbow Creek plunges 312 feet over Rainbow Falls, a popular scenic destination, before joining the Stehekin River 3.5 miles upvalley from the lake.

The small community of Stehekin, situated along the lower few miles of the Stehekin River, has no road connections to the rest of the world. Visitors and residents arrive by passenger ferry, private boat, float plane, horseback and on foot. Trails into large areas of wilderness branch off the Stehekin Valley Road ascending to the rugged mountains. The valley road begins at the boat landing and follows the river to Cottonwood Camp. Currently, the 2.7 mile section of road between Glory Mountain and Cottonwood is closed to vehicles due to severe flooding during the fall of 1995. Shuttle bus service along the Stehekin Valley Road gives access to varied recreational opportunities including backpacking, fishing, day hiking, sight-seeing, and camping. The beautiful Stehekin Valley offers a pleasant escape from life's frantic pace. In the words of a recent visitor, "The natural beauty, the quiet and unspoiled remote quality lures us back."



Transportation Services

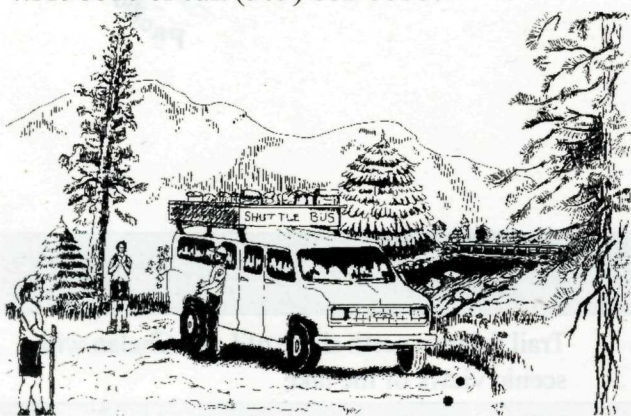


Getting to Stehekin

Lake Chelan Boat Company: Passenger boats provide round-trip transportation service between Chelan and Stehekin with scheduled stops at Field's Point and Lucerne. Daily service is available from March 15th through October 31st with reduced service during the winter months. Prices vary by vessel and season. Write Lake Chelan Boat Company at P.O. Box 186, Chelan, WA 98816 or call (509) 682-4584 for more information.

Lake Chelan Tours: Flexible schedules, pets welcome. Write to Lake Chelan Tours, P.O. Box 1119, Chelan, WA 98816 or call (509) 682-8287.

Chelan Airways: Flights to and from Stehekin scheduled daily during summer months and on reduced schedules during the winter. Flight tours 15 to 30 minutes in length available - prices variable. Write to Chelan Airways, P.O. Box W, Chelan, WA 98816 or call (509) 682-5555.



Stehekin Transportation

The 23-mile Stehekin Valley Road is paved for four miles from Stehekin Landing and becomes gravel at Harlequin Campground. Views of the Stehekin River, glacier-clad jagged peaks, and dense coniferous forests are found along the way. Transportation is offered along the road for your enjoyment and convenience. Drivers provide a narrated tour, as well as camping and hiking information. You may get on or off the buses at any location. Infant seats are available on the NPS bus.

Stehekin Valley Road Status: Beyond High Bridge, 11 miles from the landing, many sections of the road were damaged by the floods of November '95. At present, the road is open to Glory Mountain, 20.1 miles from Stehekin Landing. Above Glory Mountain, a channel of the river flows down the road for approximately 3000'. Due to this damage, the road will remain closed for 2.7 miles between Glory Mountain and Cottonwood Camp until conditions change and the road can be repaired. A trail was established and is maintained along the damaged section of road. Hikers and horseback parties are able to use this trail. Bicycles are allowed, but not recommended. Ask a ranger about latest conditions on the road.

National Park Service Shuttle Van: Reservations are strongly recommended to guarantee a seat and can be made in person, at ranger stations in Stehekin, Chelan, Marblemount, North Cascades Visitor Center in Newhalem and Sedro-Woolley Information Station. Reservations may be made in advance by calling the Golden West Visitor Center at (360) 856-5700, ext. 340, then ext. 14 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm after May 14. Long-term reservations must be reconfirmed by telephone or in person between 2 and 4 days in advance of the bus ride or departure on trail. Otherwise, the reservations will be cancelled. Buses do not leave specified points before the scheduled times.

Vehicle, road, or other problems sometimes cause delays and adjustments to schedules. Call ahead for current road conditions.

The Stehekin Shuttle (lower valley): This bus runs from Stehekin Landing to High Bridge. The bus accommodates backpacks and bicycles. No reservations are required for this 36-passenger bus. A *Bakery Special* ride between Stehekin Landing and the Stehekin Pastry Company is available for \$1 one way.

See shuttle schedules on back page.



Rainbow Falls

Golden West Visitor Center

The National Park Service staffs the Golden West Visitor Center from mid-March through mid-October (8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily with reduced hours in spring and fall). Be sure to include time to stop by the visitor center located just above the landing where you can find the following:

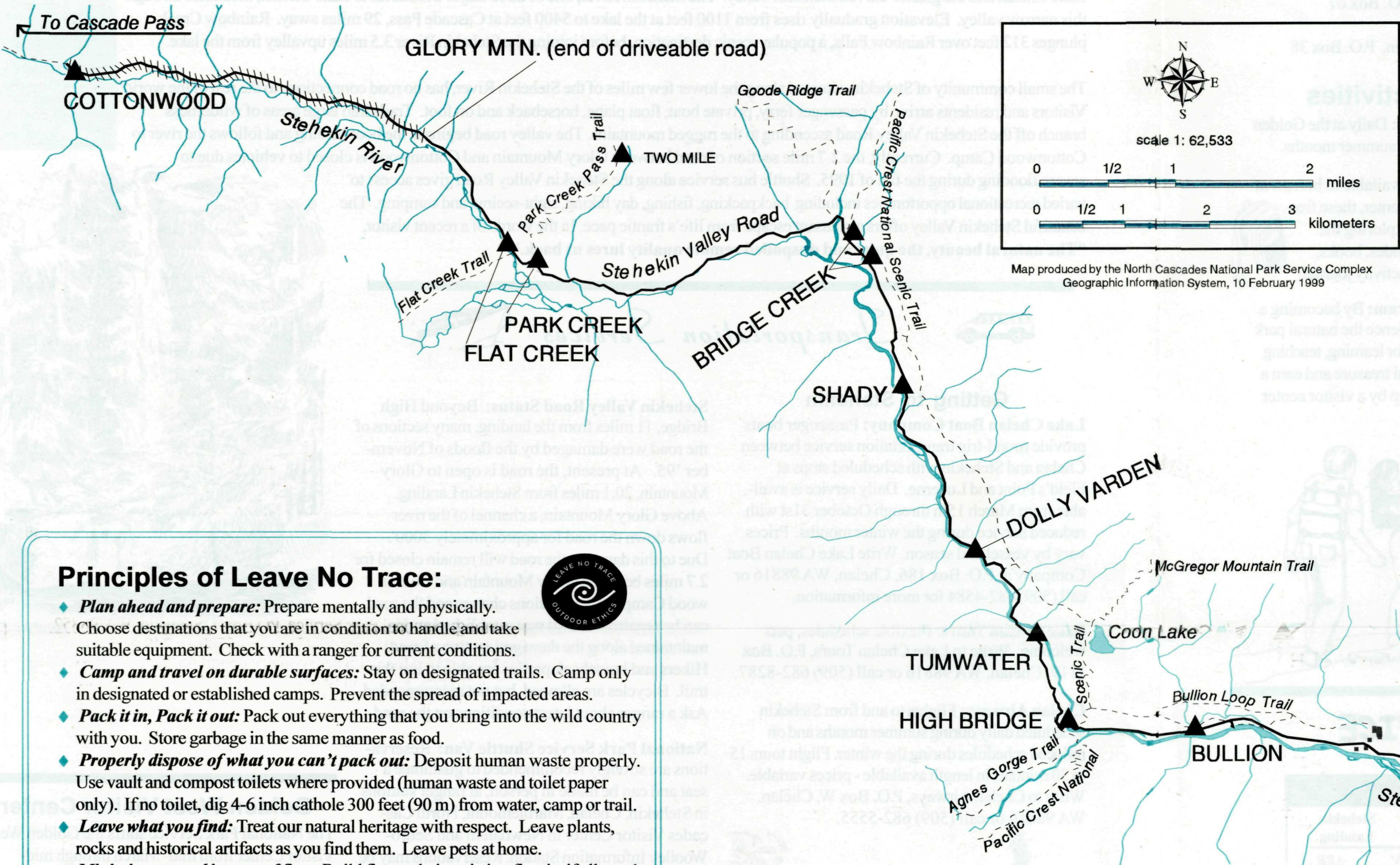
- **Rangers** available to assist you with trail information, backcountry permits and general information about the area.
- **Naturalist Programs** including evening programs, children's programs and short-talks presented daily on a variety of natural and cultural history topics.
- **Exhibits** covering a broad spectrum of topics including the Buckner Orchard Homestead, local resource management issues, local geology and a children's discovery area.
- **The Golden West Gallery** displaying artwork related to Stehekin and the North Cascades by area artists. Programs and workshops presented by the artists throughout the summer.
- **"A Wilderness Place"** ten-minute slide program which can be viewed any time. This presentation includes narration and images of Stehekin and the surrounding wilderness area.

For additional information or to check on latest park and trail conditions, visit our website at www.nps.gov/noca/ or call the Golden West Visitor Center at: (360) 856-5700 ext. 340, then ext. 14.

Lake Chelan National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 7
Stehekin WA 98852



Stehekin Valley Road Area Map



LAKE CHELAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA - CAMPING INFORMATION									
Travel Area	Camp	Number of Sites	Miles from Landing	Elevation (feet)	Fires Allowed?	Group Camping?	Access: (R)oad, (B)oot, (F)oot	Comments	
Lower Valley	Purple Point	7	0.3	1100	Y		R,B,F	Only campground near Stehekin Landing. Treated water.	
	Harlequin	7	4.4	1200	Y	Y	R,F	Has separate group camp (reservations required). Nearest camp to Rainbow Falls, Rainbow Loop and River Trail.	
High Bridge Area	Bullion	2	10	1250	Y		R,F	Located at junction of Agnes Creek Trail, Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) South and Stehekin Valley Road. Stock corral.	
	High Bridge	2	11	1650	Y		R,F		
	Tumwater	2	12	1750	Y		R,F		
Mid-Valley	Dolly Varden	2	13	1920	Y		R,F	Good fishing camp.	
	Shady	1	14.7	1920	Y		R,F	Located at junction of PCT North and Stehekin Valley Road. Separate group camp (reservations required). Stock corral.	
	Bridge Creek	6	16	2100	Y	Y	R,F		
Upper Valley	Park Creek	2	18.5	2250	Y		R,F	Located across bridge from the road.	
	Flat Creek	4	18.8	2300	Y		R,F		
	Cottonwood	4	23	2750	Y		F		
** Lakeside (\$5.00 docking permit required)	Weaver Point	22	N/A	1100	Y		B,F	Popular camp spot on weekends. Only direct access to Stehekin Landing is by boat. Four miles to Harlequin via River Trail. Treated water available.	
	Manly Wham	1	N/A	1100	Y		B	Lakeshore camp near Bridal Veil Falls.	
	Flick Creek	1	N/A	1100	Y		B,F	Camp located near Lakeshore Trail.	

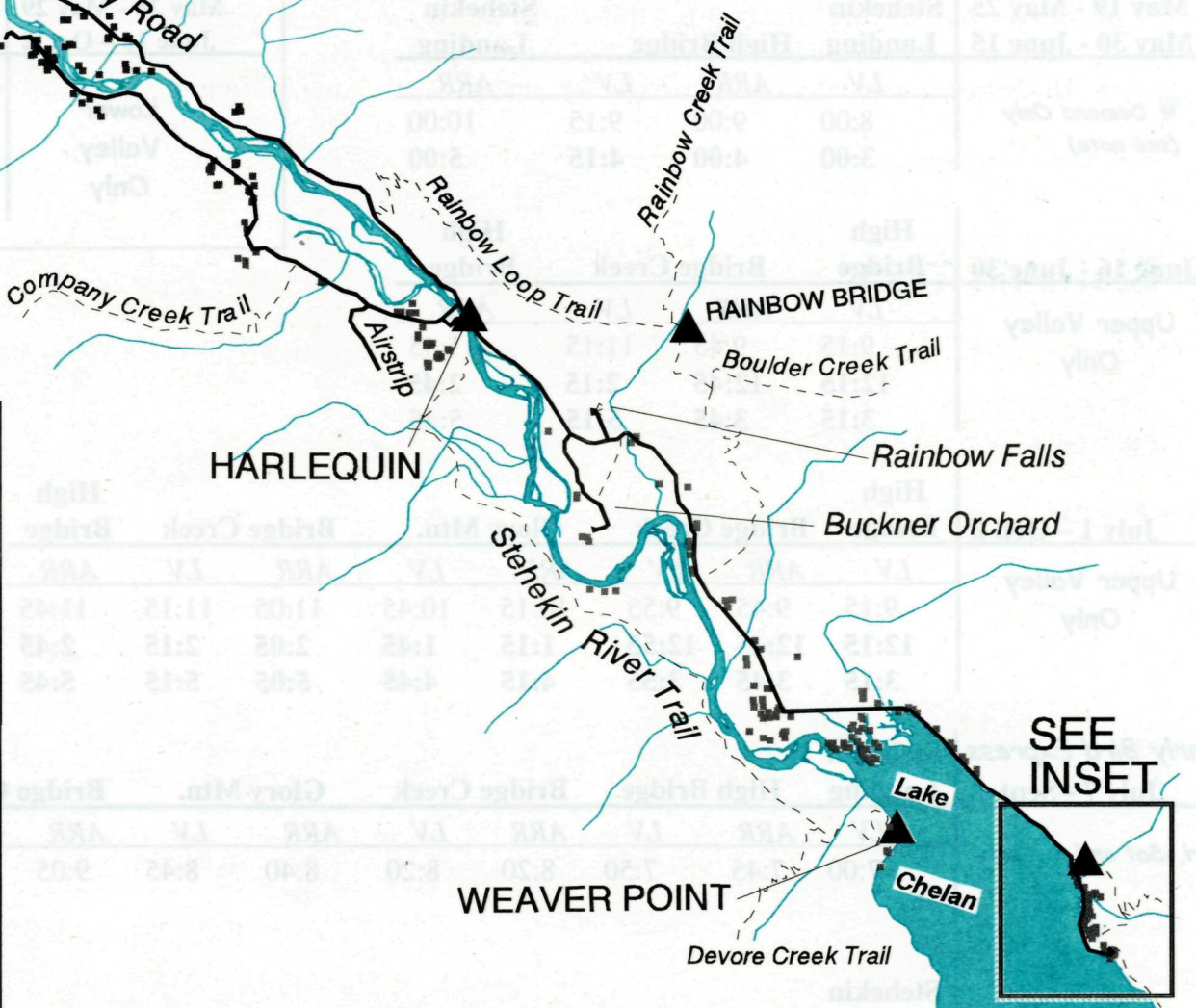
Principles of Leave No Trace:

- Plan ahead and prepare: Prepare mentally and physically. Choose destinations that you are in condition to handle and take suitable equipment. Check with a ranger for current conditions.
- Camp and travel on durable surfaces: Stay on designated trails. Camp only in designated or established camps. Prevent the spread of impacted areas.
- Pack it in, Pack it out: Pack out everything that you bring into the wild country with you. Store garbage in the same manner as food.
- Properly dispose of what you can't pack out: Deposit human waste properly. Use vault and compost toilets where provided (human waste and toilet paper only). If no toilet, dig 4-6 inch cathole 300 feet (90 m) from water, camp or trail.
- Leave what you find: Treat our natural heritage with respect. Leave plants, rocks and historical artifacts as you find them. Leave pets at home.
- Minimize use and impact of fires: Build fires only in existing firepits if allowed.



- Free backcountry permits are needed for overnight stays at all North Cascades National Park Service Complex camps. Permits available at Ranger Stations on a first-come, first-served basis up to a day in advance.
- Reservation requests for group camps must be made in writing: National Park Service, PO Box 7, Stehekin, WA 98852. For further information call (360) 856-5700 ext 340 then ext 14.
- **No free NPS backcountry permit needed for Lake Chelan boat-in sites. Use of all federal docks on Lake Chelan requires a U.S. Forest Service dock permit, costing \$5 per day or \$40 for the season (May 1 through October 31).

Stehekin Trails	Trailhead from Landing	Distance (One Way)	Elevation Gain	Difficulty	Remarks
Lakeshore	Golden West Visitor Center	17.2 miles	500 feet	moderate	Trail follows north shore of Lake Chelan with scenic views of the lake
Purple Creek	Golden West Visitor Center	7.5 miles	5,700 feet	strenuous	Hike an additional 1/2 mile to Boulder Butte for a panoramic view
Rainbow Loop	2.6 miles	4.4 miles	1,000 feet	moderate	Bluffs overlooking scenic Stehekin River Valley
Stehekin River	4.4 miles at NPS Maintenance Yard	4 miles	level	easy	Trail follows river. Beaver ponds; birds; fishing holes
Coon Lake	11.1 miles at High Bridge	1.3 miles	600 feet	moderate	Coon Lake is an excellent place for watching birds
McGregor Mountain	11.1 miles at High Bridge	7.7 miles	6,525 feet	very strenuous	Steep hike to excellent views. Check at Golden West Visitor Center for route
Agnes Gorge	11.3 miles	2.5 miles	400 feet	easy	Excellent views of deep gorge & waterfall
Bridge Creek	15.9 miles	14.3 miles	2,600 feet	moderate	Pacific Crest Trail heading north
Goode Ridge Lookout	16.1 miles	5 miles	4,800 feet	strenuous	Trail ends at old fire lookout site with a panoramic view
Cascade Pass	20.1 miles	8.1 miles	3,000 feet	moderate	Well-used trail through talus slopes and wooded ridge to Cascade Pass
Horseshoe Basin	5.1 miles from Glory Mtn.	1.5 miles	1,200 feet	moderate	More than 13 waterfalls cascade from snow-fields of cliff-ringed cirque. Evidence of mining history, including Black Warrior Mine.



Activities and Services

Cascade Corrals: Horse supported hiking and riding trips into the Cascades are available. For trip times and costs visit the Courtney Log Office located 200 yards from the boat landing or write to Cascade Corrals, Box 67, Stehekin, WA 98852.



The House That Jack Built: located near the visitor center. For sale are a variety of handcrafted items including t-shirts, cards and jewelry made by residents of Stehekin. The store is open during the summer.

Laundry and Shower Facilities: Public telephone, coin operated laundry and shower located 200 yards uplake from Landing.

McGregor Mountain Outdoor Supply: offers boating, hiking and backpacking supplies, hunting and fishing licenses and gear and a variety of books, maps, trail foods, snacks, souvenirs and apparel. Located near the visitor center. Open daily April -Oct. 15.



North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Call (509) 582-4494. Services include:

- Store:** Small selection of food items, gifts and souvenirs.
- Boat & Bicycle Rentals:** Mountain bike and boat rentals by the hour or day.
- High Bridge Bus and Lunch Tour:** Picnic lunch and narrated bus tour to High Bridge daily during summer months.
- Rainbow Falls Bus Tour:** Narrated bus trip to the 312' falls. Tour leaves Stehekin Landing upon arrival of all passenger vessels.
- Taxi Service:** Year-round.

Rafting the Stehekin River: Raft the lower 11 miles of the Stehekin River. See Stehekin Valley Ranch under *Accommodations* for reservation information.



Stehekin Discovery Bikes: Mountain bike rentals by the hour or day. Feature trip is Ranch Breakfast Ride. Stop by Courtney Log Office or write P.O. Box 8, Stehekin WA 98852.



Stehekin Pastry Company: Located 1.9 miles from the Landing. The bakery offers fresh baked goods, coffee, refreshments and ice cream. Open daily June to September.

Winter Activities: Recreational activities are available throughout the year. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are popular winter pursuits. North Cascades Stehekin Lodge offers transportation to and from ski and snowshoe destinations and rents snowshoes. Contact the North Cascades Stehekin Lodge for more information.

Accommodations

North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Write to North Cascades Stehekin Lodge, P.O. Box 457, Chelan, WA 98816 or call the Chelan office at (509) 682-4494.

Silver Bay Inn and Cabins: Write to Silver Bay Lodging, Box 85, Stehekin, WA 98852. Call (509) 682-2212 or 1-800-555-7781.

Stehekin Valley Ranch: Visit the Courtney Log Office or write: Stehekin Valley Ranch, P.O. Box 36, Stehekin, WA 98852 or call (509) 682-4677 or 1-800-536-0745

Housekeeping Cabins:

These are individual housekeeping cabins available for rent by owners. Locations vary from 1.5 to 6 miles from the landing. Inquire with owners. (All Stehekin, WA 98852)

- * Flick Creek, Stehekin House, Totem House, P.O. Box 25 (509) 884-1730
- * Rustic Retreat, P.O. Box 84
- * Stehekin Cedar Home, P.O. Box 14
- * Stehekin Log Cabin, P.O. Box 67 (509) 682-7742
- * Stehekin Mountain Cabin, P.O. Box 38

Family Activities

- Children's Programs:** Daily at the Golden West Visitor Center during summer months.
- Family Fun Packs:** Available to borrow at the Golden West Visitor Center, these free packs are great tools for exploring the area. They include field guides, books, binoculars, games and an activity journal.
- Junior Ranger Program:** By becoming a Jr. Ranger, kids can experience the natural park setting with opportunities for learning, teaching and protecting this national treasure and earn a badge and certificate! Stop by a visitor center for additional details.



2000 STEHEKIN VALLEY ROAD SHUTTLE SERVICE

National Park Service (NPS) Shuttle

May 19 - May 25 May 30 - June 15	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing
	LV	ARR	LV
	8:00	9:00	9:15
	3:00	4:00	4:15

☛ Demand Only (see note)

June 16 - June 30	High Bridge	Bridge Creek	High Bridge
	LV	ARR	LV
	9:15	9:45	11:15
	12:15	12:45	2:15
	3:15	3:45	5:15

Upper Valley Only

July 1 - Oct. 2	High Bridge	Bridge Creek	Glory Mtn.	Bridge Creek	High Bridge
	LV	ARR	LV	ARR	LV
	9:15	9:45	9:55	10:15	10:45
	12:15	12:45	12:55	1:15	1:45
	3:15	3:45	3:55	4:15	4:45

Upper Valley Only

Early Bird Express July 7 - Sept. 3	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Bridge Creek	Glory Mtn.	Bridge Creek	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing
	LV	ARR	LV	ARR	LV	ARR	LV
	7:00	7:45	7:50	8:20	8:20	8:40	8:45
							9:05
							9:10
							9:40
							9:45
							10:30

Fri, Sat and Sun only

Oct. 3 - Oct. 15	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Bridge Creek	Glory Mtn.	Bridge Creek	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing
	LV	ARR	LV	ARR	LV	ARR	LV
	8:00	9:00	9:15	9:45	9:55	10:15	10:45
	2:00	3:00	3:15	3:45	3:55	4:15	4:45

The Stehekin Shuttle

May 26 - May 29 June 16 - Oct. 2	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing
	LV	ARR	LV
	8:15	9:00	9:00
	11:15	12:00	12:00
	2:15	3:00	3:00
	5:15	6:00	6:00

Lower Valley Only

One way fares per zone: \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/children 12 and under and bicycles.
Zone 1 = Stehekin Landing to High Bridge
Zone 2 = High Bridge to Glory Mtn.

Reservations strongly recommended for NPS 14-passenger van. Call (360) 856-5700 ext. 340 then ext. 14. *No pets on NPS shuttle.*

☛ = NPS shuttle May 19 - June 15 is demand only. Van will only run if passengers board at Stehekin Landing or reservations are made.