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**Every season is  
Rainier season.**

*Discover a mountain of fun this fall.*

Photo courtesy: Melissa Darnell





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**Is this the autumn you take a break from all the school activities to stretch your legs and take in some crisp mountain air? Whether it's your first visit or your 50th, your family can be among people from all around the world who come to explore the Mount Rainier area, including a temperate rainforest, scenic steam train rides, horseback riding, ziplining, hiking and so much more. Come explore the most natural playground in Washington State.**



# Longmire and Paradise

Courtesy Jess Connell



**Find some snow.  
Hug a tree.  
Cross a suspension  
bridge over a  
glacial river!**  
*Grab your coziest fleece  
and a backpack. It's  
time for adventuring.*

It's a big mountain and there's so much for explorers of all ages to see. Your young explorers can be on the lookout for 182 bird species, 65 mammal species, 15 reptile and amphibian species, and 12 fish species that have been found in the park.

*Mount Rainier National Park preserves some of the last of the Pacific Northwest's spectacular old growth forests. Each level of the old growth forest, from the tree tops to the roots, is like a different world. High in the forest canopy, mats of mosses, lichens and other plants make a cozy home for creatures such as the mouse-like red tree vole that may live their entire lives without ever touching the ground. Cat-like tree martens, spotted owls, and flying squirrels move among the branches and numerous small animals and birds make their home in holes in the tree trunks. Beneath the zone of ferns and forest underbrush, the debris on the forest floor is alive with plants and insects and decorated with shy, shade-loving orchids and colorful mushrooms. In the zone below the forest floor, fungi and burrowing animals and insects form vital webs of life among the tree roots. All of these plants and animals depend on the unique environment provided by old-growth forests. Remember: you are guests in their home, so be sure to stay on designated trails and to protect the plants and animals you encounter.*

The visitor center in the historic museum offers many interesting exhibits, including mounted examples of forest birds and animals. Here you can learn how Native Americans relied on these forests. For them, the western red cedar was truly the "Tree of Life"—it supplied materials necessary for shelter; as well as tools, clothing, baskets, twine, mats, dyes, transportation, and medicines. Just outside the museum is a cross-section of a giant tree. Its "rings" are marked with their historical dates and the major events that took place over the span of this tree's life. Museum staff can direct you to the short (0.7 miles, 45 minutes) Trail of the Shadows across the street, where signs point out features of the old-growth forest. You can also see mineral springs bubbling up from the ground, enter a pioneer cabin, and witness trees cut down by beavers.

Be sure to stop in at the visitor center and ask about the Junior Ranger Program.



# Lodging at Longmire, Paradise and the Surrounding Area



## It's a big mountain with so much to discover.

*Stay overnight and wake up rested and ready for adventure.*

There are two historic lodges inside the National Park that have been welcoming families for over a century. These include the Paradise Inn, which will close October 2 for the season, and The National Park Inn, which stays open year-round. Just minutes away from the entrance you'll find nearly 20 family-friendly cabins, inns, resorts and vacation rentals ready to accommodate you.

Take a break from all the back to school hustle-bustle and come play this fall!

**Want personal assistance on the phone?  
Call the Mt. Rainier Visitor Association  
at (360)569-0910**

Courtesy Mounthaven Resort





# Lodging at Longmire, Paradise and the Surrounding Area *continued*

Autumn activities like hiking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, and more are only a short distance from your door.

Explore old-growth forests and stretch your legs on the trails. Book one of the cabins or vacation rentals in the forest and maybe you'll wake up to meet a neighboring herd of deer or elk. Vacation rentals are available with game rooms, bunk beds, hot tubs, fireplaces, and fire pits for a late season round of s'mores. Browse our website to find the perfect place to stay.



Courtesy Stone Creek Inn



Courtesy Three Bears Lodge



National Park Inn courtesy Guest Services



Paradise Inn courtesy Ian McRae

For a complete list of accommodations visit: [www.visitrainier.com/lodging](http://www.visitrainier.com/lodging)



# Dining at Paradise and surrounding area: In Mount Rainier National Park



**Paradise Inn Dining Room** Imagine the setting of Mount Rainier and its entire splendor as the backdrop to a perfect meal guaranteed to satisfy the heartiest adventurer. At the Paradise Inn Dining Room, you can dine by a blaze in the hearth of the great fireplace as you feast on such Paradise Inn favorites as Bourbon Buffalo Meatloaf. (Dining room closes October 2 for the season).



**Tatoosh Café** Located inside Paradise Inn, Tatoosh Café is a cozy and casual coffee shop-style spot offering a variety of grab-and-go sandwiches on artisan bread, ice cream, snacks, beverages and fresh pastries. With wine and beer on tap, it's a wonderful spot to relax on the patio in the evening while listening to a fascinating talk from a Park Ranger. Tatoosh Café closes October 2.su



**National Park Inn** Dining room is open year-round, serving Breakfast: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM., Lunch: 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Dinner: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Sunday through Thursday) and Dinner: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Friday & Saturday).

## Dining Outside the park in nearby Elbe, and Ashford



**Copper Creek Inn** =Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as micro-brews and wine. Breakfast is served old-fashioned country style with generous portions accompanied by homemade bread and blackberry jam. The Mountain Scramble, and Hikers Hot Stack are favorites. Lunch features burgers, sandwiches, stew, chili and more. Daily specials often include fresh salmon, seasonal salads, vegetarian entrees and pastas. Be sure to save room for a slice of world -famous blackberry pie.

# Dining at Paradise and surrounding area: In Mount Rainier National Park *continued*



**Elbe Bar and Grill** A favorite of the locals, this roadside pub has a kids' menu and serves the best four napkin greasy spoon burgers and fries in all of Elbe. Families will like their affordable prices and will want to eat here for lunch or an early dinner as the atmosphere leans towards the 21 and older crowd later in the evening.



**Highlander Steak House** Open 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM, with the daily dinner typically served until 9:00 PM. This is a local's favorite restaurant and lounge for over 25 years. It's known for their burgers and steaks, homemade Rainier Beer battered fish and chips, famous homemade blackberry pie, and over 24 flavors of ice cream. Large screen TV's, pool table, full bar.



**Mt. Rainier Railroad Dining Company** One of the most unique restaurants in the area, this train themed diner serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dinner entrees include Deep Fried Calamari, Home-cut Gheddar Fries, Vegetarian Pasta Primavera, BBQ Smoked Chicken, Perfectly Smoked Prime Rib, Hand-dipped Louisiana Prawns, Beer-battered Hoki, Shrimp & Chips Platter and Homemade Lasagna. Open 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM, daily.

Click here for a complete list of area restaurants: [visitrainier.com/food-and-drink](http://visitrainier.com/food-and-drink)



# Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

## Nature's Calling!

*Northwest Trek is a place to unwind, explore, and learn.*





# Northwest Trek Wildlife Park *continued*



Enjoy a comfortable Discovery Tram Tour through 435 acres of stunning meadows and forests. For 50 minutes, you'll get eye-to-eye views of fascinating animals like moose, Roosevelt elk, bison and more as they explore their natural habitat.

Every season offers something new: babies in spring and summer, elk bugling in the fall, and animals in thick woolly coats in winter. A friendly naturalist narrates each tour, sharing fun and informative facts about the animals you're seeing.

After your Discovery Tram Tour, stroll along paved paths through lush forests and see massive predators like black bears, wolves, cougars, foxes and other Northwest native animals in naturalistic exhibits. The trails are wheelchair and stroller friendly.

**Kids' Trek** Let imaginations run free at Kids' Trek, the nature-inspired play area designed for toddlers to tweens. Children can climb through a massive "tree trunk" with nets, build forts in the construction zone, play in tot-sized log cabins, explore an imitation beaver lodge, and scramble up and down ladder nets. Northwest-themed features like native plants, a replica beaver lodge, and statues of river otters and cougars make Kids' Trek a unique play to learn and play. Slide! Climb! Splash! Balance! Explore! This one-of-a-kind playground at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is an adventureland of nature-inspired play for toddlers to tweens.

Each visit to Kids' Trek is **FREE** with admission or membership. The play area is open daily during regular **operating hours**.

Kids' Trek is ADA accessible.



## Zip Wild!



**Pro Tips:** Bring a tie if you or your kiddo have long hair. Wear stretchy clothes that will allow you to easily bend and climb. Avoid open-toed shoes. Weight limit of \_\_\_\_ pounds per person.



### Climb, swing, zip and zoom!

Five exhilarating zip line/challenge courses run through Northwest Trek's breathtaking tree canopy. Each course contains sections of zip line separated by barriers that must be walked over, climbed or crawled over, or clambered through. The challenges vary from course to course, but all require some mental toughness and physical agility. It's a wild adventure for the entire family! (Requires extra ticket for Zip Wild!) Take a break from all the back to school hustle-bustle and come play this fall!

**Sept 4:** Sensation course open 10 am-3 pm (Daily) All other courses open 10 am-4 pm

**Sept 5-Oct 1:** Open 10 am-3 pm (Sat & Sun only)\*

*Phone:*

866-906-5487

*Address:*

11610 Trek Dr E  
Eatonville, WA 98328

#### Northwest Trek Wildlife Park Special Events:

##### September

- Thursday, September 1 - Friday, September 30: **Senior Month**
- Saturday, September 2 - Monday, September 4: **Feeding Frenzy**
- Saturday, September 16: **Run Wild**
- Saturday, September 23: **Super Girl Scout Day**

##### October

- Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 21: **Hoot 'n' Howl**
- Saturday, October 28: **Pumpkin Chomp & Stomp**



# Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum

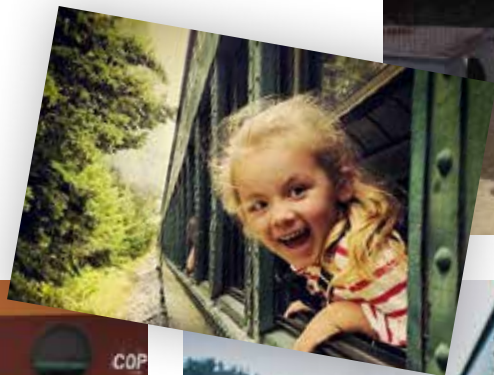
Climb aboard living history for a steam train ride through the forest and foothills south of Mount Rainier. Cross the Upper Nisqually River, explore fascinating museum exhibits and rediscover America's love affair with the locomotive. Tickets for this two-hour excursion include museum admission. Steam Train Rides are available weekends in September departing at 11:00 AM and 2:15 PM.

October 7/8, 14/15, and 21/22!

The fall is fantastic time to ride the train. Join Snoopy, and Charlie Brown aboard **The Great Pumpkin Patch Express**. Passengers will ride the train and read the book *'It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown'* on their journey to the "Most Sincere Pumpkin Patch", where guests are greeted by Charlie Brown and Snoopy. Family-friendly activities include face-painting, crafts, temporary tattoos, coloring pages, lawn games, PEANUTS™ gang photo ops, and trick-or-treating through a historic logging camp. Children may also select their very own pumpkin to take home during the hour layover at the Pumpkin Patch. Children and adults are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for the trip!

Phone:  
888-783-2611

Address:  
54124 Mountain Highway East  
Elbe, WA 98330





# Horseback Riding

## Leaf peep Rainier with a guided trail ride.

*The only spot at the mountain where there's guided trail rides year-round.*

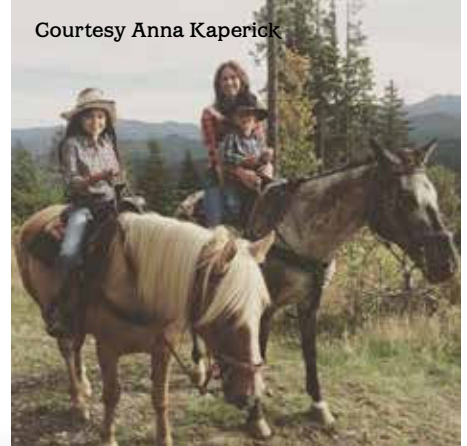
Peep some colors leaves Rainier style during a guided trail ride. With the heat of summer a distance memory, sweater weather is a welcome treat. Take to the trails at EZ Times Horse Rides in Elbe. Families can choose from a guided trail ride or a hand-led pony ride near the stables.

Horses for all skill levels. Maximum weight limit is 225 pounds. Meander along historic logging trails, through fir, cedar, and alder trees. Amble through ferns and look for deer, elk, and other sights of the forest.

There's something great about unplugging and getting away from it all. With more than 20 years of experience the outfitters at EZ Times provides all the gear and offer horses able to accommodate riders of all experience levels. Trail rides are offered by the hour.

A good afternoon on the trail can work up an appetite. Be sure to see our dining guide to locate places near the stables for a pre/post snack or meal.

Courtesy Anna Kaperick



Courtesy Hillary Mercer



# Pioneer Farm and Ohop Indian Village

Escape to another century. Journey back to the 1880's on a hands-on tour of a pioneer homestead. Grin grain, churn cream, card wool, and even dress up like a pioneer. See a blacksmith at work. Learn how to milk a cow, collect eggs and meet the barnyard animals.

The Native American Seasons Tour is an additional 90-minute activity. The Fall Fishing Village is where you may try your hand at making a slate arrowhead, braid leather, peck on a stone bowl, help chip out a canoe, play the plank drum and enjoy target practice games.

Hours: Open **Fall:** Labor Day through day before Thanksgiving--Sat. & Sun., 11am-4pm 90 minute guided farm tours.







Courtesy Dan DeVries



**Small town.  
Big on charm.**  
*Discover Enumclaw.*

This walkable downtown offers murals, locally owned shops and restaurants. There's also a golf course, trails for walking or biking, fishing, farm tours and more all within a short drive of incredible outdoor fun.

For a fun and free activity check out the Visit Rainier Geocaching tour now thru October 31. There are several stops in the Enumclaw where you can solve clues, look for hints and find the hidden treasure.

Stop by the music store on Main street to play a round of Chopsticks or Heart and Soul on the outdoor piano.

Mud Mountain Dam Recreation Area: small playground area, with picnic tables. Bring your Frisbee and let the kiddos run.



Courtesy Dan DeVries

Take a farm tour and spend an afternoon playing in the country. Check out the dining section for a list of family friendly restaurants ready to serve you.





# Enumclaw Dining



## Charlie's Café

Family owned and operated in Enumclaw since 1976. Known for breakfast specialties, great food and excellent customer service. Voted best breakfast in town! Try the Bigfoot Challenge or the 4th of July Waffle. Great for groups. Catering services available.

## Historic Mint

Soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, and the most amazing fries! The kids' menu is served on a Mint frisbee with a kid's drink and choice of fruit or fries. Parent's try the bacon jam burger.



## Jackson's Pizza

Gourmet pizzas, hearty pastas, “grinders” specialty sandwiches that promise to fill your family up.

## Kelly's Mercantile

Open for lunch and dinner.

Kid approved “Merc and Cheese” along with other favorites. Casual dining. Delicious sandwiches, salads and seasonal entrees made with locally sourced ingredients.



## Rainier Bar and Grill

If you are looking for good food, charming atmosphere and some history of the Mountain this establishment was named after, you've found it. Historic photos adorn the walls, offering a touch of authenticity and nostalgia.

## The Kettle

The Kettle serves breakfast and burgers. Kids and groups welcome, large and small. Invite your family and friends for coffee, breakfast or lunch breaks. Breakfast scrambles are the favorite meal with enough to share or box up and take home!



## The Lee

Comfort food, good company and plenty of coffee. Meals served up home-style – breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## The Local

Need a caffeine boost? Stop by The Local. This coffeehouse and modern day general store serves Stumptown Coffee, lattes, protein shakes, and assorted grab and go food with a welcoming kids' corner.



**Click here for a complete list of Enumclaw area restaurants:**  
[visitrainier.com/food-and-drink](http://visitrainier.com/food-and-drink)



# Enumclaw Lodging



Courtesy Cedars Inn

Families visiting Enumclaw will discover an affordable motel with an outdoor heated pool and an Inn located within walking distance of dining and shops.

This is comfortable lodging for your family to establish your Mt. Rainier home base.

For personal assistance over the phone, please contact the friendly team at the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center (360) 825-7666.



Courtesy GuestHouse Inn





# Thomasson Family Farm

Visit a working dairy farm with kid-friendly activities. Kids Korral offers activities to build the imagination: Bubble Table, Duck Races, Squirty Guirty, the hand milking cow, cattle roping, red-necked sandbox, red-necked slide, tractors and tires to climb on, jumping tire, Jr. zip lines and a chalkboard house. No trip is complete without a ride on the Tractor Train, pulled by Grandpa Tims John Deere. A private collection of antique model John Deere tractors are on display for kids to climb up on and take that imaginary ride. The Corn Box, is always a big hit. Kids can remove their shoes, and climb into a Box filled with 9 tons of corn.

There's also a Trike Track, Animals, Sling Shot and a Hay Ride.

The Corn Maze features a new theme each year. Play a game as you navigate your way through the 5-acre maze! There are also tractor train rides, hay wagon rides, corn box play area,



## Pro Tips:

- There is a large bridge in the middle of the maze that provides a panoramic view of the farm, making it difficult for strollers and wheel chairs to get through.
- The maze takes about 45 minutes to navigate and is a non-scary adventure for all ages
- Last entry into the maze will be 30 minutes before closing
- The paths in the maze are dirt. Dirt + water = Mud! Wear appropriate shoes and dress accordingly
- Leave pets at home please.



# Thomasson Family Farm *continued*



petting farm, hay barn, tricycle track, apple sling shots, bubble table, slides, duck races, and laser tag.

Older kids, tweens and teens can try their skill at Laser Tag – Hay Stack Maniac! Only on weekends during farm hours 12:00 PM – 5:30 PM. Hid behind hay bales and set your sights.

Thomasson Family Farm's Annual Punky Du Duathlon and 5k for ALL! Saturday, November 4th, 2017

Open Oct 1st through the 31st from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Daily.  
\* Closes at 1:00 PM on Oct 31st.

Phone:  
360-802-0503

Address:  
38223 236th Avenue SE  
Enumclaw, Washington, 98022





# Sunrise at Mount Rainier National Park



Courtesy Ian McRae

## Stay awhile.

*You'll be glad you did.*

This place is so popular that visitors travel from around the world to see the natural beauty.

This is the highest point in Mount Rainier National Park that you can visit by car. As the road winds its way up the mountain, your jaw will drop when you see the dramatic scenery.

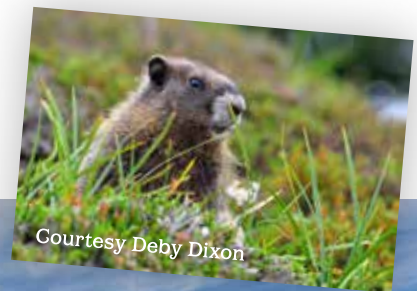
The visitor center has informative displays. The center closes for the colder months at the end of the day on September 24, 2017.

Bring your camera and your binoculars. You might even see a bear off in the distance run across a meadow.

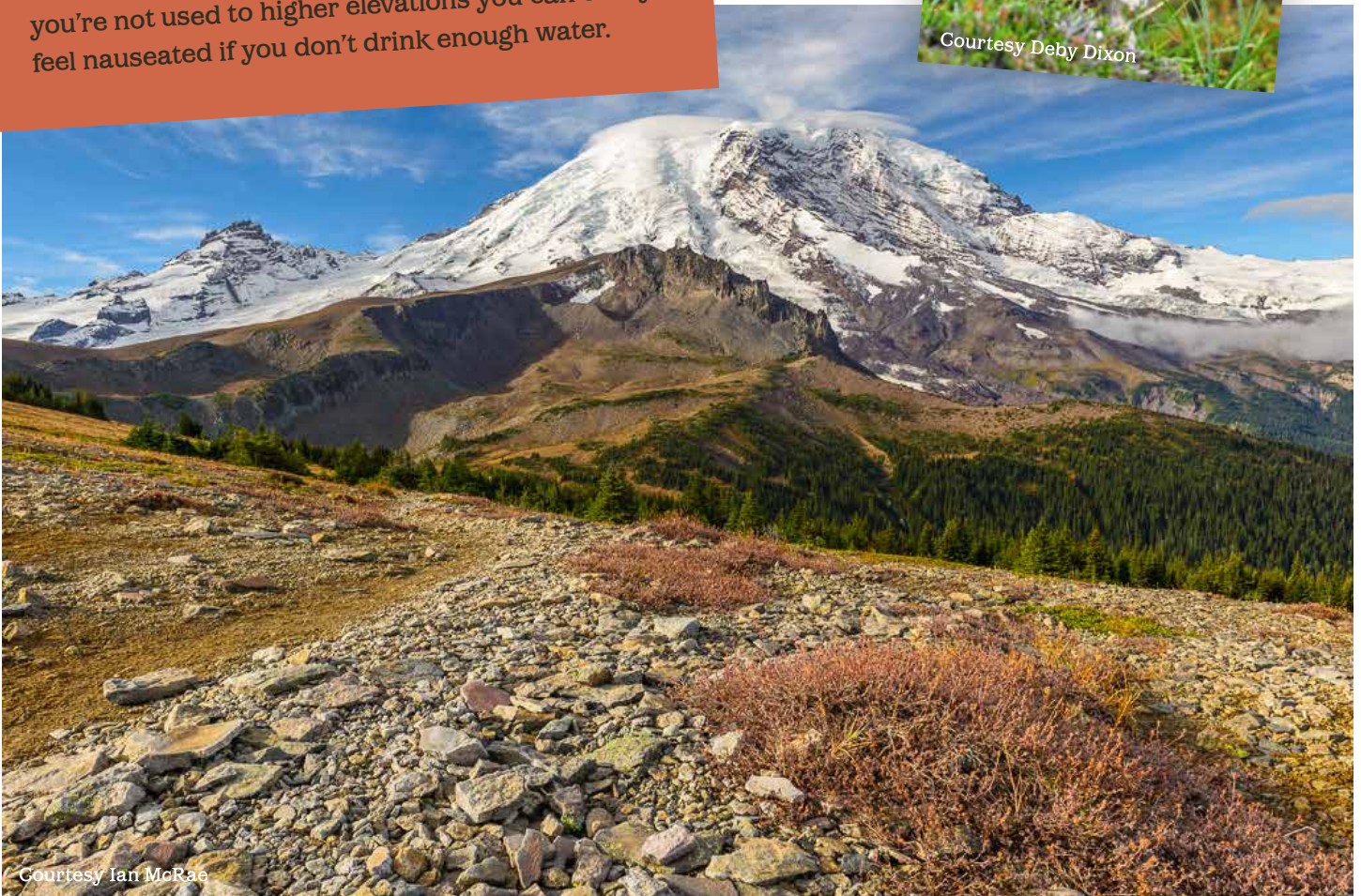
Picnic tables with a view of the meadow and mountain peak are near the visitor center and the Day Lodge serves snacks and grab-and go items.



**Pro Tip:** Drink lots of water to stay hydrated. If you're not used to higher elevations you can easily feel nauseated if you don't drink enough water.



Courtesy Deby Dixon



Courtesy Ian McRae



# Dining in the Sunrise and the Crystal Mountain Area



A few of our flagship restaurants on this side of the mountain like the Alpine Inn and Summit House are closed for the fall but here's where you can go to keep everyone in the family happy and avoid anyone feeling hangry. For a bite to eat this fall when exploring the Sunrise area visit:



## Naches Tavern

While the weather's nice families can enjoy outdoor seating. The outdoor area is kid-friendly seating. The indoor seating is reserved for the 21 and older crowd. Families should dine early as at the establishment is 21 and older from 9:00 PM to close.

## Sunrise Day Lodge:

Open weekends through September 24. Casual burgers, hot-dogs, salads, and other assorted sandwiches, snacks and treats are available.



## Wapiti Woolies

A great shop to stop and visit for souvenirs, coffee, milkshakes, chocolates and snacks.

Click here for a complete list of area restaurants: [visitrainier.com/food-and-drink](https://www.visitrainier.com/food-and-drink)



# Visitor Centers

It's a big mountain. When you're exploring the region need a map, or a recommendation by a local expert, call or stop by and connect with our friends at the regional visitor centers inside and outside of the Mount Rainier National Park.

## Gateway Communities Outside of the National Park

### Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce

Address: 1421 Cole St., Enumclaw, WA 98002

Phone: (425) 652-0359

Open Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### Mt. Rainier Visitor's Association

Address: 30027 SE 706 East, Ashford, WA 98304

Phone: (360) 569-0910

Open Friday thru Sundays 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### Carbon River Ranger Station

Address: 35415 Fairfax Forest Reserve Rd E, Carbonado, WA 98323

GPS Coordinates: 46.995181, -121.915176

Phone: (360) 829-9639

Open September 1-30 daily 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Call for hours October thru November. The road is open to the park entrance. The road is closed to vehicles, beyond the entrance, bicycle and pedestrian traffic is permitted.

### Henry M. Jackson Memorial Visitor Center at Paradise

Address: Paradise Rd E, Ashford, WA 98304

GPS Coordinates: 46.7858749, -121.7367228

Phone: (360) 569-6571

September 1-23: Open 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Daily

September 24-October 9: Open 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily

October 10-November 12: Open 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM weekends and holidays

### Longmire Museum

Address: Hwy. 706, 10 mi east of Ashford, Longmire, WA, 98397 GPS

Coordinates: 46.749762, -121.81231

Phone: (360) 569-6575

Operating Hours: September 18-30 open 9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily

October 1 - January 1 open 9:00 am - 4:30 pm daily

### Longmire Wilderness Information Center

Address: Hwy. 706, 10 mi east of Ashford, Longmire, WA, 98397

GPS Coordinates: 46.750166, -121.811654

Phone: (360) 569-6650

Operating Hours: September 18 - October 9 7:30 am - 5:00 pm daily

Closed for the season October 10.

### Ohanapecosh Visitor Center

Address: GPS Coordinates: 46.735942, -121.565875

Phone: (360) 569-6581

Closed for the season after September 18.

## Picnic Areas

Courage Rock open until October 9, then closed for the season.

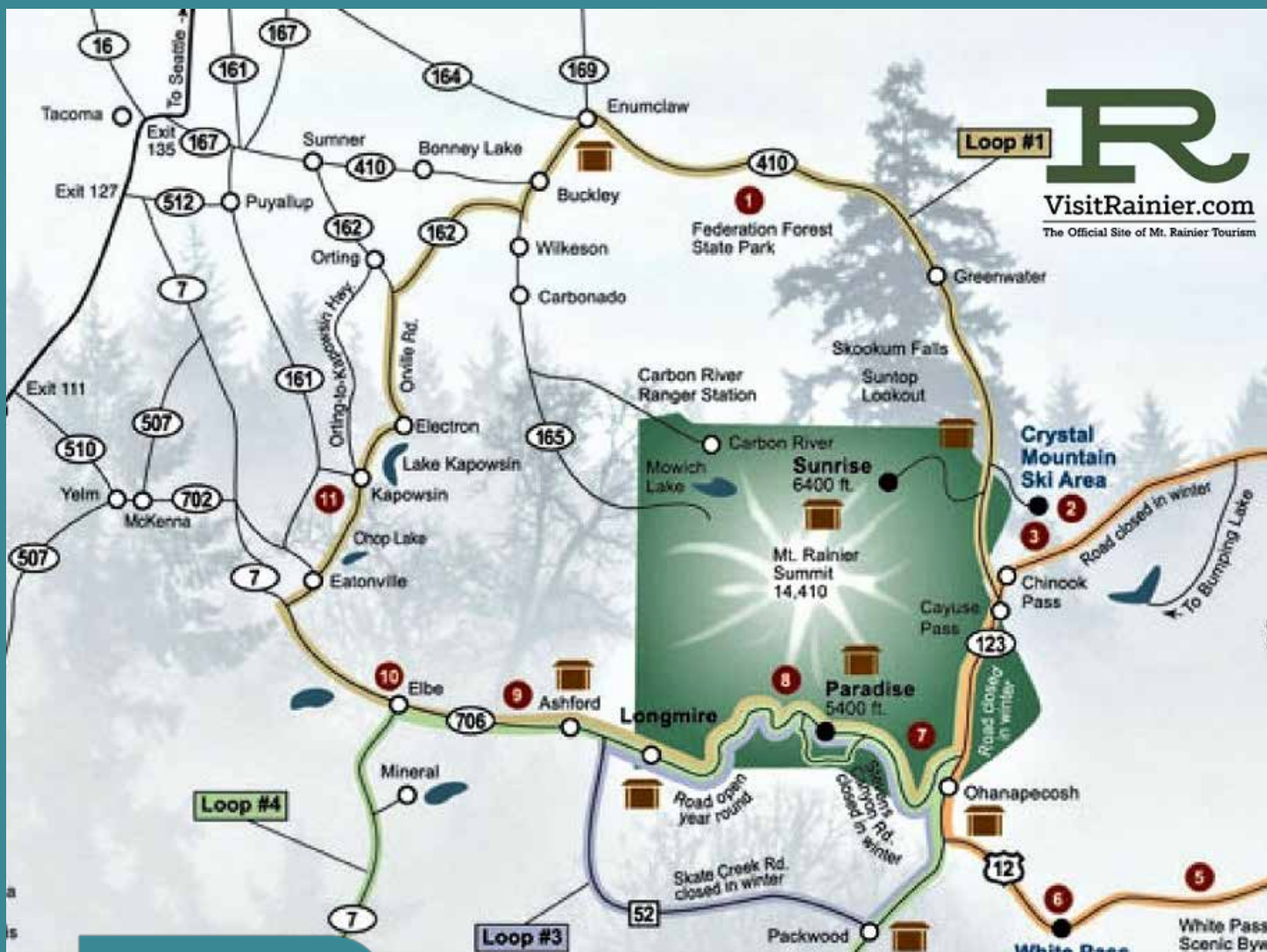
Paradise open until October 16.

Box Canyon open until October 30.

Ohanapecosh Campground open until October 9







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## Trip Tips

- Dress in layers. Weather conditions at the mountain can change. Be prepared.
- Pack the [10 Essentials](#)
- Fuel up with gas and food before you go.
- Start your day early to give yourself enough time to explore.
- Trail conditions can change. [Washington Trails Association](#) is a great source for trip reports to check recent status updates.
- Stay on the trails. Going off-trail could damage fragile subalpine meadows.