



Focus on Stehekin

2002-2003



North Cascades National Park Service Complex, located in north-central Washington State, is characterized by a mix of jagged mountain peaks, glaciers, lush and 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 remote Stehekin, nestled in the glacier-carved Stehekin Valley. The small community of Stehekin has no road connections to the rest of the world. Visitors and residents arrive by passenger ferry, private boat, floatplane, horseback, and on foot. Trails into large areas of wilderness branch off the Stehekin Valley Road ascending to the rugged mountains. The road begins at the boat landing and follows the meandering Stehekin River to Cottonwood Camp, 23 miles upvalley.

Stehekin is a treasure of significant natural and cultural features including the historic Golden West Lodge. Built in 1926 utilizing portions of the old Field Hotel, the lodge provided overnight accommodations until 1972. During the summer of 2002, the historic lodge will undergo renovation and rebuilding. The building's features that are important from an historical perspective will be retained. Upon completion, it will function as the National Park Service district office while continuing to serve as the park visitor center. New exhibits will compliment the historic fabric of the building while conveying a sense of the unique natural and cultural history of the Stehekin Valley and the park complex.

Purple Point Information Center

The National Park Service staffs the Purple Point Information Center from mid-March through mid-October (8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily with reduced hours in spring and fall). Be sure to stop by the information center, located a short distance uplake from the landing (see inset map), where you can find the following:

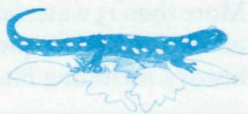
- **Rangers** available to assist you with trail information, backcountry permits and general information about the area.
- **Naturalist Programs** including evening programs, children's programs and short-talks presented daily on a variety of natural and cultural history topics.
- **Exhibits and Relief Map**
- **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 the latest park and trail conditions:

- visit the website www.nps.gov/noca or
- call the Purple Point Information Center at: (360) 856-5700 ext. 340, then ext. 14

Visit www.stehekinvalley.com or www.stehekin.com for more information on businesses, lodging and activities.

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



Loading the Lady of the Lake

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; call (509) 682-4584 or visit www.ladyofthelake.com for more information.

The Tour Boat: Flexible schedules, pets welcome. Write to Lake Chelan Tours, P.O. Box 1119, Chelan WA 98816; call (509) 682-8287 or visit www.thetourboat.com

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; call (509) 682-5555 or visit www.chelanairways.com

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 and child safety 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 ft. 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 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 Purple Point Information 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.

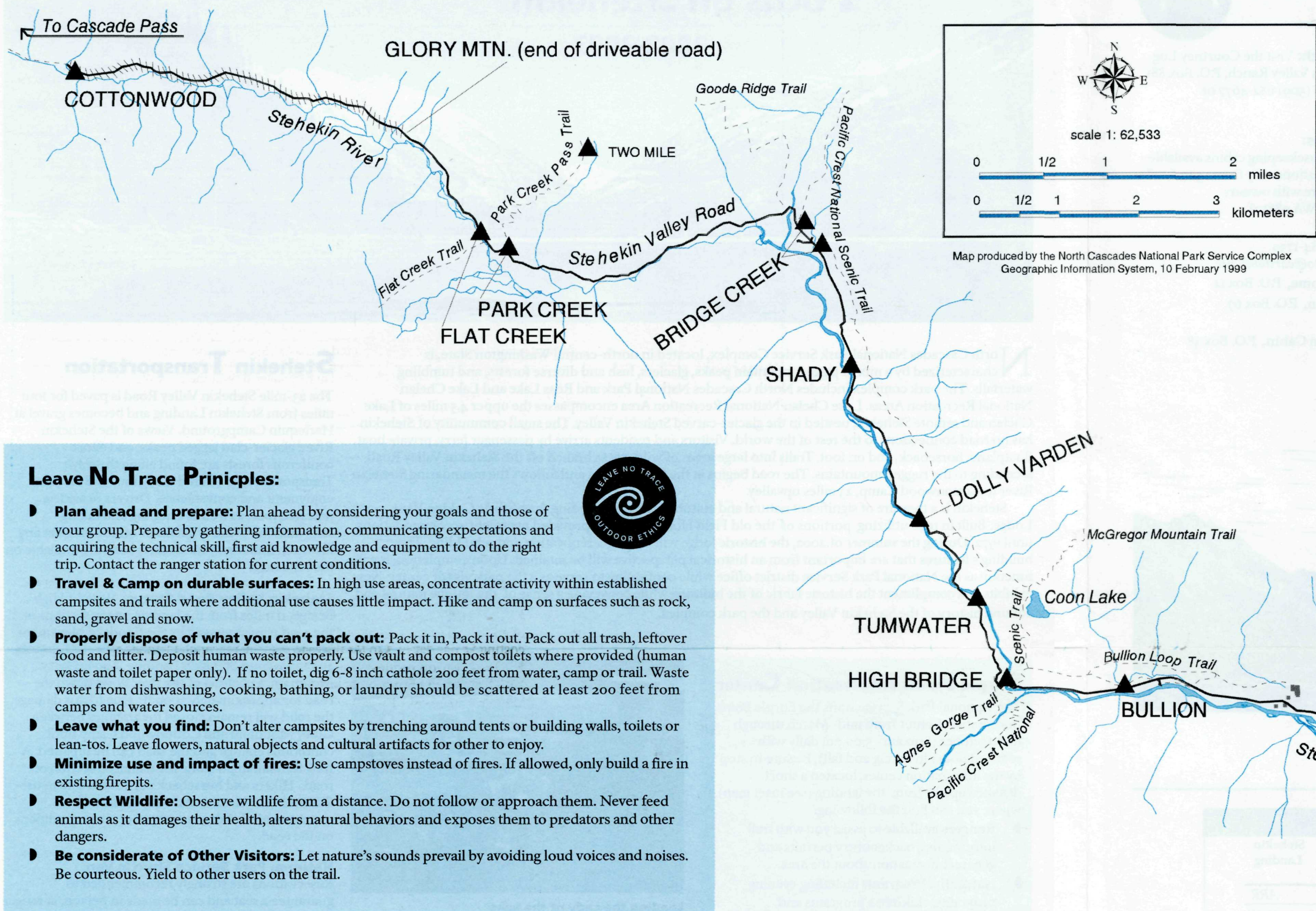
The Stehekin Shuttle (lower valley): This bus runs from Stehekin Landing to High Bridge. The bus accommodates backpacks and bicycles. No reservations are required for this 36-passenger bus. A *Bakery Special* ride between Stehekin Landing and the Stehekin Pastry Company is available for \$1 one way.

See shuttle schedules and fares on back page.

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Stehekin Vally Road Area Map



Leave No Trace Priniciples:

- Plan ahead and prepare: Plan ahead by considering your goals and those of your group. Prepare by gathering information, communicating expectations and acquiring the technical skill, first aid knowledge and equipment to do the right trip. Contact the ranger station for current conditions.
- Travel & Camp on durable surfaces: In high use areas, concentrate activity within established campsites and trails where additional use causes little impact. Hike and camp on surfaces such as rock, sand, gravel and snow.
- Properly dispose of what you can't pack out: Pack it in, Pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter. Deposit human waste properly. Use vault and compost toilets where provided (human waste and toilet paper only). If no toilet, dig 6-8 inch cathole 200 feet from water, camp or trail. Waste water from dishwashing, cooking, bathing, or laundry should be scattered at least 200 feet from camps and water sources.
- Leave what you find: Don't alter campsites by trenching around tents or building walls, toilets or lean-tos. Leave flowers, natural objects and cultural artifacts for other to enjoy.
- Minimize use and impact of fires: Use campstoves instead of fires. If allowed, only build a fire in existing firepits.
- Respect Wildlife: Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Never feed animals as it damages their health, alters natural behaviors and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Be considerate of Other Visitors: Let nature's sounds prevail by avoiding loud voices and noises. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

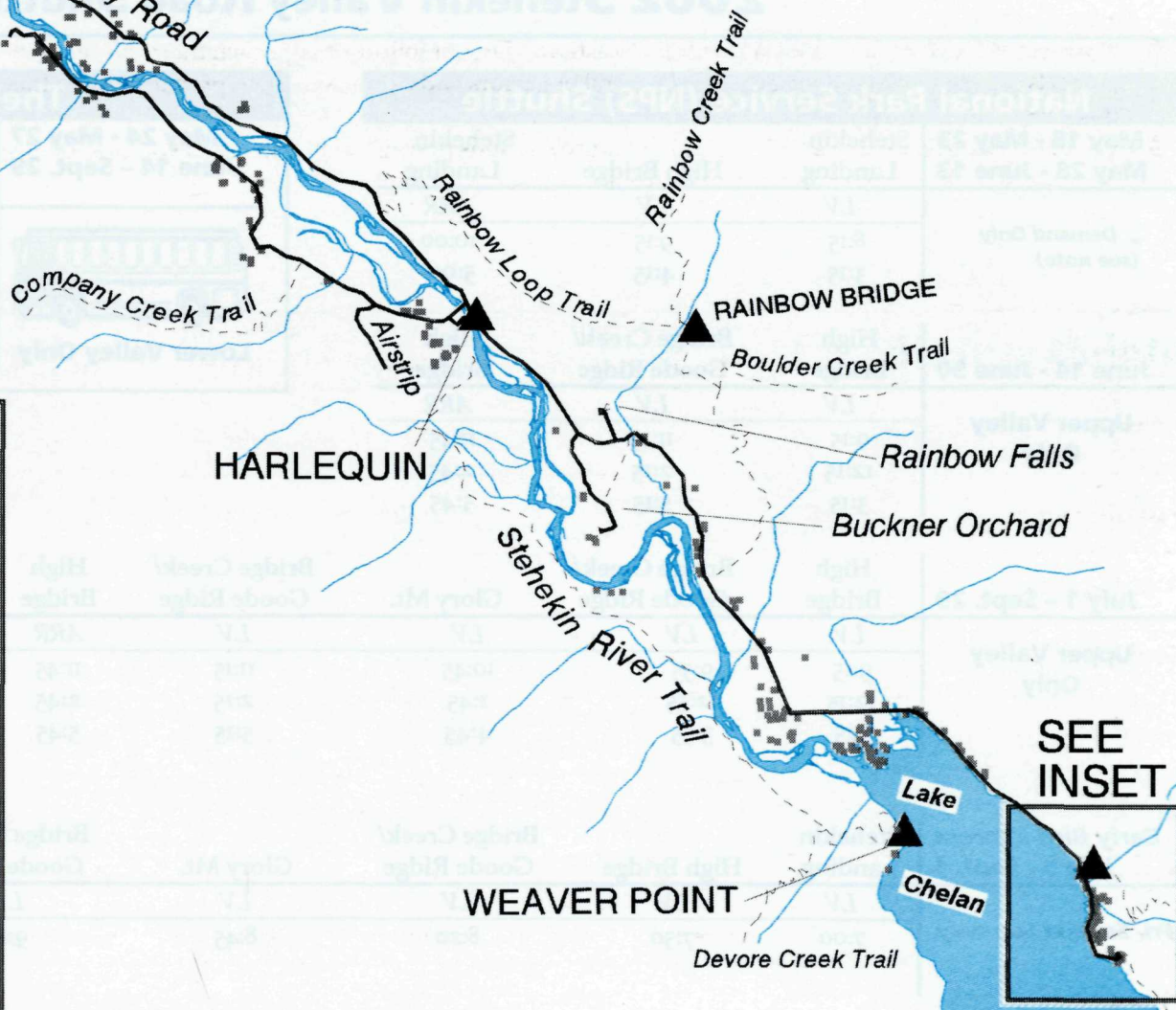


Stehekin Trails	Trailhead from Landing	Distance (One Way)	Elevation Gain	Difficulty	Remarks
Lakeshore	Golden West Visitor Center	17.2 miles	500 feet	moderate	Trail follows north shore of Lake Chelan with scenic views of the lake
Purple Creek	Golden West Visitor Center	7.5 miles	5,700 feet	strenuous	Hike 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 Purple Point Information Center for route information
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 snowfields off cliff-ringed cirque. Evidence of mining history, including Black Warrior Mine.

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. Stock corral.
	Harlequin	7	4.4	1200	Y	Y	R, F	Has separate group camps (reservations required). Nearest camp to Rainbow Falls, Rainbow Loop and River Trail.
High Bridge Area	Bullion	2	10	1250	Y		R, F	
	High Bridge	2	11	1650	Y		R, F	Located at junction of Agnes Creek Trail, Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) South and Stehekin Valley Road. Stock corral.
	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	
	Bridge Creek	6	16	2100	Y	Y	R, F	Located at junction of PCT North and Stehekin Valley Road. Separate group camp (reservations required). Stock corral.
Upper Valley	Park Creek	2	18.5	2250	Y		R, F	
	Flat Creek	4	18.8	2300	Y		R, F	Located across bridge from the road.
	Cottonwood	4	23	2750	Y		F	Located at official end of Stehekin Valley Road. Current end of road at Glory Mountain, 2.7 miles below Cottonwood, due to flood damage in 1995.
** Lakeside (\$5 docking permit required)	Weaver Point	22	N/A	1100	Y		B, F	Popular camp spot on weekends. Only direct access to Stehekin Landing 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.

- 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.
- No 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).
- 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.



Activities & 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 Golden West 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, 2-day fishing licenses and gear and a variety of books, maps, trail foods, snacks, souvenirs and apparel. Located near the Golden West. Open daily April - October.
email: mcgregormountain@starband.net

North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Call (509) 682-4494. 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.
- **Restaurant:** Year-round. Limited operation in winter.

NOTE: There is no ATM in Stehekin and few businesses accept credit cards.

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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.



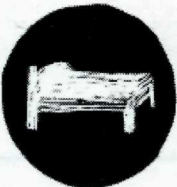
Family Activities

- **Children's Programs:** Check schedule at the Purple Point Information Center during summer months.
- **Family Fun Packs:** Available to borrow at the Purple Point Information 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 national park setting with opportunities for learning, teaching and protecting this national treasure and earn a badge and certificate! Stop by the Purple Point Information Center for additional details.

Accommodations

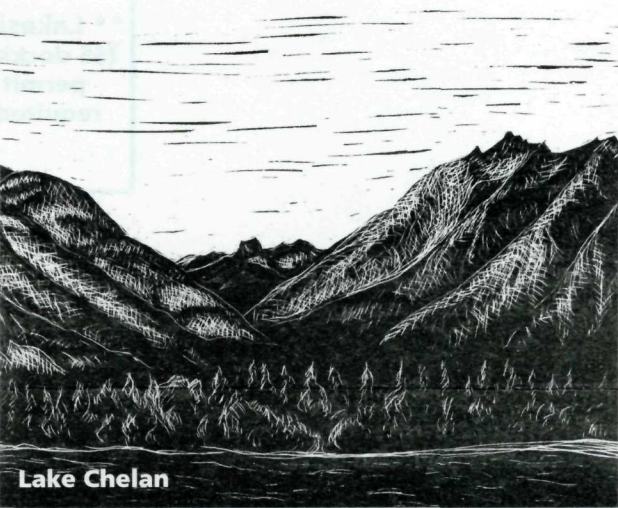
North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Write to North Cascades Stehekin Lodge, P.O. Box 457, Chelan WA 98816 or call the Chelan office at (509) 682-4494.

Silver Bay Inn Resort: Write to Silver Bay Lodging, Box 15, Stehekin WA 98852. Call (509) 687-3142 or 1-800-555-7781 or email stehekin@silverbayinn.com



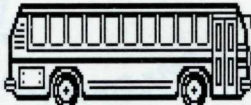
Stehekin Valley Ranch: Visit the Courtney Log Office or write: Stehekin Valley Ranch, P.O. Box 881, Chelan WA 98816 or call (509) 682-4677 or 1-800-536-0745.

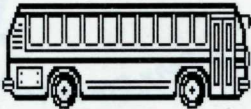
- Housekeeping Cabins:** These are individual housekeeping cabins available for rent by owners. Locations vary from 1.5 to 6 miles from the landing. Inquire with owners. (All addresses Stehekin WA 98852)
- **Flick Creek**
P.O. Box 25 (509) 884-1730
email: barnhartphoto@earthlink.net
 - **Stehekin Cedar Home,** P.O. Box 14
 - **Stehekin Log Cabin,** P.O. Box 67 (509) 682-7742
 - **Stehekin Mountain Cabin,** P.O. Box 38



2002 Stehekin Valley Road Shuttle Service

National Park Service (NPS) Shuttle			
May 18 - May 23 May 28 - June 13	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing
	LV	LV	ARR
	8:15 3:15	9:15 4:15	10:00 5:00
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June 14 - June 30	High Bridge	Bridge Creek/ Goode Ridge	High Bridge
	LV	LV	ARR
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Upper Valley Only			
July 1 – Sept. 29	High Bridge	Bridge Creek/ Goode Ridge	Glory Mt.
	LV	LV	LV
	9:15 12:15 3:15	9:55 12:55 3:55	10:45 1:45 4:45
Upper Valley Only			
Early Bird Express July 5 - Sept. 1	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Bridge Creek/ Goode Ridge
	LV	LV	LV
	7:00	7:50	8:20
Fri, Sat and Sun only			

The Stehekin Shuttle				
May 24 - May 27 June 14 - Sept. 29  Lower Valley Only	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing	
	<i>LV</i>	<i>ARR</i>	<i>LV</i>	<i>ARR</i>
	8:15	9:00	9:00	10:15
	11:15	12:00	12:00	1:15
	2:15	3:00	3:00	4:15
5:15	6:00	6:00	7:15	



Lower Valley Only

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

One way fares per zone:
\$6.00/adult, \$3.00/bike & child 12 and under.
Zone 1 = Stehekin Landing to High Bridge
Zone 2 = High Bridge to Glory Mt.
• = NPS shuttle May 18 - June 13 is demand only. Service only provided if passengers board at Stehekin Landing or with advance reservations.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 13	Stehekin Landing	High Bridge	Bridge Creek/ Goode Ridge	Glory Mt.	Bridge Creek/ Goode Ridge	High Bridge	Stehekin Landing
	LV	LV	LV	LV	LV	LV	ARR
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