### Romantic Winter Getaways



### Every season is Rainier season.

Best Day Spas

Discover a mountain of fun this winter.

Ski Trips

Courtesy Janelle Walker



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"Is this the winter you take a break to stretch your legs and take in some crisp mountain air? Whether it's your first visit or your 50th, you can be among people from all around the world who come to explore the Mount Rainier area, for skiing, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and wildlife watching. Come explore the most natural playground in Washington State."

# Winter at Crystal Mountain 💊





Alpine skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and epic views of Mount Rainier await. Did we mention comfortable lodging, dining and live entertainment too?

The largest ski area in Washington State, Grystal Mountain Resort is located on the northeast corner of Mount Rainier National Park. Less than two hours from Seattle the resort is open November thru April for winter recreation.

Crystal Mountain Resort has the most vertical, highest elevation and the only 8-passenger gondola in all of Washington State.

If you don't know how to ski or snowboard, private and group lessons are available, but you don't have to ski or snowboard to enjoy Crystal Mountain. There are also snowshoe tours, scenic gondola rides, live music and nightlife.

Enjoy a Mountain Music Series every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM for Après music on the Sundeck

under the new large heated patio umbrella! The Clif Bar Music on the Mountain Series, presented by Clif Bar, is back for another fun winter! Featuring live music from special guests. And don't forget, there's also live music at the Snorting Elk; Fridays and Saturdays starting at 9:00 PM.

Want to get a really great view of Mount Rainier? Scenic 8-passenger Mt. Rainier Gondola rides will take you to new heights with one of the best views available of the mountain. Watch from above as skiers and snowboarders fly down





# Winter at Crystal Mountain continued



the mountain below you. Pass by tall Evergreen trees and get a bird's eye view of the surrounding mountain peaks covered in snow.

You'll travel almost 2,500 vertical feet to the summit where you will find breathtaking views of not only Mount Rainier, but the Gascade Range as

well. You'll also be just a few short steps away from the **Summit House**, Washington's highest elevation restaurant.

Foot-passengers (non-skiers) are welcome to ride the gondola anytime during the winter.

### **Pro Tips:**

- Be prepared for winter driving conditions. Take it slow on ice and snow. Allow extra room between vehicles and avoid abrupt actions while steering, braking or accelerating.
- Clear snow and ice off your vehicle including lights and roof – before driving. Keep your car stocked with basic winter safety equipment such as a scraper, shovel, chains and jumper cables.
- Fill'er up before leaving home Gas is not available at Crystal Mountain.
- Remember to check the current conditions before planning your gondola ride on our Weather & Conditions page. Weather can change quickly and the gondola can close early or without notice when it's windy or stormy.







# **Dining in the Crystal Mountain Area**











### **Alpine Inn**

Phone: (360) 663-7727

Address: 33818 Grystal Mountain Blvd, Grystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Breakfast (Continental Buffet) 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Lunch 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Dinner 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

#### **Bullwheel Pub and Grill**

Phone: (360) 663-3085 Address: 33914 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Sunday – Thursday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Friday – Saturday: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Happy Hour Monday – Friday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

#### **Campbell Basin Lodge**

Phone: (360) 663-2265 Address: 33914 Crystal Mountain Blvd., Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Lunch Daily 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Hot Beverages and Grab-N-Go items are available from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

#### **Cascade Grill**

Phone: (360) 663-2265 Address: 33818 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

#### Chinook Café

Phone: (360) 663-2265

Address: 33818 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Winter Hours Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM (may close earlier on bad weather days) Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

#### **Fireside Café**

Phone: (360) 663-3050 Address: 33818 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Saturday & Sunday only: 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM



# Dining in the Crystal Mountain Area continued



**Naches Bar and Grill** 

Phone: (360) 663-2267 Address: 8411 State Route 410 East, Greenwater, WA 98022 Hours: Seven Days a week 11:00 AM – 2:00 AM



Snorting Elk Phone: (360) 663-7798 Address: 33818 Grystal Mountain Blvd., Grystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Open daily 11:00 AM – close (10:00 PM is earliest close)



#### **Summit House**

Phone: (360) 663-3085 Address: 33914 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 Hours: Daily: 10:30 AM – 2:45 PM (weather permitting) Last seating for food is 2:45 PM, beverages available until 3:00 PM.

For a complete list of area restaurants visit: visitrainier.com/food-and-drink/



# Lodging in the Crystal Mountain Area



**Play all day and relax all night.** Stay overnight in a winter wonderland.

Winter recreation in the Crystal Mountain area offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of the season. When it comes to lodging you can stay near the slopes at Crystal Mountain Resort, or stay nearby at one of the well-appointed cabins, condos, or vacation rentals. Ski or snow shoe weekend? Yes, please.

Play all day, and relax at night. Gurl up in front of a nice warm fire with your favorite beverage or a good book. Treat yourself to an overnight stay.











# Winter in Enumclaw 💊



### **Small town. Big on charm. Discover Enumclaw.** *This walkable downtown area offers murals, locally owned shops and your pick of restaurants.*

The 52nd annual Enumclaw Christmas Parade will commence on December 2, 2017, at 6:00 PM. When it comes to building a dynamic holiday float the bar is set high. They take their Christmas Parade seriously in Enumclaw. Last year a trucking company went up to Crystal Mountain Resort and packed their trucks with snow to build a wintry float. This is a one-of-a-kind small-town parade you won't want to miss.

See Santa, lighted displays, bands and more. Make a weekend of it. Come early. Check into your hotel and then visit the locally owned and operated shops. Book a relaxing treatment at the **Enumclaw Day Spa**. Then head to Cole Street at 5:00 PM. Go early so you can get a good table at one of the restaurants along Cole Street to watch the parade go by during dinner. Restaurants like: **Kelly's Mercantile**, **Jackson's Pizza**, **The Historic Mint**, and The **Rainier Bar and Grill** are the place to be to watch the parade while enjoying a delicious meal. **The Local** is a coffee shop with light snacks and comfy sofas that is also a popular choice. If you choose to watch the parade outside under the lights be sure to dress for the weather so you're comfortable along the sidelines.

The Parade is scheduled from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2017. For more information contact the **Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce** 360.825.7666

All winter long the boutiques, restaurants, and nearby attractions like Crystal Mountain Resort are open

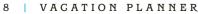
for business. There's also **A Holly Jolly Holiday** event presented by The Traveling Happy Market at the Enumclaw Expo Center. Vendors and local artisans will fill the Expo Center with crafts, decorations, and gifts for a holidaythemed shopping spree. Visitors can also enjoy a scenic gondola ride or hit the slopes and ski or snowboard at the nearby Crystal Mountain Resort.

### **Other Special Events:**

- Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce Wine Walk Saturday November 18
- Enumclaw Wine & Chocolate Festival February 2 - 3, 2018









# Dining in Enumclaw













### **Cole Street Brewery**

Address: 2551 Cole Street Suite R, Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (425) 275-7396 Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM-ish, Friday – Saturday 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM-ish, Closed: Monday + Tuesday

### **El Ranchito**

Address: 352 Griffin Ave, Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 825-8511 Hours: Open daily 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Four Seasons Address: 820 Griffin Ave, Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: 360-825-6541 Hours: Open 7 days a week, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

**Griffin and Wells** Address: 1239 Griffin Ave. Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 226-3084 Hours: Open Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Closed Sunday and Monday.

Historic Mint Address: 1608 Cole St Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 284-2517 Hours: Seven Days a week 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Il Siciliano Address: 1118 Myrtle Ave. Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: 360-825-9463 Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM, Friday – Saturday 11:30 AM -10:00 PM. Sunday 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM. Glosed Mondays.



# Dining in Enumclaw continued





Address: 1537 Cole Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 284-2424 Hours: Open daily at 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM Sunday – Thursday. Close at 10:00 PM Friday & Saturday.

### Kelly's Mercantile

Address: 1444 Cole St. Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 284-2333 Hours: Open daily at 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

### **Oshio Sushi** Address: 730 Griffin Ave Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 226-3253 Hours: Open daily 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

### Rainier Bar and Grill Address: 1623 Cole St. Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 825-6363 Hours: Open daily seven Days a week 11:00 am – 11:00 pm

### **Rockridge Orchards and Cidery**

Address: 40709 264th Avenue SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 802-6800 Hours: Winter Hours: Closed Monday, Tuesday - Thursday Noon-8:00 PM, Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Sunday 11:00 AM -7:00 PM

### Room 25 Martini Lounge

Address: 117 Roosevelt Ave, Enumclaw, WA 98022 Phone: (360) 825-7744 Hours: Open daily 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Click here for a complete list of Enumclaw area restaurants: visitrainier.com/food-and-drink



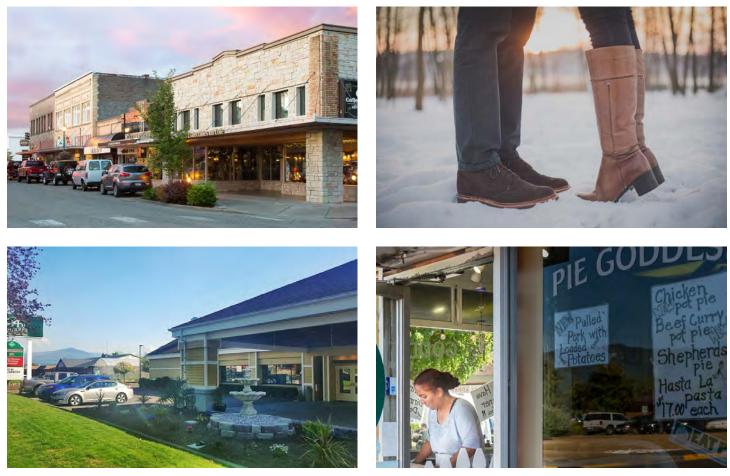
# Lodging in Enumclaw



### Stay in Enumclaw.

The charming city close to skiing and wintry fun at Crystal Mountain.

The lodging properties in Enumclaw make an affordable basecamp that's within walking distance of restaurants, a day spa, and locally owned shops. Outdoor recreation opportunities abound with skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and scenic gondola rides at Grystal Mountain Resort. Grystal Mountain Resort is located 45 minutes from Enumclaw.





## Winter in Paradise



### Feel like a kid again this season.

The Nisqually entrance to Mount Rainier National Park is the only year-round entry point to the park. Once through the gates visitors can stop at Longmire for snowshoeing and winter hiking.

The Longmire area has a relatively low elevation point at 2,760 feet and is one of the few areas of the park easily accessible year-round. This is a good spot to visit when conditions up at Paradise are not conducive to entry. During mild winters, the trails may be completely snow-free. But during winters of heavy snowfall, three to five feet of snow may cover the ground. Driving up from Longmire towards Paradise visitors will be treated to stunning wintry scenery.

The snowplay area is located north of the upper parking lot at Paradise. The snowplay area opens mid-December and closes late March, depending on seasonal conditions.

Had your fill of sledding? Sign up at the Henry M. Jackson Visitors Center for a two-hour, ranger-guided snowshoe hike. Moderately strenuous,

this hike is great for everyone including beginners. The walks cover approximately 1.8 miles in two hours. This is a good opportunity for beginners to try the sport.

Visit page 19 for more information about snowshoeing.

Read: Blogger Julie Johnson's experience on a **Ranger-Led Snowshoe Tour** at Paradise.





## Winter in Paradise continued





#### **Pro Tips:**

- "Soft" sliding devices such as flexible sleds, inner tubes, and saucers are allowed. No hard toboggans or runner sleds.
- For your safety, never walk, ski, or snowshoe on the road to Paradise, even when the road is closed to vehicle traffic. Snowplows and other equipment can operate beyond the gate.
- Ask a ranger about current trail conditions before snowshoeing or back-country skiing at the park.
- Gross-country skis and snowshoes are available for rent at the Longmire General Store from approximately mid-December to



early April. For details, inquire in-person at the General Store, or call (360) 569-2411.

- All vehicles entering Mount Rainier National Park are required to carry properly fitting tire chains (this includes 4-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive vehicles). Make sure you can install your chains properly and safely. Snow tires or tire chains may be required while driving in the park. Signs posted along the roadway indicate traction device requirements.
- The road from Longmire to Paradise closes nightly for safety reasons and to facilitate plowing. Visitors must leave Paradise by 4:30 pm to clear the Longmire gate by its 5:00 pm closure. The uphill gate at Longmire closes at 4:00 pm. It reopens the next morning if road conditions allow safe travel, usually between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. However, some days the weather and snow conditions prevent the road from opening at all. Keep in mind that all roads are subject to closure at any time.



# Paradise Area Dining 💊









### **Copper Creek Inn**

Address: 35707 State Route 706 E, Ashford, WA 98304 Phone: (360) 569-2326 Winter Hours: Monday – Friday 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM Saturday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Dinner reservations suggested.

### **Elbe Bar and Grill**

Address: 54312 182nd Avenue Court East, Elbe, WA 98330 Phone: (360) 569-2545 Winter Hours: open at Noon, close at 2:00 AM. Families welcome from Noon - 9:00 PM. Walk-ins welcome.

### **Highlander Steak House**

Address: 30319 State Route 706 E, Ashford, WA 98304 Phone: (360) 569-2953 Winter Hours: 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM Walk-ins welcome. Families welcome from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

### Mt. Rainier Railroad Dining Company

Address: 54106 Mountain Hwy E, Elbe, WA 98330 Phone: (360) 569-2505 Winter Hours: Open daily 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Walk-ins welcome.

### National Park Inn Restaurant

Address: Longmire, Mt. Rainier National Park, WA Phone: (360) 569-2275 Winter Hours: Breakfast: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Lunch: 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM Dinner: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Sunday - Thursday) Dinner: 5:00 PM–8:00 PM (Friday - Saturday) Dinner reservations suggested.

### Whittaker's Café and Espresso

Address: 30204 State Route 706 E, Ashford, WA 98304 Phone: (360) 569-2439 Winter Hours: Friday – Sunday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Limited menu, serves light breakfast, snacks, and lattes. Walk-in's welcome. Click here for a complete list of Enumclaw area restaurants: visitrainier.com/food-and-drink



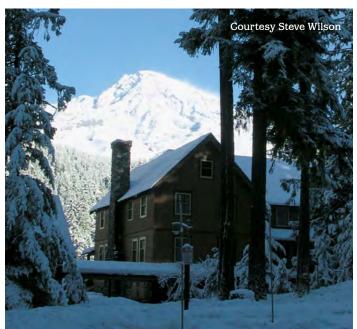


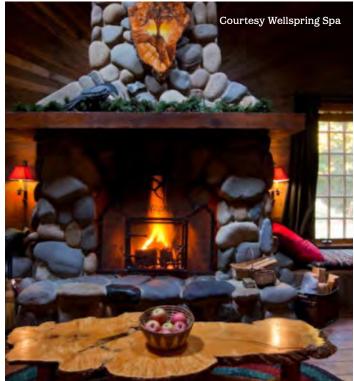


### **Paradise found.** *Stay awhile.*

Enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and sledding at Paradise. There's also horseback riding, and holiday train rides, and relaxing day spas, to unwind in after an adventurous day. There are so many good reasons to stay overnight in the Paradise area. Book a cozy cabin, charming inn, or historic lodge and make sure to bring a great book so you can enjoy winter at the mountain by the comfort of a good fire.









# Day Spas in the Mount Rainier Area 💊

### Best Day Spas to visit near Mount Rainier

Relaxing retreats to experience this winter.

After enjoying winter outdoor recreation, a relaxing treatment at one of the region's day spas is totally justified. If you overdo it on the slopes, treat yourself to a therapeutic massage. If you're cold from snowshoeing or sledding at Paradise, then warm up with a hot-stone massage.



#### **Enumclaw Day Spa**

Phone: (360) 825-5755 Address: 1710 Railroad St., Enumclaw, WA 98022 Hours: Monday: By appointment only. Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Sunday: Closed



### Mountain Time Wellness

Phone: (360) 402-6184 Address: Rainier Base Camp, Ashford, WA Hours: By appointment only.



Stormking Spa Phone: (360) 569-2964 Address: 37311 SR 706 E., Ashford, WA 98304 Hours: By appointment only.



Wellspring Spa Phone: (360) 569-2514 Address: 54922 Kernahan Rd. E, Ashford, WA 98304 Hours: By appointment only.



# Horseback Riding 🔖





#### **Pro Tips:**

- Weight limit of 250 LBS per rider.
- Dress for the weather.
- \$40 per person, per hour. Bring cash or check as EZ Times does not accept credit cards
- Reservations strongly suggested.

### Bundle up and head for the hills!

Explore a wintry wonderland on a guided trail ride.

If you've visited Paradise at Mount Rainier National Park you drove right by the humble stables of EZ Times Outfitters. Elbe, Washington was once a booming logging town, and it is now the home of the Mt. Rainier Railroad and EZ Times Outfitters. This small town (population 29) is where your horseback riding adventure begins.

A former rock quarry, the grounds near the stables have been transformed since 1989 when guides and volunteers first started to welcome visitors and blazing trails through the forest and

foothills south of Mount Rainier. Now visitors have access to gentle horses, ready for riders of all levels. Also on the grounds near the stables is a firepit and picnic tables for visitors to enjoy.



Trail rides are led by experienced guides, familiar with the horses and the

landscape. Visitors can book a one-hour, two-hour or three-hour trail ride. See Alder trees, and journey former logging trails. Wander down into the valley, past a small stream, and then wind up and around the trees on your way back to the stables.

Ready for a warm beverage or something to eat afterward? DeWitt's Elbe Junction is a charming general store within walking distance of the stables that offers coffee, lattes, and snacks. Check out our dining section on page 5 for restaurants near the stables.

#### Phone: (253) 350-1141

Address: 18703 Highway 703, Elbe, WA 98304 Winter Hours: Monday – Sunday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM





## Wildlife Watching at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park 🔖

# Winter wildlife watching, the easy way.

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is one of the premiere places for wildlife watching in the winter. You're guaranteed to see a variety of Pacific Northwest wildlife with no hiking required. Climate controlled tram rides through the free-roaming area puts you up close to bison, elk, caribou and more. This is great fun for all ages.

#### Phone: (360) 832-6117

Address: 11610 Trek Drive E, Eatonville, WA 98328 Winter Hours: October 2 - December 31, 2017 Friday – Sunday: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM Monday – Thursday: Closed Closed on Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23 Closed on Christmas Eve Sunday December 24 and Christmas Day Monday December 25 Open December 26 – 31st from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

### 2017 Prices

 General Admission

 Adults (ages 13-64)
 \$22.25

 Seniors (ages 65+)
 \$20.25

 Youth (ages 5-12)
 \$14.25

 Tots (ages 3 & 4)
 \$10.25

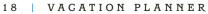
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NOTE: Gates close for entry 2 pm on Oct. 20-21, reopening for Hoot 'n' Howl at 4:30 pm.















# Snowshoeing 💊





From Mowich, to Reflection Lakes, to Paradise, Crystal Mountain and more, there are miles of trails for snowshoeing fun!

Experience the dramatic beauty of a Mt. Rainier winter on snowshoes. Marvel at the alpine trees encased in snow and ice. Look out across the clean white mountainsides that seem to go on and on. During the summer months, you have to stick to the trail, but once the snow becomes deep enough, the mountain offers much more room to explore. With a little know-how and the right supplies, you're ready to strap on snowshoes and explore the park's winter trails.

### Find 30+ Snowshoe Trail Descriptions

Want a guided tour? They're available at **Crystal Mountain Resort** and at Mount Rainier National Park. There are also ranger-Guided Snowshoe Walks at Paradise. Join a park ranger to learn the art of snowshoeing and discover how plants, animals, and people adapt to the challenging winter conditions at Mount Rainier. First-come, first-served guided snowshoe walks are typically late December through March. Snow conditions permitting, the walks are generally offered on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and daily

during winter break from December 23 to January 2. Walks start at 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM and meet inside the Jackson Visitor Center (near the information desk) in Paradise. Sign-ups begin 1 hour in advance of scheduled time. Snowshoe walks cover approximately 1.8 miles in 2 hours.

Ready to explore on your own? Check out the **Mt. Tahoma Trails Association**. The Mount Tahoma Trails Association operates and manages the largest no fee Hut-to-Hut Trail System in North America for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Approximately 50 miles of trails, 20 miles of which are groomed, provide safe and easy access to 3 ski huts and a yurt.







### Best places to visit for free maps and area information.

When it comes to information about the Mount Rainier area, we've compiled thousands of pages of hints, insider tips, advice, maps and more available at **www.visitrainier.com**. We understand sometimes you need to talk to someone on the phone or in person. When that happens the local experts that volunteer and staff the visitor centers around the mountain region are standing by ready to help visitors with free maps, brochures, and customized suggestions.



#### **Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce**

Address: 1421 Gole St., Enumclaw, WA 98002 Phone: (360) 825-7666 Open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



#### Longmire Museum

Address: Hwy. 706, 10 mi east of Ashford, Longmire, WA, 98397 Phone: (360) 569-6575 Hours: October 1 - January 1 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM daily



### Henry M. Jackson Memorial Visitor Center at Paradise Address: Paradise Rd E, Ashford, WA 98304 Phone: (360) 569-6571 Hours: October 10 – November 12 from 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM weekends/ holidays only. November 18 – December 22 10:00 AM - 4:15 PM weekends only. December 23 – January 1 from 10:00 AM - 4:15 PM daily.



### Mt. Rainier Visitor Association

Address: 30027 SE 706 E, Ashford, WA 98304 Phone: (877) 617-9950 Hours: Winter Hours: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Friday - Sunday





## **Trip Tips**

- Pack the **10 Essentials** when planning outdoor recreation.
- Remember all vehicles are required to carry chains when traveling in Mount Rainier National Park during the winter. No exceptions.
- Gheck road conditions before you go. wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/trafficalerts
- Fuel up. Gas stations are spread throughout the region.
- There are areas without cell phone coverage or wi-fi. Keep this in mind when relying on a smart phone GPS for driving directions. When driving to remote locations you may want to print directions as a back-up.
- Inclement weather may cause changes to the business operating hours.
- To check the gate open/closed status at Paradise call (360) 569-2211 or visit @**MountRainierNPS**,
- Pack food and beverages, mittens and hats, and extra tops and pants in case you get muddy or wet.

### Every season is Rainier season.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to

read visitors' stories from their winter trips, and be sure to share your own stories by tagging us in your posts using #VisitRainier.

