ENDANGERED TRAILS 2002



Before You Get Started

Remember that hiking is a potentially dangerous activity. Neither the hike descriptions nor the maps contained in this guide should be considered definitive. Please contact the land management agencies cited in the guide for complete and up-to-date information, trail conditions, road quality, etc. The maps provided are for reference only.

Before you leave for *any* hike, no matter how short or simple it seems, stock your pack with the Ten Essentials:

Extra Clothing: Prepare for the worst possible climatic conditions, including insulating layers and wind and rain protection.

Extra Food: Take more food than you think you'll need, so that if you're stuck out overnight, your supplies will see you through.

Knife: Good for first aid or cutting wood.

Firestarter: Candle or chemical fuel for lighting wet wood. **First-Aid Kit:** At a minimum, take Band-aids, aspirin and disinfectant.

Matches: Kept dry with a plastic bag or other waterproof container.

Flashlight: In case you're unexpectedly on the trail after dark, pack an extra bulb and batteries.

Map: Green Trails, TOPO! or USGS Topographical maps are acceptable. The maps in this book are not.

Compass: Know how to at least find north.

Sunglasses: In case you encounter snow.

WTA's Mission

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Washington Trails advocates for hikers at the local, state, and federal levels. From comment on specific trail projects to campaigns to increase recreation funding, WTA advocates to preserve and expand Washington's trail system. For more information on how you can help to protect trails and the backcountry, visit www.wta.org, or contact Jonathan Guzzo, WTA's Director of Advocacy at (206) 625-1367, jonathan@wta.org.

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WTA is committed to passing on the great Pacific Northwest tradition of exploration, recreation, and protection of public lands. *Washington Trails* magazine regularly reports on important trail issues, features places to explore, and shares news about gear and how to safely enjoy the outdoors. Hikers from around the state regularly submit trip reports to WTA's searchable, online database.

Browse and search these reports at www.wta.org for ideas about where to hike and up-to-date trail conditions.

To find out more about how you can help enjoy and protect our magnificent natural areas, email to info@wta.org.

INTRODUCTION

We hope this guide gives you a taste of the trails that Washington has to offer. We're fortunate to have wildflower meadows, deep forests, hanging glaciers, magnificent peaks and high desert all in one state. And if that's not enough, a 9,000-mile trail system allows us to access this natural bounty.

But we can't take these gifts for granted. In the 1930s, Washington had 12,000 miles of trails. Since then, we've lost 3,000 miles. At the same time, the number of hikers in Washington has exploded, applying unprecendented pressure to our fragile trail network. We can't afford to lose any more trail miles.

Here at Washington Trails Association, we work hard to maintain our existing trails and to get new ones built. You can help! This guide details a selection of trails where your concern can make a difference *today*. Take a look at the guide, get out and hike, and then help us make a difference.

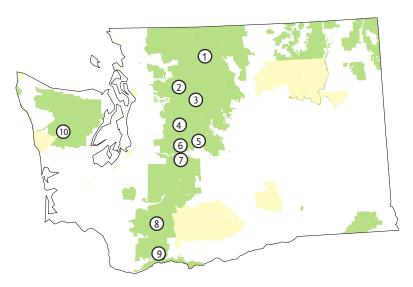
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TRAIL	BEST SEASON TO HIKE	MILEAGE	ELEVATION GAIN	DIFFICULTY	VIEWS	WATERFALLS	BIG TREES	SUMMITS	FLOWERS
Golden Horn	Summer	23	2700 FEET	DIFFICULT	YES	No	YES	Yes	Summer
CIRCLE PEAK	Summer	20	780 FEET	DIFFICULT	YES	YES	No	No	Spring
WHITE RIVER/INDIAN CREEK	Summer	28	2700 FEET	DIFFICULT	YES	YES	YES	YES	Summer
NECKLACE VALLEY	Summer	15	3200 FEET	DIFFICULT	YES	YES	No	Yes	Summer
Esmerelda Basin	Summer	12	1700 FEET	Moderate	YES	No	YES	YES	Summer
MINERAL CREEK TRAIL	Summer	20	2300 FEET	Moderate	YES	No	YES	YES	Summer
Boundary Trail	Summer	60	1500 FEET	DIFFICULT	YES	No	No	Yes	Summer
BIG CREEK TRAIL	Summer	9	1250 FEET	DIFFICULT	YES	YES	No	YES	Summer
Grassy Knoll	LATE SPRING	5.8	1170 FEET	Moderate	YES	No	No	No	Spring
SKYLINE LOOP	Summer	47	8550 Feet	VERY DIFFICULT	YES	YES	YES	YES	Summer

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Golden Horn (PCT #2000)

Round Trip: 23 miles **High Point:** 6900 feet

Elevation Gain: 2700 feet **Hiking Time:** allow 4-6 days

Best Hiking Time: August through September

Maps: Green Trails #50 Washington Pass

Getting There: From Sedro-Woolley, take State

Route 20 east to the Rainy Pass Trailhead.

Whom to Contact: Methow Valley Ranger District,

Okanogan-Wenatchee NF: (509) 997-2131





Golden Horn

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

This spectacular section of the Pacific Crest Trail traverses high country meadows, larch thickets and clear, cold lakes. Shadowed by Cutthroat Peak, Whistler Mountain, Tower Mountain, and Golden Horn, this portion is about as lonesome as the PCT gets in Washington. An unnamed trail leads to the Snowy Lakes and the pink-gold flanks of Golden Horn.

The trail is in good shape up here, but this is fragile high country. A couple of meadows are heavily camped but many others are pristine; try to camp in these heavily impacted areas and not spread to those areas that have a chance.



Photo: Ira Spring

WHY IT'S THREATENED

From stretches of this popular trail, which runs through the 112,430-acre Liberty Bell Roadless Area, you can see into North Cascades National Park. However, this trail is unprotected.

The Roadless Conservation Policy, promulgated during the Clinton administration, would have ended most logging and road building inthis area. However, the Roadless Rule has not been adequately defended against legal attacks. Washington Trails is concerned about the potential for motorized incursions in this wild area.

Take Action: This is an opportunity for non-motorized recreationists to raise their concerns. Contact WTA at (206) 625-1367.

Circle Peak (Trail #781)

Round Trip: 22 miles

High Point: 5183 feet (Circle Peak)

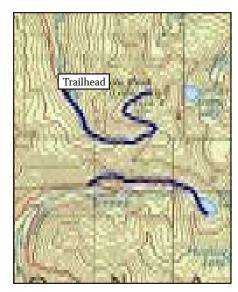
Elevation Gain: 780 feet **Hiking Time:** allow 2 days

Best Hiking Time: mid-July through early autumn

Maps: Green Trails #111 Sloan Peak

Getting There: Follow State Route 530 past Darrington, turn onto Forest Road 26. Turn right on FR 2700. Turn left onto FR 2703. Go to the end of the road and the Circle Peak Trailhead. Stay on FR 2700 to reach the Crystal Lake Trailhead.

Whom to Contact: Darrington Ranger District, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie NF: (360) 436-1155





Circle Peak/Crystal Lake

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

Expect loads of ripe huckleberries in season, old-growth Alaska cedar, and massive wildflower meadows. At the top, good views of Whitechuck Mountain and Glacier Peak dominate, with the smaller peaks of the north Mount Baker-Snoqualmie providing counterpoint. The hike to Circle Peak is short and steep.

You'll need to hike the edge of a clearcut to find the the Circle Peak Trail, but once on it, you'll find it's in decent shape. The tread can be hard to find in the meadowsthose flowers can be a mixed blessing! Make sure to stay on the main trail following the east side of the ridge. Otherwise, you'll find yourself on a cliff 600 feet above Indigo Lake.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

Washington's long history of logging has had detrimental effects on trails such as Circle Peak. This trail was relocated onto abandoned logging roads as a result of local timber sales during the 1950s and 1960s. The trail can't withstand this combination of heavy hiker use and inappropriate location.

Take Action: Northwest Forest Pass dollars can only be used for trail maintenance, but this project would require relocation. Fortunately, this trail is slated to receive capital investment money from Congress. To help, please contact Dawn Erickson at the Darrington Ranger District (360) 436-1155.

White River/ Indian Creek (#1507, #1502, #2000)

Round Trip: 28 miles **High Point:** 5000 feet

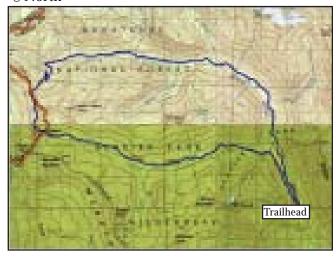
Elevation Gain: 2700 feet **Hiking Time:** allow 4-7 days

Best Hiking Time: July through October **Maps:** Green Trails #144 Benchmark, #145

Wenatchee Lake, #111 Sloan Peak, #112 Glacier Peak

Getting There: From Leavenworth, follow State Route 209 North to SR 207. Turn right, and follow it to the Y formed by SR 22 and Forest Road 65. Take SR 22 (which turns into FR 6400) to road's end.

North



Whom to Contact: Lake Wenatchee/Leavenworth Ranger District, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF: (509) 673-3103

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

This is a unique loop hike in the Lake Wenatchee/Leavenworth Ranger District that doesn't cross a road. Absence of footlogs on the side creeks and White River make for interesting and challenging travel.

Whether done clockwise or counterclockwise, this trail offers beautiful riverside camps, high country meadows and numerous options for exploration from valley bottom to ridgetop. Beyond that, there's some brush on this trail, and some rocky, muddy sections. Despite the challenges it's worth it.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

Designated Wilderness Areas are an important long-term resource for hikers. However, maintaining trails deep in Wilderness areas poses unique logistical challenges. Motorized and mechanized equipment aren't allowed. Materials and personal gear have to be brought in by pack animal or backpack. Projects such as bridges can be very difficult—although fun and challenging.

WTA has been able to help fill some of the maintenance void on Wilderness trails by leading weeklong, backcountry volunteer trips. WTA will run one weeklong work party here this summer, and as many as six in 2003. Contact WTA at (206) 625-1367 to volunteer.

Necklace Valley (#1062)

Round Trip: 15 miles High Point: 4800 feet Elevation Gain: 3200 feet Hiking Time: allow 4-6 days

Best Hiking Time: July through October

Maps: Green Trails #175 Skykomish, #176 Stevens Pass **Getting There:** From Sultan, follow US 2 to Forest Road 68. Follow FR 68 past its junction with FR 6830.

The trailhead is one mile further on the left.

Whom to Contact: Skykomish Ranger District, Mount

Baker-Snoqualmie NF: (360) 677-2414



North

Necklace Valley

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

The Necklace Valley is one of the most magnificent areas in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. A profusion of wittily named lakes (Locket, Jewel, Opal) glimmer in a setting of polished granite and snow. The way is beautiful but tough, gaining 2200 feet of elevation in just 2 miles.

This is a steep, rocky hike with drainage problems and a need for brushing. You'll find a bit more quiet here than you would in the Foss Lakes Basin, just one drainage over.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

It costs \$1300 per mile per year to maintain Wilderness trails on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Since 1997, dollars from trail user fees have helped ease the lack of National Forest maintenance funds. This year, Congress might limit user fees on backcountry trails. The decrease in available user fee funds may make it harder for the Forest Service to justify spending its money on trails if they don't generate money. We could see backcountry trails deteriorate further, unless appropriations are increased to compensate.

Take Action: Call your elected Representative and ask them to guarantee funding for backcountry trails. See the end of this guide for contact information.

Esmerelda Basin/ Gallagher Head(#1392, #1394, 4w301)

Round Trip: 12 miles High Point: 5900 feet Elevation Gain: 1700 feet Hiking Time: allow 2-3 days

Best Hiking Time: July through October **Maps:** Green Trails #209 Mount Stuart

Getting There: From Cle Elum, take Forest Road 970 to FR 9737. Follow FR 9737 past the DeRoux Creek

Campground to road's end.

Whom to Contact: Cle Elum Ranger District, Wenatchee

NF: (509) 674-4411





Esmerelda Basin/Gallagher Head Lake

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

A long uphill climb takes hikers through bountiful wildflower meadows replete with columbine, paintbrush, gentian and penstemon, eventually topping out at a 5900 foot bald with an epic view of Mount Stuart. Continuing takes you down 900 feet to a 1.2 mile slog on a 4X4 trail. Curiously, it feels harder than the 4.7 miles you just came. That's because it doesn't switchback an inch. Eventually, you pop out at Gallagher Head Lake, one of the prettiest non-Wilderness spots in the State. It's a good place to lunch; just watch out for the jeeps. Head down DeRoux Creek to the road, and finish your hike on gravel.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

Hikers seeking a quiet backcountry experience can be surprised to run into a motorized vehicle in the woods. Roughly 2,000 miles of trails in Washington's National Forests are legally open to motorcycles. While motorized trail use has its place, it doesn't belong everywhere, particularly not at sensitive high-country lakes.

The Esmerelda Basin area was left out of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness because of small mining claims. The Wenatchee National Forest is considering areas near the Basin for inclusion in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, but has not included the Esmerelda Basin in their evaluation.

Take Action: Call WTA at (206) 625-1367 to find out how you can help protect the Teanaway Roadless Area.

Mineral Creek Trail (#1331)

Round Trip: 20 miles to Park Lakes

High Point: 4700 feet **Elevation Gain:** 2300 feet **Hiking Time:** 2-3 days

Best Hiking Time: mid-July through early autumn **Maps:** Green Trails #207 Snoqualmie Pass, #208

Kachess Ridge

Getting There: From I-90, take the Crystal Springs

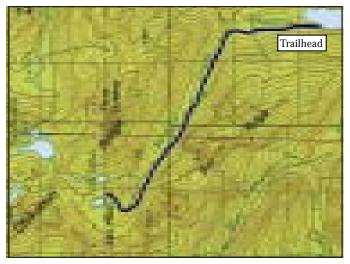
exit/Forest Road 49 to the Kachess Lake

Campground. Follow the Kachess Lake Trail to the

Mineral Creek Trail.

Whom to Contact: Cle Elum Ranger District,

Wenatchee NF: (509) 674-4411



North

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

The Mineral Creek Trail ascends the scenic Mineral Creek valley from 2,500 to 5,000 feet to the Park Lakes high country. You'll hike within earshot of Mineral creek in a canyon formed by Box and Chikamin Ridges. After about 11 miles, you'll reach Park Lakes and the intersection of the Mineral Creek Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. Hikers who want to wander further can take the PCT west to Snoqualmie Pass or east to Spectacle Lake.

Mineral Creek enters the Alpine Lakes Wilderness at its halfway point. Due to its proximity to major urban areas, trails in the Wilderness tend to get a fair amount of use. To beat the crowds, go on a weekday.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

The Cle Elum Ranger District works hard to maintain this trail, but an on-slaught of vine maple threatens to overtake the route every year.

Congress has never allocated sufficient money to trail maintenance, which is why groups like WTA and its volunteer trail teams that work to fill the gap are so important. Without passionate community support, many of our best trails would have been gone years ago.

Take Action: Trails like Mineral Creek are just a day trip for many Washingtonians. Join a WTA work party on Mineral Creek to start making a difference today. Call (206) 625-1367.

Boundary Trail (#1)

Round Trip: 60 miles round-trip, 5 miles round-trip to Dark Mountain, 12.6 miles round-trip to Hat Rock

Hiking Time: Allow 7-10 days for entire trail

High point: 5,000 feet

Elevation Gain: 1,500 feet

Best Hiking Time: mid-July through early autumn

Maps: Green Trails #332 Spirit Lake, #333 McCoy Peak **Getting There:** Take US 12 south to Forest Road 25. At the intersection of FR 25 and FR 2551, follow 2551. The trailhead is just past the intersection, on the left.

Whom to Contact: Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Gifford Pinchot NF: (360) 497-1100





Boundary Trail

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

The Boundary Trail connects a series of high ridges that run from Mount St. Helens to Mount Adams. Passing through the Dark DivideRoadless Area, the trail offers side trips to multiple peaks, including Badger and Hat Rock. Like all high Dark Divide trails, it offers views of the Cascade volcanoes.

Eastside and westside weather and geography meet on the forested ridges of the Dark Divide, leading to exuberant wildflower meadows. These open meadows were once forested, but never logged; rather, in the early 20th century, fires swept through the area, creating these wide open views.



Photo: Susan Saul

WHY IT'S THREATENED

The Boundary trail is close to Mount St. Helens, which means it runs over ash and pumice. Fragile and prone to erosion from snowmelt, these trails are further battered by motorcycle traffic.

Falling within the Dark Divide—the largest unprotected Roadless Area in Western Washington—the trail is open to motorcycle traffic, which churns the fragile soil and displaces hikers seeking a non-motorized trail experience.

Take Action: Please write to Congressman Brian Baird and urge him to protect the Dark Divide. See the end of this guide for contact information.

Big Creek Trail (#1341)

Round Trip: 9 Miles

Hiking Time: 4 to 6 hours (dayhike or backpack)

High point: 2000 feet **Elevation Gain:** 1250 feet

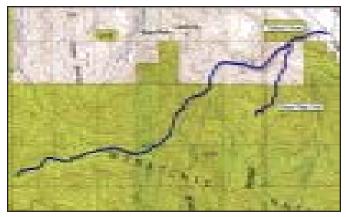
Best hiking time: June through October

Maps: Green Trails #240 Easton

Getting There: Follow I-90 east past Lake Easton State Park. Take the Nelson exit south. Turn left onto Forest Road 4517. Follow 4517 to the Blazed Ridge Trailhead. Follow Blazed Ridge northwest to Big Creek.

Whom to contact: USFS Cle Elum Ranger District,

Okanogan-Wenatchee NF: (509) 674-4411



North

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

To reap this hike's rewards—and they are many—hikers face the challenge of crossing Big Creek several times and must be prepared for some heavy brush. While the trail is rough, the creek is beautiful, with numerous little pools and gravelly shores. Several pleasant camps lie among old growth ponderosa pine. Huckleberries abound in season. The trail is appropriate for those seeking a really wild bushwacking experience.

Unfortunately, you won't be able to follow the route we've described here. The trailhead is closed due to the fact that it's on private property. You'll have to access this trail via Blazed Ridge, to the south and hike north.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

Many trails in Washington lie across a mix of state, federal, and private land. The Big Creek trailhead is located on land formerly owned by Plum Creek Timber. Plum Creek sold this parcel, and the new owner closed access to the trail in July of 2001. Hikers now have to access the trail via the Blazed Ridge Trail from Forest Road 4517.

Take Action: The Cascades Conservation Partnership, of which WTA is a Steering Committee member, aims to purchase private land in this area. If successful, the Partnership will preserve access to 40 miles of trails in the Central Cascades, including Big Creek. For more information, on the Partnership contact Kollin Min at (206) 675-9747.

Grassy Knoll (#146)

Round Trip: 5.8 miles **High Point:** 3650 feet

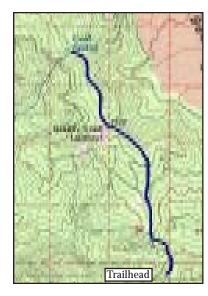
Elevation Gain: 1171 feet **Hiking Time:** 3-5 hours

Best hiking time: June through October **Maps:** Green Trails #397 Wind River

Getting There: From Carson, follow State Route 14 to the White Salmon River Road. Head North on the road and follow Forest Road 66 at the Y. Follow FR 68 past Triangle Pass to the trailhead.

Whom to contact: Mount Adams Ranger District,

Gifford Pinchot NF: (509) 395-3400





Grassy Knoll

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

The Grassy Knoll Trail takes hikers through meadows replete with wildflowers to Big Huckleberry Mountain and the intersection of the Pacific Crest Trail. Soak in views of Cascade Volcanoes, the Columbia River Gorge, Mount Defiance, and Big Lava Bed along the way. The trail can be accessed easily from either direction via Forest Roads 68 and 6808.

This is a steep hike. Oaks provide shade, and the meadows are dry. Cold Springs, about 5 miles from the trailhead is a good water source and a nice place to cool off.



Photo: Susan Saul

WHY IT'S THREATENED

Like many National Forests, the Gifford Pinchot has hundreds of miles of roads, many of which are due to past logging. The Forest is making a commendable effort to manage these roads, through road closure and road-to-trail conversions.

However, the Bear Creek OHV project would convert the road to the main Grassy Knoll trailhead into an ATV route. The Bear Creek OHV project also could increase existing motorized incursions onto the Grassy Knoll and Pacific Crest Trails.

Take Action: Encourage the Forest Service to manage its road base, but ask them not to hurt hikers in the process. Call WTA (206) 625-1367 for more information.

Skyline Loop

Round Trip: 47 miles **High Point:** 5200 feet

Elevation Gain: 8550 feet cumulative

Hiking Time: allow 4-5 days

Best hiking time: August through September

Maps: Green Trails #166 Mt. Christie

Getting There: Follow US 101 north from Aberdeen. Take the South Shore Lake Quinault Road 13 miles to an intersection. Turn right, cross the Quinault River, and then turn right onto the North Fork Road. Go 3.5 miles to the road's end.

Whom to contact: Olympic NP: (360) 565-3130



North

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

The Skyline Loop offers something for everyone—a wild journey from deep old growth forests, high country lakes, and a tough climb followed by classic ridge rambling.

The trail starts out on the North Fork Quinault trail, which traverses 16 easy miles of old, moss-draped forest. Turn up the Skyline trail at the Low Divide Ranger Station. The challenge begins here, a hardscrabble ascent to the high country, followed by some tough-but-scenic hiking.

This trail is for experienced backpackers who have route finding experience. In some places, the trail fades out. If you have the experience and endurance, the Skyline Loop is well worth the effort.



Photo: Dan Nelson

WHY IT'S THREATENED

Like many trails in remote areas of National Parks, the Skyline Divide does not get the maintenance it needs. Logs were cleared from the trail last summer, followed by brushing; but the trail still needs long term tread restoration. It's not yet in the dire shape that some of our most heavily impacted trails. A little investment today would save a lot of money in the years to come.

Take Action: Congress needs to appropriate money now to invest in preventative maintenance for National Park Trails. Call you member of Congress and Congressman Norman Dicks and urge them to properly fund National Park trail maintenance.

TAKE ACTION!

Elected Officials' Contact Information

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TAKE ACTION!

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