



BRINGING YOUR DOG TO MT. RAINIER:

How to have the best visit with your best friend



WHERE TO HIKE,
STAY AND PLAY
WITH YOUR DOG



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Summit House courtesy ourtesy Crystal Mountain



So, you brought your dog on vacation to Mount Rainier and while you're at the gate you found out you can't take dogs on the trails in the park. Now what? Let's save your vacation. We've got a list of the dog-friendly spots around the park that you're pawsitively going to love.

First things first: You're welcome to drive through Mount Rainier National Park with your dog in the car. Dogs are also allowed in parking lots, campgrounds, and

on paved roads. This means you can see popular sights like Narada and Christine Falls from the road. Pets must be on a leash or crated and with their owners at all times. But when it comes to hitting the trails with your dog in areas surrounding the park, we've got miles and miles of dog-friendly trails for you and your furry friend to explore.

Head to Crystal Mountain Resort. Upon arriving at Crystal Mountain, guests can purchase a ticket to ride the scenic Mt. Rainier gondola. Dogs ride free. This 9-minute ride in a climate-controlled gondola offers sweeping views and transports you up to the Summit House, Washington State's highest elevation dining experience. Up here you won't only find great food, dogs are always welcome outside on the pawtio. (Even we're rolling our eyes at that one.)

There are also a few picnic tables up top for guests that want to bring their own snacks. The elevation up here is 6,872 feet so be sure to stay hydrated. Bring sunscreen. Bring plenty of water for your dog. If it's not too windy you'll find a series of green sling back chairs that you and your dog (if they'll remain relaxed) can ride

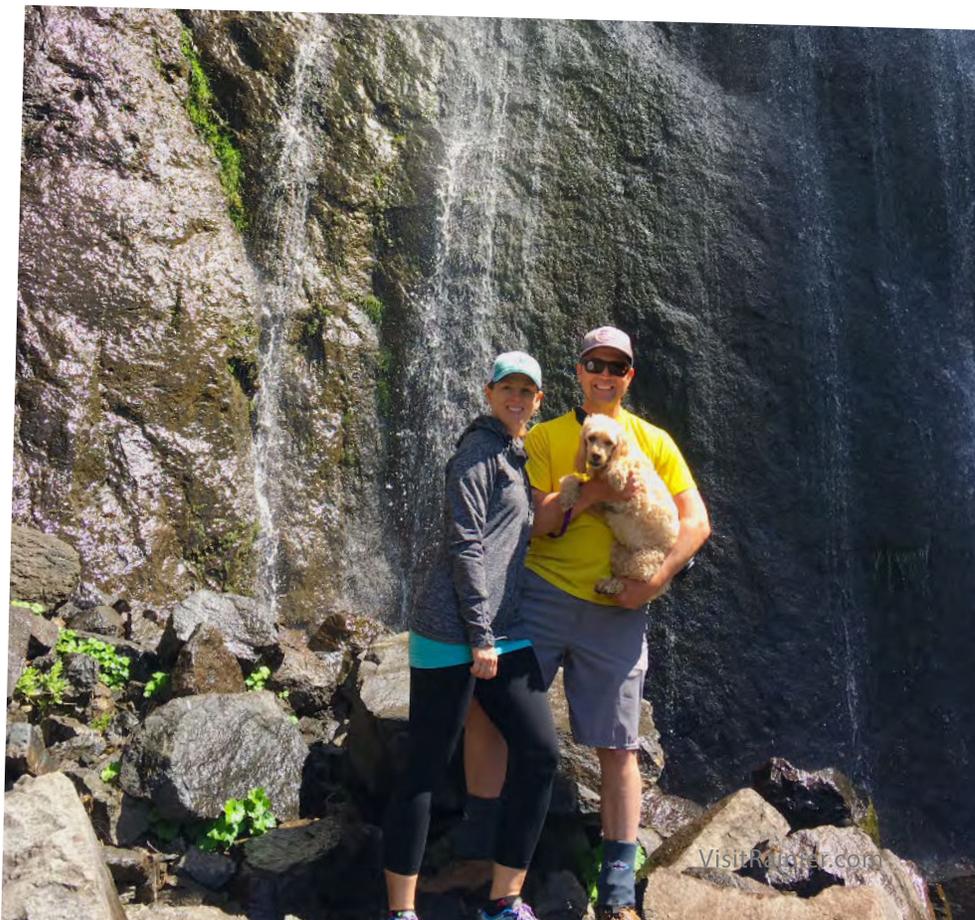




up to and enjoy some amazing scenery! On a clear day you can see Mount Rainier, Mount Baker and Mount Adams!

If you're feeling like a walk, feel free to take the gondola up and hike down. During the winter and spring the trails are covered in snow and there's great skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing. There's also live entertainment on weekends during ski season.

There are ten pet-friendly places to stay near Crystal Mountain. Alpine Inn is on site at Crystal Mountain and there are additional vacation rentals, lodges, and cabins nearby. Dog-friendly rooms book quickly. Plan ahead and make advance reservations. Alpine Inn also has a restaurant with outdoor seating that is dog-friendly.





HIKE HERE:

- [Naches Peak Loop](#)
- [Sheep Lake](#)
- [Skookum Flats](#)
- [Snoquera Falls Loop](#)
- [Sourdough Gap to Sheep Lake](#)

STAY HERE:

[Click here for a complete list of pet-friendly lodging near Crystal Mountain.](#)

EAT HERE:

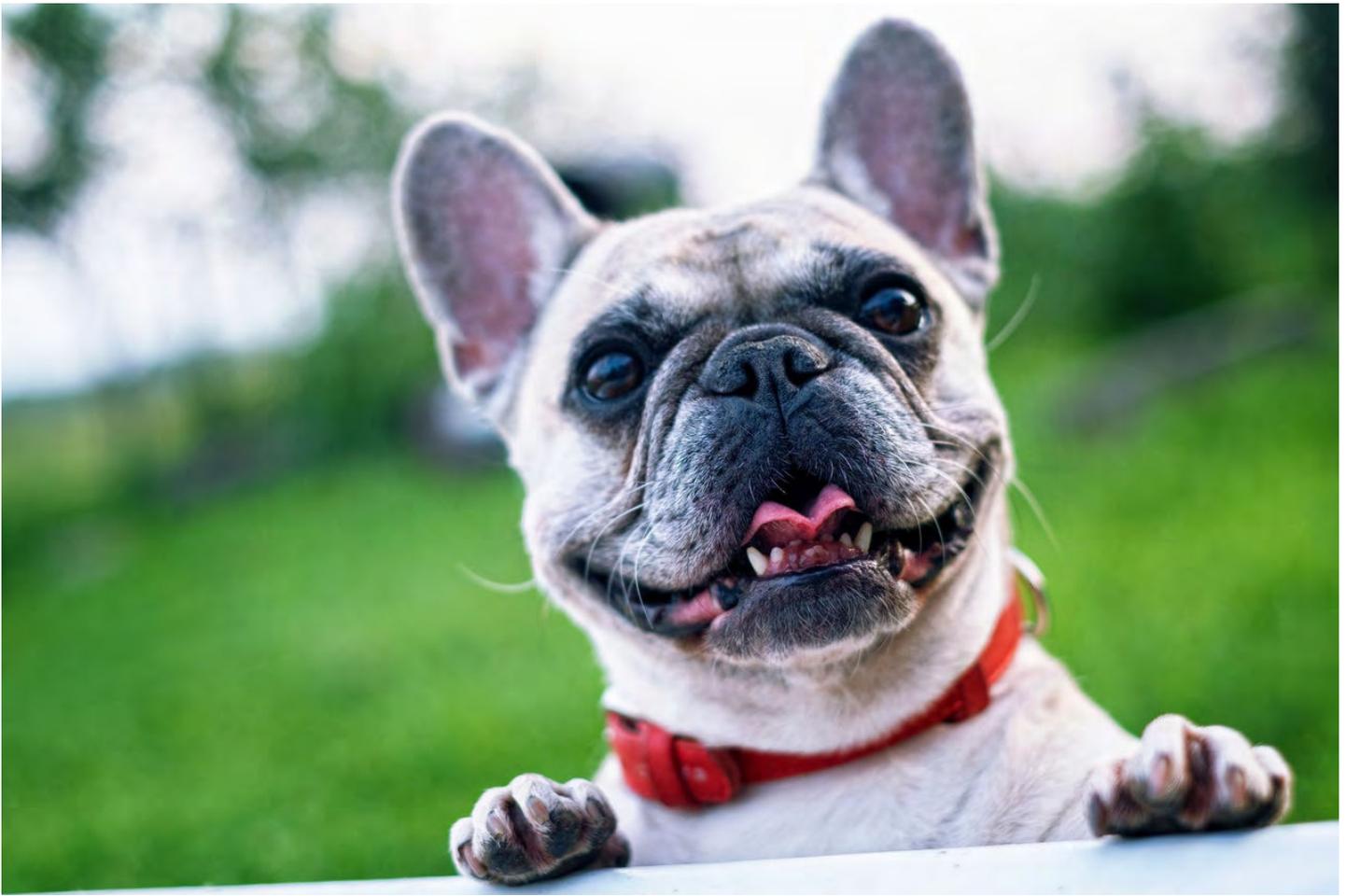
Seasonally outdoor seating is provided during operating hours at Crystal Mountain.

- [Alpine Inn](#)
- [Summit House](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Enumclaw has two doggy daycare and boarding facilities to allow visitors to enjoy the trails in Mt. Rainier National Park while their dogs are being cared for.

- [Mystic Acres Pet Lodging](#)
(360) 825-7007
- [Rusty Horse Acres](#)
(360) 802-7941

Get a Doggie Goodie bag at Alta Crystal Resort: Pets receive a food and water bowl, a towel for drying off, and a treat and tennis ball when they stay with you at Alta Crystal Resort. From here, you can hike 22 acres of pet-friendly trails and even connect to Noble Knob and the Pacific Crest Trail.



HIKE HERE:

- [Arch Rock](#)
- [Bullion Base](#)
- [Greenwater and Echo Lakes](#)
- [Mount Peak](#)
- [Mud Mountain Recreation Area](#)
- [Noble Knob*](#) (the Forest Service Road to Noble Knob is currently closed, check back in the spring)
- [Norse Peak](#)

STAY HERE:

[Click here for a complete list of pet-friendly lodging near Enumclaw.](#)

EAT HERE:

Outdoor seating provided on a seasonal basis.

- [Cole Street Brewery](#)
- [Griffin and Wells Café](#)
- [Historic Mint](#)
- [Il Sciciliano](#)
- [Jackson's Pizza](#)
- [Kelly's Mercantile](#)
- [The Kitchen](#)

SHOP HERE:

- [Gobber's Pet Pantry](#)





Alder Lake Courtesy Deby Dixon

HIKE HERE:

- Alder Lake
- Little Mashel Falls
- Millpond and Smallwood Parks

STAY HERE:

[Click here for a complete list of pet-friendly lodging near Paradise at Mt. Rainier National Park.](#)

EAT HERE:

Outdoor seating provided on a seasonal basis.

- [Copper Creek Restaurant](#)
- [Pizza Express](#)
- [Rainier BaseCamp Bar and Grill](#)
- [Scaleburger](#)
- [Wildberry Restaurant](#)

The Mount Tahoma Trails

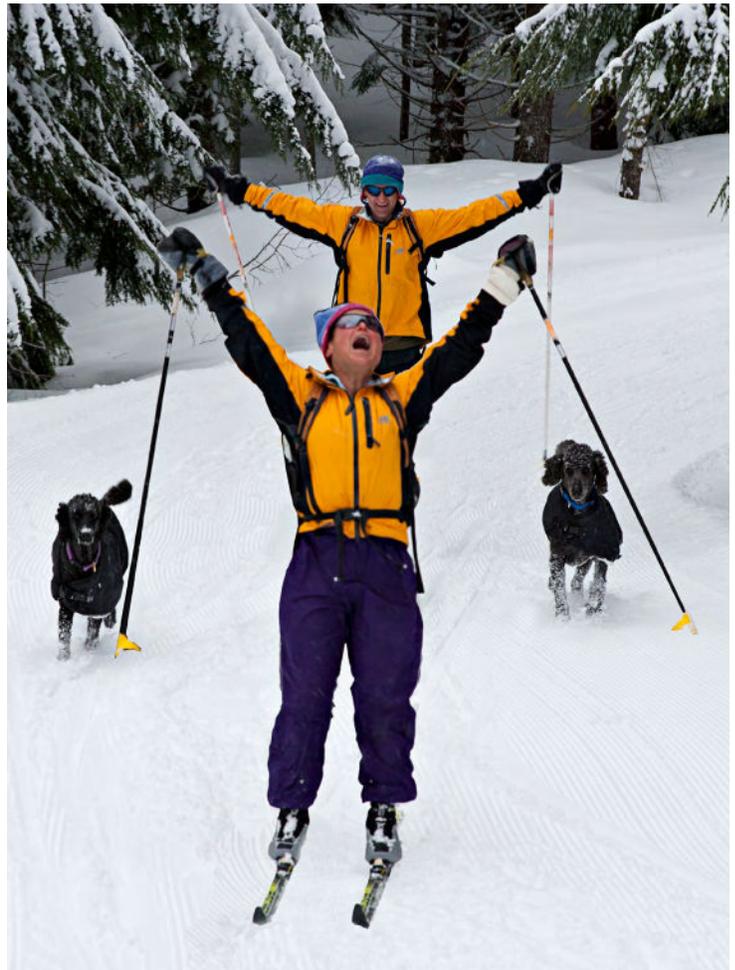
Association operates and manages the largest no fee Hut-to-Hut Trail System in North America for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Approximately 50 miles of trails, 20 miles of which are groomed, provide safe and easy access to 3 ski huts and a yurt. Trails vary from novice to expert, are well-signed and are patrolled by an all-volunteer ski patrol. Enjoy the trek for a day or overnight destination in the Ashford area. The trail system is accessed by two Washington State Sno-Parks and although plowed regularly, snow tires and chains may be needed to access the trailheads. Both North and South side districts are open each winter for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Combining beginner-friendly hut access with miles of groomed and backcountry trails, explore the expanded North District. Copper Creek Hut is an excellent 4-mile day or overnight destination trip and a popular route for families with young children. From

the Copper Creek Hut, nearby trails serve all levels of trekkers; from the short “ridge view” loop to longer trips to Glacier Vista and the Puyallup Lookout Tower. For world-class views of Mt. Rainier, take the Rainier Vista Trail above Copper Hut. To access the North District, turn right off Highway 706, one mile west of Ashford onto Forest Service 92 Road.

The south district offers unmatched views of Mount Rainier, High Rock, Griffin Mountain, and all of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, even though you’re seldom above 4500 feet. Two huts and a yurt are positioned within the South District offering rest and quiet seclusion. Sitting on a picturesque, windswept bluff, visit the well-appointed High Hut for the day or for the night. Another option, find quiet seclusion at the Yurt, located six miles from the same Sno-Park. Snow Bowl Hut sleeps ten and offers expansive views from the deck. Keep in mind, overnight reservations are required.

Pets are allowed on the South District trails which includes the areas along High Hut, Bruni’s Snow Bowl Hut, and Yurt side but dogs are not allowed in the warming huts, mudrooms or vestibules. If you plan to visit during the winter please schedule day hikes only as the nighttime temperatures can get bitter cold. Dogs are not allowed on the North District trails (Copper Creek Hut side) because the trails cross into a wildlife preserve. Remember the MTTA trails are in wilderness conditions, hikers should always carry the 10 Essentials and be self-sufficient.



Courtesy Instagram user @youdidwhatwithyourweiner



SAFETY & ETTIQUETTE TIPS:

- You may encounter wildlife along the trails. Even the most well-behaved dog will be tempted to chase after smells or another critter on the trail. Be sure to keep your dog on a leash.
- When dog owners meet other hikers, the dog and owner must yield the right-of-way.
- You may encounter other visitors with dogs. You never know how an unfamiliar dog may react with yours, another good reason to keep your dog on a leash and remain watchful.
- Stay on the trails. Dogs won't recognize a fragile wildflower meadow. By respecting the trails and park borders you're also helping to keep the environment safe.
- Pick up after your dog. Pack out poop in a plastic baggie and dispose of it in a receptacle. Don't leave a baggie on the trail.
- Crossing streams, bridges, and boulder fields can be challenging for dogs. Be sure to pack a first-aid kit in case you need to care for an injured paw.
- Pack enough water, dog food and treats for the day.
- Have proper identification on your dog's collar. Also keep a photo of your dog in your backpack and in your phone in case you get separated from your pet.
- Keep in mind the trail conditions change with the seasons. Be sure to check the [Washington Trail Association](#) for a collection of helpful trail reports.

We'd love to hear about your adventures and see your photos! Post pics and stories on our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts using #visitrainier



- 1 Northwest Trek Wildlife Park**
- 2 Federation Forest State Park**
- 3 Crystal Mountain Resort & Mt. Rainier Gondola**
- 4 Henry M. Jackson Memorial Visitor Center at Paradise**
- 5 Recycled Spirits of Iron Sculpture Park**
- 6 Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum**

