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Fall 2020 FAMILY

TOP Fall Attractions for Families

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A MESSAGE FROM THE Visit Rainier President



Fall at Mt. Rainier is such a special time. Most visitors don't fully know what they're in for when it comes to our fall colors. They really are like no other. You will see Alder and Maple trees turn colors just as expected, but perhaps more notable is the low bushes and ground vegetation in the mountains that put on an unexpectedly remarkable display of color. You will see an amazing variety of fall colors highlighted by our evergreen trees, which is always a pleasant surprise. Trails in the fall tend to be less crowded and the hot and dusty summer is gone, so it's a great time to take

advantage of some of our most comfortable hiking conditions. It's no wonder the fall is many people's favorite time of year to be out exploring in the Pacific Northwest.

Mt. Rainier National Park is one of the crown jewels of the National Park System and a true treasure of the nation. At Visit Rainier, we're here to help you get the most out of your visit to the Mt. Rainier region, whether you're visiting for the first time or the 50th. We're your go-to resource for experiencing this incredibly diverse region—from snow-capped mountains and glaciers to deep river valleys, rain forests, ski resorts, scenic drives, trails, meadows, waterfalls, vistas, gateway communities and much more. Lodging options. Recreational activities. Area events. Restaurants. Trails. And beyond. We keep tabs on it all for you.

I'll be out enjoying the fall foliage, and I hope you will too. If you have any questions or comments, we'd love to hear from you at info@visitrainier.com.

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TOP FAMILY-FRIENDLY FALL EXPERIENCES

Fall + Families = Fun!

We. Love. Fall! And fall at the mountain is a pretty magical time, especially for families. From pumpkin patches and hayrides to hikes with the season's signature colors, Mt. Rainier does fall right. Fall proves to be the most hikeable season of all, and there are plenty of easy hikes that are perfect for families. The trail dust settles, the summer crowds dissipate, the temps are ideal for a hike, and you're rewarded with a spectacular display of color as the trees and bushes transition to their fall wardrobe. The following pages are filled with attractions not to miss this year. You'll want to stay on or around the mountain to get the full experience, so be sure to take a look at page 24 for help locating the latest travel deals to make your stay as affordable and enjoyable as possible. After all, your family deserves more than a day trip. Every season is Rainier season, and if you love the fall, this is one time of year not to miss. So come on up and make a family memory or two. We can already taste the cider.



1

Fun ways for families to play in Mount Rainier National Park

Become a Junior Ranger!

The Junior Ranger program is designed to help families connect with the natural world in a fun, educational and engaging way. It's free to become a Junior Ranger, and you can do so by attending a program or completing the Junior Ranger Activity Book. Once you're in, there are programs designed for Junior Rangers throughout the year. You can also become a WebRanger online. Go here to learn more: visitrainier.com/junior-rangers-at-mount-rainier-national-park

Explore the exhibits at the Sunrise Visitor Center.

Volcanoes, glaciers, plants and animals. The Sunrise Visitor Center is a great place to get your little interested in the natural world in a fun and educational way. Photos, words, artifacts, models and videos help your kids learn about the landscape, as well as the tribes that are tied to the area. Open from late June until October, the Visitor Center is the highest point that can be reached by a vehicle in the park, and you can hike trails, visit a snack bar, ranger station and gift shop, use the restroom and more. It's ideal for family visits.



2

Take the fam on an easy hike

With so many beautiful trails, deciding which ones to take can be overwhelming. That's why we've forged ahead for you, narrowing down our favorite fall hikes that are easy enough for families with little ones. We recommend booking somewhere cozy and conquering them all. For more details on each of these hikes, visit [visitrainier.com/top-10-fall-hikes](https://www.visitrainier.com/top-10-fall-hikes) and look for the hikes marked "easy."

The Moraine Trail

Paradise Area: If you're looking for tranquility, you'll find it here. This trail offers a more desolate setting and a better chance of encountering wildlife.

Grove of the Patriarchs

Ohanapecosh Area: Ah, there's something special about old-growth forest. This easy hike leads you to an ancient grove of trees, where benches invite quiet contemplation. It's a special place that really should be on your list. Trust us on this one.

Sheep Lake/Sourdough Gap

Chinook Pass Area: While your legs won't be working hard on this hike, your eyes will be busy taking in all the scenery. Lakes. Forests. Far-flung views of Adams, Hood and Helens. It's all here.

Alta Vista Trail

Paradise Area: Last on our list but by no means least, Alta Vista is a 1.5 mile loop that's suitable for all ages and abilities. Keep an eye out for marmots as they prepare for winter, and enjoy views of meadows burning with fall color.



3 Ride a steam train

Kids and big kids alike can't help but love trains. And there's no train experience quite like the vintage steam trains you'll climb aboard at the Mt. Rainier Railroad in Elbe, Washington. Fun and educational, this 18-mile train ride takes you back in time on a beautiful trip through the forest and foothills south of Mount Rainier, to a logging museum packed with history. The Railroad has themed rides throughout the year, so be sure to check the calendar for fun rides including The Polar Express and more!

Learn more about these train rides: visitrainier.com/mt-rainier-railroad



4

Take an Elk Bugling Tour at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

Elk breeding season brings one of nature's most impressive displays of masculinity. Come catch a rare glimpse of Roosevelt elk on a special tour where you may witness some good old-fashioned sparring. It's fun, educational, and families can watch safely from a distance.

Learn more: [visitrainier.com/elk-bugling-tour](https://www.visitrainier.com/elk-bugling-tour)



5

Go ziplining

Go ziplining at Zip Wild's Super Kid Course.

Ziplining is a blast—and a great way to fly through the canopy of the forest. While people of all ages enjoy the Zip Wild! zipline at Northwest Trek, they've built special courses just for kids. Check out all of their zipline options to find the one that works best for your adventurous kids.

View your options: visitrainier.com/zip-wild-at-northwest-trek-wildlife-park

Kids' Trek—NEW at Northwest Trek

Families are such a big part of Northwest Trek, that they built Kids' Trek—one of the largest outdoor playgrounds in the state, just for kids and their imaginations. This new, nature-inspired playground encourages kids to learn about the natural world while releasing some of their boundless energy. With Kids' Trek, plus a Zip Wild adventure course and year-round family events, this is a place built for family fun. Learn more at

visitrainier.com/kids-trek-at-northwest-trek-wildlife-park



6

Visit a Pioneer Village in Eatonville

Ever wonder what it was like to homestead in Washington back in the 1880s? Come find out at the hands-on Pioneer Farm homestead. Built in 1887, this live history lesson will make you and your kids thankful for modern conveniences. See what it was like to live before smartphones. Grind grains. Churn cream. Scrub laundry. Card wool. You can even dress up like pioneers, curl your hair with an antique curling iron, shave with an old-fashioned dulled straight razor, and more. Use your newfangled computer or smartphone to learn more.

Plan your adventure!

Pioneer Farm and Ohop Indian Village

7716 Ohop Valley Road E., Eatonville, WA 98328

(360) 832.6300

visitrainier.com/pioneer-farm-museum-ohop-indian-village



7

Visit a Farm & Pumpkin Patch

Maris Farms in Buckley

(opens to the public September 29 thru October 31)

Fall means family fun on the farm. And Maris Farms in Buckley offers everything you'd hope for—pumpkin patches, hayrides, a corn maze, farm animals, and even spooky attractions after dark. Come get your fall on.

25001 Sumner-Buckley Hwy, Buckley, WA 98321

(253) 862-2848

visitrainier.com/maris-farms-in-buckley

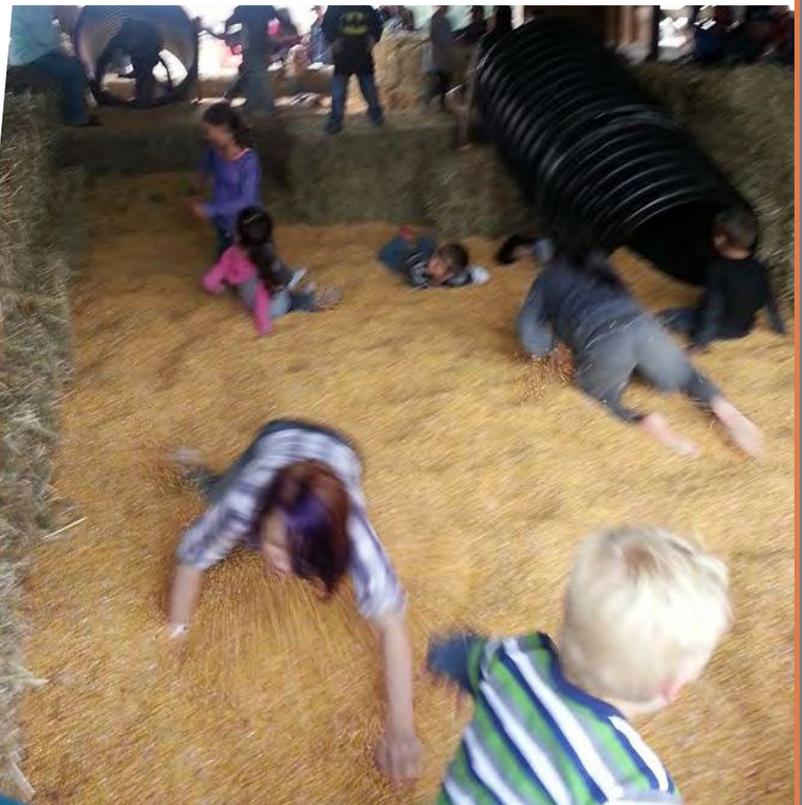
Thomasson Family Farm in Enumclaw

The Thomasson Family Farm offers fall fun on a working dairy farm. Corn maze. Hay barn. Pumpkin patch. Laser tag. Tractor train rides and hay wagon rides. Fudge. Caramels. Candies. Pepper Jellies. It's all here and then some. Come experience the best part of fall farm fun. The farm is open for families and the young at heart in October.

38223 236th Avenue SE, Enumclaw.

(360) 802-0503

visitrainier.com/pumpkin-patch



8

Go horseback riding in Elbe or Enumclaw

Love riding horses or always wanted to ride one? Make it happen this summer. EZ Times Outfitters and Echo River both offer guided trail rides and trained horses for experienced riders and even those that have never sat on a horse. You can ride year-round, and it's a perfect way to connect with nature while making a new four-legged friend. You can even ride on a horse with your child if you're under the weight limit.

For more details, click one of the links below.

Elbe

visitrainier.com/ez-times-outfitters

Enumclaw

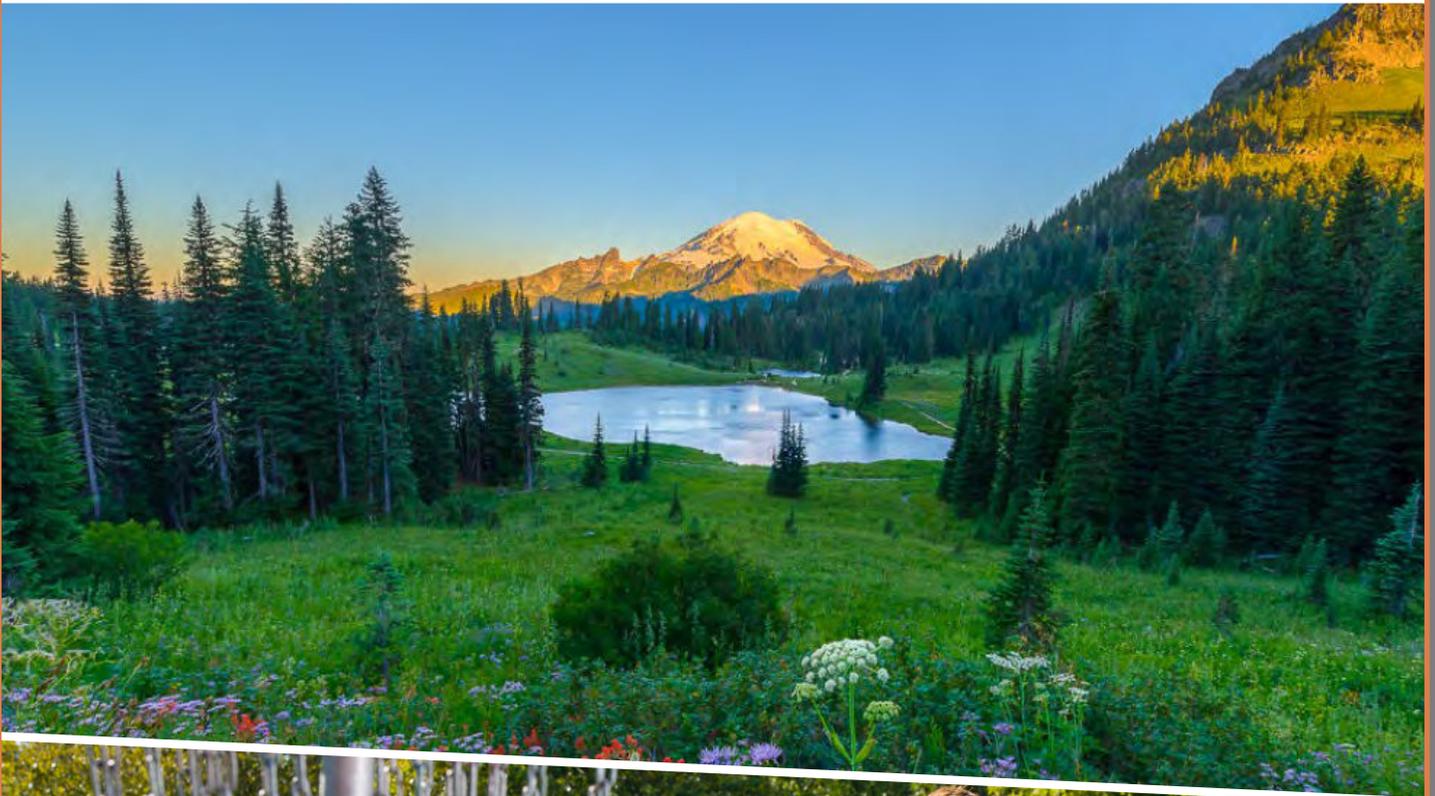
visitrainier.com/echo-river-ranch



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Ashford County Park, Mud Mountain Recreation Area, & Disc Golf in Enumclaw

Several great parks offer a gateway to the Mt. Rainier Region, as well as a host of fun family activities. Stop and stretch your legs at the beautiful Ashford County Park (features a giant play area for kids), see the sites at the Chinook Pass Mud Mt. Dam Recreational Area, or try your luck at Enumclaw's Disc Golf Course.



MT. RAINIER AREA LODGING

From Enumclaw to Crystal Mountain and the Nisqually Valley, you've got options.

At Mt. Rainier, where you stay is half the fun. Choose from family-friendly rustic cabins or comfy yurts, posh resorts and lodges, traditional hotels and motels, vacation rentals, cozy bed and breakfasts, or RV and campgrounds. Your trip your call. We've even created an online lodging planner to help narrow your search. You can hunt by price, location, lodging type, and must-have or nice-to-have amenities like fireplaces, hot tubs, spas, pools, on-site restaurants and beyond. Check it out at visitrainier.com/lodging to get started.

Stay & Splash! Check out these accommodations with a pool.

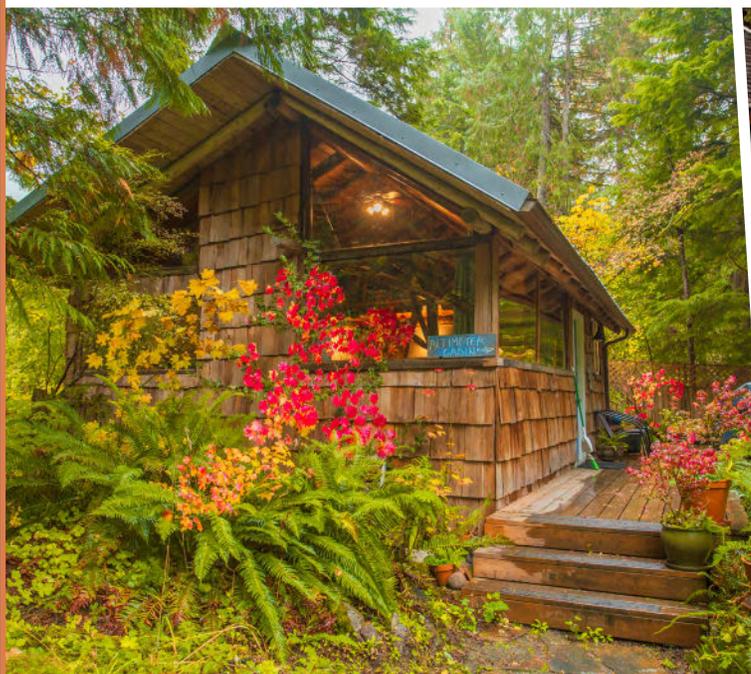
Looking for a place with a pool? We're highlighted your options below.

Silver Skis Chalet at Crystal Mountain

Only 6 miles from the Northeast entrance of Mt. Rainier National Park, these condominiums are nestled in a beautiful mountain valley at the base of Crystal Mountain. For a weekend getaway or a quiet midweek escape, come and take a soothing dip in a heated pool and enjoy many outdoor adventures with your family. The possibilities are endless!

Alta Crystal Resort near Crystal Mountain and Mt. Rainier

Come stay among 150-foot tall firs at Mt. Rainier's Sunrise entrance. This small resort is located on 22 acres in the national forest, with miles of hiking and biking trails from your door.



Tahoma Cabin near Crystal Mountain

The Tahoma Cabin at Alta Crystal Resort is the largest and newest cabin rental located on 22 acres in the national forest, with miles of hiking and biking trails from your door. A beautiful room, with access to a heated pool, makes for a fun family getaway.

River View Cabin near Crystal Mountain

The River View Cabin offers accommodations for up to six people. The cabin is located on the banks of the White River near Crystal Mountain and Mount Rainier. Guests can enjoy a private hot tub overlooking the river.

Rodeway Inn in Enumclaw

Rodeway Inn is a great place to start or end your adventure and great for your traveling convenience. Stay for a day, a weekend or even longer in a comfortable guest room with friendly service and every convenience you need to make your stay memorable.



MT. RAINIER AREA DINING

Great dining options for even the pickiest eaters.

There's no shortage of fun, family-friendly dining experience at Mt. Rainier. Whether you want to try something new or satisfy a picky appetite, we've got you covered. For a complete list of restaurants in the region, go to [visitrainier.com/food-and-drink](https://www.visitrainier.com/food-and-drink).

ASHFORD DINING

Copper Creek Inn

Copper Creek Inn has been rated as a #1 restaurant at Mt. Rainier on Trip Advisor and “one of the state’s greatest rural restaurants” by Lonely Planet tour guide. Open every day year-round including holidays, it’s famous for its salmon, trout, steaks, homemade blackberry pie, syrup and vinaigrette. Copper Creek Inn has been a tradition for visitors at Mount Rainier National Park since 1945.

35707 State Route 706 E., Ashford, Washington 98304 | (360) 569-2326

[visitrainier.com/copper-creek-restaurant](https://www.visitrainier.com/copper-creek-restaurant)

Wildberry Restaurant

The Taste of Two Worlds - traditional American mountain menu with authentic Sherpa Himalayan cuisine of Nepal. This restaurant offers indoor and outdoor seating in a casual atmosphere with both American cuisine and Nepalese food on the menu.

37718 State Route 706 E., Ashford, Washington 98304 | (360) 569-2277

(spring open date TBD estimated mid-May)

[visitrainier.com/wildberry-restaurant-2](https://www.visitrainier.com/wildberry-restaurant-2)



DINING *continued*

ELBE DINING

Elbe Bar and Grill

Families are welcome at the Elbe Bar and Grill, but go for a lunch or an early dinner because this popular local watering hole and restaurant can get colorful in the evenings. Large portions, reasonable prices, and known for their burgers and fries. Located at the junction of Hwy 7 and SR 706 near the train depot in Elbe.

54312 182nd Ave Ct E., Elbe, Washington 98330 | (360) 569-2545

visitrainier.com/elbe-bar-and-grill

Mt. Rainier Railroad Dining Co.

Enjoy (a stationary!) meal in an authentic railroad dining car right next door to the Mt. Rainier Railroad train station. Families can expect classic American diner style cuisine for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Kids menu and coloring pages.

54106 Mountain Hwy E., Elbe, Washington 98330 | (360) 569-2505

visitrainier.com/mt-rainier-railroad-dining-co

Pizza Express

Located in a 1910 refurbished train car, Pizza Express is family-friendly and offers visitors pizza by the slice or by the pie during lunch or dinner. There is no indoor seating. Seating is outdoors and covered.

54106 Mountain Hwy E. Elbe, Washington 98330 | (360) 569-8878

(closed in March, opens in April)

visitrainier.com/pizza-express



DINING *continued*

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK DINING

National Park Inn Dining Room

Enjoy flavors of the Pacific Northwest in our family-friendly, casual dining room with selections to please the entire family. The menu features a signature Bourbon Buffalo Meatloaf, Home-Style Pot Roast, Cedar Plank Red Trout, and much more. End your meal with their warm blackberry cobbler topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and when you are ready to relax, take your favorite beverage and enjoy spectacular views of Mount Rainier from comfortable chairs on the front porch.

Longmire 52807 Paradise Road East, Ashford, WA 98304 | (360) 569-2411

visitrainier.com/national-park-inn-restaurant

(open year-round)

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.

Paradise, Mt. Rainier National Park, WA | (360) 569-2275

visitrainier.com/paradise-inn-restaurant

(opens mid-May 2019)

Tatoosh Café

Located inside Paradise Inn, the Tatoosh Cafe 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 delectable 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.

Paradise, Mount Rainier National Park, Ashford, WA 98304 | (360) 569-2275

visitrainier.com/tatoosh-cafe



DINING *continued*

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN AREA DINING

The restaurants located at Crystal Mountain are open briefly in the spring to accommodate visitors during spring skiing. Each location at the resort will close after the spring skiing and reopen in the summer. With the exception of the Summit House you can walk or drive to each restaurant listed in this section. A gondola ride is required to reach the Summit House.

Alpine Inn

The Alpine Inn Restaurant at Crystal Mountain serves up fresh, outstanding cuisine in a beautiful mountain setting. Located just 6 miles from the Mt. Rainier National Park and slope-side to the Crystal Mountain ski area, the Alpine Inn restaurant is open all day to greet you with great food after your adventure in the mountains.

33818 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 | (360) 663-7727

visitrainier.com/alpine-inn

Summit House

Getting here is half the fun! Perched at 6,872 feet, the Summit House offers breathtaking views of Mt. Rainier and the surrounding Cascades. The restaurant is located just steps from the top of the scenic Mt. Rainier Gondola.

Enjoy a savory meal in a beautiful alpine setting with views that are both unique and breathtaking. On a clear day you can see the Northwest's most famous volcanic peaks such as Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak.

33914 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain, WA 98022 | (360) 663-3085

visitrainier.com/summit-house



DINING *continued*

ENUMCLAW DINING

The City of Enumclaw offers a thriving restaurant scene, with restaurants that are open year-round. The list below features some of the most popular places for families. For a complete list of restaurants go to visitrainier.com/food-and-drink

Historic Mint

This gastro-pub is family friendly. Offers lunch and dinner, appetizers and desserts.

1608 Cole St Enumclaw, WA 98022 | 360-284-2517

visitrainier.com/historic-mint

Il Sciliano

Cooking true Italian traditional food. Expect wood-fired pizzas, pastas, and fresh cannoli.

1118 Myrtle Ave. Enumclaw, WA 98022 | 360-825-9463

visitrainier.com/il-sciliano

Jackson's

A truly “local” place making gourmet artisan pizzas, pasta, and mouthwatering specialty sandwiches, served with style, warmth and a commitment to great service. Try their “Grinders”, specialty sandwiches that are designed to be filling and flavorful. Gluten-free menu items available.

1537 Cole Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022 | (360) 284-2424

visitrainier.com/jacksons-pizza

Kelly's Restaurant and Lounge

Open for lunch and dinner, families appreciate the menu that strives to please all ages. Chef Chad Bergman designed their menus to feature fresh seasonal offerings. Chef Natalie Vorpahl, winner of the first season of Cake Wars, is their Pastry Chef and she created an amazing Dessert Menu. The menu focuses on scratch-made and locally sourced items.

1444 Cole St. Enumclaw, WA 98022 | 360-284-2333

visitrainier.com/kellys-restaurant



DINING *continued*

Rainier Bar & Grill

If you're looking for good food, charming atmosphere and some history of the Mountain this establishment was named after, you'll find it here. Historic photos adorn the walls, offering authenticity and nostalgia. Wide variety of BBQ, sandwiches, and salads.

1623 Cole St. Enumclaw, WA 98022 | (360) 825-6363

visitrainier.com/rainier-bar-and-grill-2

Sweet Necessities

To indulge a sweet tooth, visit the chocolatier and ice cream shop.

1215 Griffin Ave., Enumclaw, Washington 98022 | (360) 802-5475

visitrainier.com/sweet-necessities

The Local

The Local is a modern-day general store and coffeehouse serving Stumptown Coffee in Enumclaw, Washington. Owned and operated by Amy Lundeen and Beckie Kahne.

1616 Cole St. Enumclaw, WA 98022 | 360-625-0600

visitrainier.com/the-local



SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Family Events Schedule

There's always something fun for families happening on and around Mt. Rainier. Here's our list of family-friendly events to consider this fall. For a complete list of special events happening in and around Mount Rainier National Park, go to: [visitrainier.com/events-calendar](https://www.visitrainier.com/events-calendar)

SEPTEMBER

- **Aug 31-Dec 2: Feeding Frenzy at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park**
Watch your favorite animals devour their favorite food!
[visitrainier.com/events/feeding-frenzy](https://www.visitrainier.com/events/feeding-frenzy)
- **Sundays from 7am to 2:30: Sunday Brunch at Paradise Inn, Mount Rainier National Park**
Rustic lodge brunch? Yes, please. [visitrainier.com/have-brunch-at-paradise](https://www.visitrainier.com/have-brunch-at-paradise)
- **September 28: National Public Lands Day and a fee-free day at Mount Rainier National Park**
Enjoy the park at everyone's favorite price: FREE!
[visitrainier.com/pass-requirements](https://www.visitrainier.com/pass-requirements)

OCTOBER

- **October 1-31 Thomasson Family Farm's Pumpkin Patch**
Get your fall family fun on! [visitrainier.com/pumpkin-patch](https://www.visitrainier.com/pumpkin-patch)
- **October 18-19 Hoot 'n' Howl**
Ride the tram at night for some not-so-spooky fun:
[visitrainier.com/hoot-n-howl-event-at-northwest-trek](https://www.visitrainier.com/hoot-n-howl-event-at-northwest-trek)



FEEDING FRENZY

- **October 26 Pumpkin Chomp & Stomp**
- **October 12-13 and 19-20 Peanuts™ The Great Pumpkin Patch Express**
Board a train to a pumpkin patch with your friends Charlie Brown and Snoopy.
visitrainier.com/peanuts
- **October 19, 20, 26, 27 Harvest the Fun Weekends at Mount Rainier National Park**
Pumpkin carving, lantern walks and more fall fun await you! visitrainier.com/harvest

NOVEMBER

- **Opens Nov 16th THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride**
The magic of The Polar Express comes to life aboard a special train. Book your tickets ahead of time! visitrainier.com/polar-express-train-ride
- **Nov 22 Thanksgiving Buffet at National Park Inn**
Enjoy a memorable Thanksgiving meal prepared with love at the National Park Inn!
visitrainier.com/thanksgiving



TOP TRAVEL DEALS

Fall's Top Travel Deals

From fun packages to midweek, military and other discounts, we've compiled the region's best travel deals in one convenient place. Go to [visitrainier.com/top-travel-deals](https://www.visitrainier.com/top-travel-deals) to start saving!



VACATION PLANNERS FOR EVERY SEASON

**A Vacation Planner for Every Season—
and even your four-legged family members!**

Rainier is always in season. No matter the time of year, you can count on the Mt. Rainier area to deliver new adventure opportunities. And you can count on Visit Rainier to provide Free Vacation Planners to help your family plan your seasonal adventures. From summer hikes to fall colors and winter snow play, keep an eye out for our next vacation planner. We even have a new dog-friendly vacation guide, so you can plan a vacation with your four-legged family member.





GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FALL TRIP:

- Seasonal areas will begin to close (Sunrise, White River, Ohanapecosh, Box Canyon) in October. Check the Park's Twitter account for gate opening updates.
- Check road status. State Routes 123 and 410 remain open and provide great opportunities for visitors to see the fall colors.
- The Ohanapecosh Visitor Center, Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center, and Longmire and White River Wilderness Information Centers remain open through early October
- The road to Sunrise will remain open through that date, then close to vehicle traffic at the White River Campground gate. Bicyclists and hikers are allowed to continue to use the road unless otherwise posted.
- At Paradise, the Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center, Paradise Camp Deli and Gift Shop will transition to their winter schedule, opening on weekends and holidays only after October 8. Visitor Center hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The historic Paradise Inn closes for the season on October 1.
- The National Park Inn and General Store and the Longmire Museum are open daily throughout the year.
- Weather conditions can change rapidly in the mountains during this time of the year. Wear layers and prepare for inclement weather or possible ice and snow on park roads.
- Conditions on the trail can change. Pack the "Essential 10" when hiking the trails.



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