



Seen and Unseen Worlds

Visit the Hoh Rain Forest and experience one of the finest remaining examples of temperate rain forest in the world. Fed by an average annual rainfall of 138 inches, magnificent layers of life await your exploration. From the seen worlds of the river and forest to the unseen worlds of the canopy and soil, the Hoh Valley showcases countless realms of natural wonders. How will you begin your adventure?

Stroll along the Hall of Mosses Trail beneath moss-draped bigleaf maple trees. Watch Douglas squirrels searching for seeds hidden in Douglas-fir and Sitka spruce cones. Listen for the calls of a varied thrush. Photograph a distant herd of Roosevelt elk browsing near the Hoh River. Backpack into the wilderness on the Hoh River Trail.

This year something is new in the ancient forest, thanks to your recreation fees. The recently created interpretive exhibits in the Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center invite you to uncover secrets of the seen and unseen worlds of the Hoh. Expansive paintings, photos and lifelike models offer multiple tiers of discovery for diverse audiences of all ages.

*And above all, watch with glittering eyes
the whole world around you because the
greatest secrets are always hidden in
the most unlikely places.* *Roald Dahl*

Touch a hand-crafted model of a Townsend's mole burrowing underground, or a river otter heading upstream. Immerse yourself in a nook of artwork revealing life from treetops to soil. Peek into a diorama featuring a coho salmon swimming amid river rocks.



With renewed curiosity, venture outside and explore more. What will you encounter in the enchanting, world-renowned Hoh Rain Forest?



TRIP TIPS

for your Olympic adventures

- 1 Stop by park visitor centers or ranger stations for information and park brochures.
- 2 Plan your travel using the park area descriptions below and the map and chart on page 3.
- 3 Check park program schedules on pages 4 and 5 for ranger-guided walks and talks.

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. Expect delays due to work on the lower five miles of the road. **Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center** offers information, exhibits, a 20-minute film, cafe 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, lupine, bistort and tiger lilies dance beneath stunted 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 downslope 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, bookshop and trails. Heart O' the Hills campground, five miles south, has old-growth forest and nearby trails.

Elwha (2) access road is washed out, but the valley is accessible by foot, bike or stock. Park at Madison Falls Trail parking. Stroll the easy, accessible trail to the falls, or walk the road and bypass trail into the valley. Glines Canyon Spillway Overlook, with dramatic views and exhibits about Elwha River restoration, is 3.4 miles one way.

Lake Crescent (4) is a 624-foot deep shimmering glacier-carved jewel. Stroll the shore or the Marymere Falls, Spruce Railroad or Moments in Time trails. Lake Crescent Lodge and Log Cabin Resort offer restaurants, overnight lodging and boat rentals. Visitors enjoy Fairholme Campground and a nearby convenience store with boat rentals.



Sol Duc (5) has many trails including Sol Duc Falls, a 1.6-mile round-trip walk from the end of the road. The campground has some reserved sites. Call (877) 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov for reservations. Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort offers warm and cool pools, food and lodging.

Ozette (9) offers boating opportunities, a small campground on the lake and trails to the coast.

Staircase (11) offers a riverside campground, old-growth forest and several trails.

COAST

The wilderness coast 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 one animal can injure it and 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 (877) 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov. Beach 4 and Ruby Beach are popular sites for tide pool exploration.

TEMPERATE RAIN FOREST

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

Hoh Rain Forest (6) offers a visitor center, exhibits, bookshop, maps, self-guiding nature trails through primeval temperate rain forest, and a campground.

Quinalt Rain Forest (10) Ranger Station on the Quinalt North Shore Road is not staffed, but has information and self-guiding trails. The USFS/NPS Ranger Station and additional trails are located on the south shore of Lake Quinalt. 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.

Look for interpretive exhibits along park roadways. Pick up a self-guiding trail brochure at various park trailheads and some visitor centers. Use this chart and area map, along with the park brochure, to create countless trip combinations for a memorable vacation.



1	Olympic National Park Visitor Center and Wilderness Information Center (WIC) - Park information (360) 565-3130; WIC (360) 565-3100; 3002 Mt. Angeles Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98362															
2	Elwha Valley - ROAD WASHED OUT about one mile beyond park boundary. Foot, bicycle and stock access only past Madison Falls parking.							9mi 0:30								
3	Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Follow Hurricane Ridge signs; no public phone. Expect delays due to work on lower five miles of road.							22mi 1:15	17mi 0:45							
4	Lake Crescent, Storm King Ranger Station - 106 Lake Crescent Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98362; (360) 565-2955 See page four for details on delays during the 3-year rehabilitation of Highway 101 along Lake Crescent.						39mi 1:00	14mi 0:30	21mi 0:30							
5	Sol Duc, Eagle Ranger Station - 12000 Sol Duc Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98363; (360) 327-3534						16mi 1:00	59mi 2:00	37mi 1:30	40mi 1:15						
6	Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center - 18113 Upper Hoh Rd., Forks WA 98331; (360) 374-6925. See page four for details on September 5, 2018 road closure.						72mi 2:30	65mi 1:45	106mi 2:45	81mi 2:00	91mi 2:15					
7	Kalaloch Ranger Station - 156954 Highway 101, Forks, WA 98331; (360) 962-2283						40mi 1:00	72mi 2:00	67mi 1:45	109mi 2:30	84mi 2:00	95mi 2:15				
8	Mora Ranger Station - 3283 Mora Rd., Forks, WA 98331; (360) 374-5460						48mi 1:15	47mi 1:30	50mi 1:30	44mi 1:00	85mi 2:15	60mi 1:30	70mi 1:30			
9	Ozette Ranger Station - 21261 Hoko-Ozette Rd., Clallam Bay, WA 98326; (360) 963-2725						65mi 2:00	88mi 2:15	85mi 2:30	69mi 2:30	66mi 1:45	93mi 2:45	79mi 2:00	76mi 2:00		
10	Quinalt Rain Forest Ranger Station - 913 N. Shore Rd., Amanda Park, WA 98523; (360) 288-2444						120mi 2:45	80mi 2:00	33mi 0:45	70mi 1:45	104mi 2:45	105mi 2:15	143mi 3:15	121mi 2:45	128mi 2:30	
11	Staircase Ranger Station - 13921 Staircase Rd., Hoodsport, WA 98548; (360) 877-5569						126mi 2:45	124mi 2:45	170mi 3:45	149mi 3:00	191mi 4:15	140mi 3:30	120mi 2:45	120mi 2:45	109mi 2:45	100mi 2:30



PROGRAMS & INFORMATION

June 23 - September 2

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



Road work will affect several areas this summer. Call (360) 565-3131 for current status.

Hurricane Ridge: Expect weekday delays of up to 20 minutes all summer due to work on the first five miles of the Hurricane Ridge Road, below Heart O' the Hills. Pavement work means a rough ride for bicyclists.

Lake Crescent: Expect 1/2-hour delays during weekday work hours, with short delays after hours on single lane sections. In fall there may be longer pre-scheduled delays. See go.nps.gov/LCHwy101Project.

Hoh: The road will be closed to all entry at the park boundary starting September 5, 2018 for about 6 weeks to repair a washout.

PORT ANGELES

Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open daily
Spring/Fall hours 9 - 4; June 25 - September 15: 8:30 - 5
Information, children's Discovery Room, park movie, bookshop, maps, exhibits, nature trails. Park information: (360) 565-3130. Recorded 24-hour road and weather updates: (360) 565-3131.

Wilderness Information Center (WIC) - Open daily
May 22 - September 30: 8 - 5 (until 6 Friday, Saturday from June 29 to September 15). Hours 9 - 4 daily October 1 thru November 1, then Friday - Monday in winter.
Backpacking information, wilderness permits, bear cans.



HEART O' THE HILLS Expect delays, see road warning.

Evening Program - Wednesday, Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Heart O' the Hills Campground amphitheater. Topics on bulletin boards.

Junior Ranger Forest Activities - Saturday 10 a.m. beginning June 30
Join us for one hour of forest activities. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

HURRICANE RIDGE Expect delays, see road warning.

Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Open daily 10 - 5:30
Information, maps, exhibits, orientation film. The information desk is staffed daily 10 - 5:30; shorter hours in October. The cafe and gift shop are open daily 10 - 6; shorter hours in October. Building closes for the season after October 14.

Terrace Talk - Daily 10:30 and 4
Learn about this amazing wilderness park at a 20-minute talk. Topics vary.

Meadow Walk - Daily 11:30 and 2
Join this easy one-hour guided walk to explore life in the mountains. Discover wildlife, wildflowers and other features of the Olympic landscape.

SEE THE STARS

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 a distant galaxy or the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

July 2 thru July 16 - 11:00 p.m.
July 26 thru 28 Special Program: Mars at Opposition - 11:30 p.m.
August 1 thru August 7 - 10:30 p.m.
August 9 thru August 15 - 10:15 p.m.
August 30 and 31 and September 3 and 4 - 9:30 p.m.
September 7 thru September 9 - 9:15 p.m.

FULL MOON ON HURRICANE HILL

Learn constellations from astronomer John Goar on Hurricane Hill. Meet at the Hurricane Hill trailhead. As the sun sets and the full moon rises, hike at your own pace up the 1.6 mile, partially paved trail, climbing 700 feet to the summit. John will point out constellations at the top. Bring flashlights and wear sturdy shoes.

July 27 and 28 - 8:45 p.m. to about 11:00 p.m.
August 25 and 26 - 8:00 p.m. to about 10:15 p.m.
(August full moon gathering may be at Sunrise Point, check locally.)

If skies are cloudy, programs will be canceled. For program status, call the park recording at (360) 565-3131 after 2:00 p.m. the day of the program.

OZETTE

Ozette Ranger Station - Staffed intermittently
Information on area bulletin boards.

MORA

Mora Ranger Station - Open Friday - Sunday 8 - 4:30 June 1 thru September 2
Information, maps, wilderness permits, bear cans.

KALALOCH

Kalaloch Ranger Station - Open 9 - 5 Tuesday - Saturday
May 15 thru June 23; daily June 24 thru September 30
Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps.

Beach or Tide Pool Walk - Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Times and topics vary with changing tides.
Explore the shore with a ranger on this hands-on 1 1/2-hour program.
Schedule and location information on bulletin boards.

Ranger Favorites - Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 11 a.m.
Drop by the Kalaloch Lodge Gazebo at any time during this 45-minute exploration of Olympic's treasures. Bring your coastal curiosity.

Junior Ranger Sunday - Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Meet at Kalaloch Campground amphitheater for this engaging 45-minute program. Children of all ages can become coastal explorers.

Evening Program - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Kalaloch Campground amphitheater. Topics on bulletin boards.



LAKE CRESCENT

Expect delays, see road warning.
Storm King Ranger Station - Not staffed

SOL DUC

Eagle Ranger Station - Not staffed

ELWHA Road is washed out.

Foot, bike and stock access only above
Madison Falls parking area.

HOH RAIN FOREST See above for details on September road closure.

Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center - Open Thursday - Monday 10 - 4 May 25 thru September 4. May open additional hours if staffing allows. After road work is completed, open Friday - Sunday 10 - 4 thru December 30.
Information, bookshop, maps, trails, wilderness permits, bear cans.

Ranger Rendezvous - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 11 a.m.
Meet a ranger in front of the visitor center for a 20-minute talk about Olympic's rain forests.

Rain Forest Walk - Saturday, Sunday 2 p.m.
Meet at the visitor center for an easy 1 1/2-hour walk on the Hall of Mosses or Spruce Nature Trail.

QUINULT RAIN FOREST

Quinault Rain Forest Ranger Station - North Shore Rd.
Not staffed. Information on porch.

USFS/NPS Recreation Information - South Shore Rd.
Open daily 8 - 4:30 June 1 thru September 2;
Rest of the year open 8 - 4:30 Monday - Friday
Information, bookshop, maps, wilderness permits, bear cans.

STAIRCASE/HOODSPORT

Staircase Ranger Station
Staffed intermittently
Hoodport Visitor Information Center
Open daily. Run by Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce, off Highway 101 at 150 Lake Cushman Rd., Hoodport, (360) 877-2021. General information, passes, maps.

Friday - Sunday 9 - 5, June 1 thru September 2
Olympic National Park wilderness information staff have permits, bear cans and park passes available (credit card only).



AUDIO TOUR

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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.



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INFORMATION

ENTRANCE AND RECREATION FEES

Your fees support facilities and services at Olympic National Park. Projects include repair of damaged trails and roads, and rehabilitation of the Port Angeles Visitor Center. Thank YOU!

ENTRANCE FEES - single visit up to seven consecutive days
\$30 - Vehicle (private) or \$15 - Individual (foot, bicycle)

CAMPING FEES - per site, per night. 50% discount with Interagency Senior/Access, Golden Age/Access Passes.
\$15 - Deer Park, Queets, North Fork, South Beach
\$20 - Fairholme, Heart O' the Hills, Hoh, Mora, Ozette, Staircase.

\$24 + tax* - Sol Duc (* if reserved via www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777; \$21 + tax & \$3 optional donation if not.)

\$22 - Kalaloch (reservation period June 13 to September 22; make reservations at least three days in advance at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777.)

\$10 - RV septic dump station in park campgrounds (Fairholme, Kalaloch, Mora, Sol Duc)

WILDERNESS USE FEES - overnight trips require permit
For more information see www.nps.gov/olym.

\$8 per person per night

\$45 per person Annual Wilderness Pass

NOTICE - Marijuana is illegal in Olympic National Park. While limited recreational use is legal in the state, possession of any amount of marijuana or other illegal drugs remains illegal on all federal lands.

Use of drones is illegal in Olympic National Park.

ENTRANCE PASSES

Passes are on sale at visitor centers and entrance stations throughout the park.



\$55 - Olympic National Park Annual Pass



\$80 - Interagency Annual Pass
(multiple federal lands)



\$80 - Interagency Senior Pass
(lifetime, age 62+, U.S. citizen/resident; yearly pass \$20)



Free - Interagency Annual Pass - Military (certain military personnel and dependents)



Free - Interagency Access Pass
(lifetime, disabled, U.S. citizen/resident)

PARK CONCESSION SERVICES

Park concessions offer food services, lodging and gift items at Lake Crescent Lodge, Log Cabin Resort, Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort and Kalaloch Lodge. Food and gift items are available at Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center and Fairholme Store. Boat rentals are offered at Lake Crescent. All facilities are operated seasonally, except Kalaloch, which is open year-round and Lake Crescent, which has reduced winter facilities.



Fairholme Store (Lake Crescent) (360) 928-3020
Kalaloch Lodge (360) 962-2271
Lake Crescent Lodge (360) 928-3211
Log Cabin Resort (Lake Crescent) (360) 928-3325
Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort (360) 327-3583

EXPLORE

Fun for all ages!



Junior Ranger Programs

Take some time to learn exciting secrets about the park. Become an Olympic National Park Junior Ranger, Ocean Steward or both! Pick up a free activity booklet at park visitor centers, check the schedule for ranger programs on pages 4-5 and begin your journey.



WILDLIFE

Did you see that?

Spotting wildlife can be a memorable part of your visit. Some animals are elusive and rarely seen, such as fishers and bobcats. Others, like deer, chipmunks, gray jays and non-native mountain goats, have become overly accustomed to humans. Their natural reaction should be to flee and not approach you, but some animals have lost their natural wariness. Do not follow when they move away. Thanks for keeping wildlife wild!

- **Stay 50 yards from wildlife.** If they approach, scare them away with waving arms and loud shouts.
- **Never feed park wildlife.** It is illegal, harmful to animals and hazardous to you. Animals fed by humans lose fear of people, which will alter natural animal behavior and may lead to aggression.
- **When camping or picnicking, secure food and trash from animals.** Store these items in your vehicle, if possible. Diligent visitors have helped prevent dangerous interactions with bears.



SAFETY



In case of an emergency dial 911. Park rangers, throughout the park, can assist you with safety or crime issues.



Please help protect marine life. All living organisms on the beach and in tide pools are protected. If you encounter a seal pup on the beach, do not touch it. The pup does not need help and your actions could lead to abandonment by its mother.



Filter or boil all backcountry water to a rolling boil to avoid infection by Giardia, a microscopic intestinal parasite.

Pack rain gear and warm clothing. Hypothermia, a dangerous lowering of body temperature, may result from exposure to wet or chilly weather in any season.



Pets are not allowed on park trails. This is for the safety of your pets, park wildlife and you! Ask for our pet regulations handout.



Tread lightly please. Avoid walking on delicate vegetation by staying on trails. Help protect this beautiful wilderness park for future visitors.



Bicyclists beware. Travel can be hazardous around Lake Crescent and other park areas due to heavy traffic, narrow roads or construction. Use caution. Ask for area bike route maps.



Drift logs are dangerous! Avoid swimming in or walking near the ocean during storms or heavy surf. Tides change daily and can prevent hikers from safely traversing certain areas along the coast. Use tide charts to plan your safest hiking times.

Cougars inhabit all elevations of the park where deer, elk and other prey are plentiful. Sightings are rare and usually fleeting. But if you encounter a cougar, make yourself large and loud, wave your arms or a stick, face the cougar and slowly back away. Please report all cougar observations at the nearest ranger station.

Wilderness camping permits are available at the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) in Port Angeles. Permit reservations are accepted by mail or email. For information about permits, reservations, tide charts, minimum impact, bear canisters and camp locations visit www.nps.gov/olym, e-mail Olym_WIC@nps.gov or call (360) 565-3100.

PARK PARTNERS

NatureBridge is a private, non-profit educational organization located on the shores of Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park. Field science courses are offered for students. For information: (360) 928-3720 or www.naturebridge.org/olympic-national-park.



Friends of Olympic National Park support the park's natural, cultural and recreational resources for present and future generations. They promote understanding of Olympic's ecological, educational, economic and recreational importance, and they work on park projects.



Washington's National Park Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore and preserve national parks in Washington. The Fund supports projects in Olympic, North Cascades and Mount Rainier National Parks, including promoting volunteerism and stewardship, and funding research and trail maintenance. Call: (206) 623-2063. Please mail donations to: 1904 Third Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle WA 98101



Discover Your Northwest is a non-profit organization that provides educational materials at park sales outlets. Proceeds support Olympic's programs, exhibits and publications. Annual membership is \$15. For more information, call the Olympic National Park Branch at (360) 565-3195. For an on-line store go to www.discovernw.org.



BOOKSHOP COUPON

Discover Your Northwest bookshops are located throughout the park. Your purchases help fund educational programs at Olympic National Park. Thank you for your support.

30%
DYNW members
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non-members

Valid on all merchandise except sale items.
Expires 12/31/2018

The Secret Life of Fish

Can you imagine the life of a fish? It can be hard for humans to relate to underwater species, let alone study them. New technologies are helping overcome that challenge for Olympic National Park fisheries biologists.

Many visitors know about the park's temperate rain forests, mountains and coast, but few may realize the park's importance as a fish sanctuary. The park's lakes and over 4,000 miles of rivers and streams are home to 31 species of native freshwater fish, from tiny endemic Olympic mud minnows to Chinook salmon the size of a child.

In addition, dam removal on the Elwha River re-opened over 70 miles of healthy habitat to migratory anadromous fish like salmon and steelhead. For a biologist, that is a lot to keep track of, but tools like sonar, environmental DNA, ear bone (or otolith) chemistry, radio tagging and even old-fashioned snorkeling are revealing intriguing stories.



For instance, bull trout from the Elwha River are once again going to the ocean now that the dams are gone. "It's a reawakening of anadromy that's been dormant all these years," said Sam Brenkman, park fish biologist. "We give them access and what do you know, they go to the ocean and return."

Chemical Clues

The key to this discovery is analysis of carbon and nitrogen isotopes. Some varieties of these elements are only found in the ocean. If they show up in a bull trout in a river, it proves that fish spent time feeding in the ocean.

Tracking of radio-tagged fish (left) has found fish returning 40 miles up the Elwha River after two dams were removed. Bull trout (above).



Otolith chemistry—the makeup of layers in a fish ear bone—also provides a window into the age of a fish and its past, just like growth rings reveal a tree's age. "The earbone is a microchip of information recording where that fish has been, whether it went to sea and how many times it went to the sea," Brenkman explained.

Another tool that is helping unlock the secret life of fish is underwater sonar. The football-size sonar is a fancy fish finder that emits a flashlight beam of sound underwater, and monitors what passes through the beam 24/7. It gathers data on how many fish return to a river. It also provides biologists with important information on migration or run timing of Elwha River Chinook salmon.

It's in the Genes

Just like in humans, DNA offers an exciting new research tool. Fish eggs, sperm, feces, carcasses and even mucus leave behind an environmental DNA (eDNA) trail. Analyzing river water for these eDNA clues could be a quick, cost-effective way to gather data on species presence and distribution, including non-native trout that may pose risks to native fish and amphibians in the park's mountain lakes.

As we work together to preserve park resources for the future, we first need to document these resources, but gathering data on aquatic life can be challenging. In the abundant waters of Olympic National Park, a growing suite of tools is helping researchers reveal the rich diversity in this critical fish sanctuary.

Goats on the Move

When local sportsmen released mountain goats from British Columbia and Alaska near Lake Crescent in the 1920s, they had no way of knowing the repercussions nearly 100 years later. Along with bighorn sheep, pikas, ground squirrels, lynx and others, mountain goats were never found on the island-like Olympic Peninsula. By the 1980s over 1,000 mountain goats were impacting mountain plant communities.

A park mandate is to protect native species and control or eliminate non-native species, so mountain goats presented a challenge. Over recent decades, the park has managed mountain goats with sterilization, live capture, actively hazing in public use areas, and other techniques.

In 2017, after years of planning and public input, the National Park Service completed a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to address goat impacts on park resources and visitor safety. To best address these concerns, the preferred action

is to remove the non-native mountain goats by live capture and/or shooting. In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, captured goats would be released in their native range in the Cascades.

If the Final EIS is completed in the spring, live capture could begin this summer. To protect visitor safety during a proposed capture window in late summer, some hiking areas could be temporarily closed to public access, including Klahhane Ridge and the Hurricane Hill area.

Managing non-native species is challenging, whether it's Scot's broom, Burmese pythons in the Everglades or feral pigs in Hawaiian parks. This plan will help Olympic National Park protect unique mountain communities and the visitors who enjoy them, while contributing to mountain goat conservation in their native range in the Washington Cascades.

A helicopter transports a goat in a custom sling during 1988 capture operations in the Olympic Mountains.

