



# Recreation Report

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest  
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## Camping Tips

When recreating in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest it is a good idea to think about outdoor safety, especially while camping. There are many ways to make sure your camping experience is fun and safe. Consider the following safety tips:

- **Pack a first aid kit.** Your kit can prove invaluable if you or a member of your group suffers a cut, bee sting or allergic reaction. Pack antiseptics for cuts and scrapes, tweezers, insect repellent, bug spray, pain relievers, and sunscreen. Mosquitoes and ticks are abundant in the woods.
- **Bring emergency supplies.** In addition to a first aid kit, include a map, compass, flashlight, knife, waterproof fire starter, personal shelter, whistle, warm clothing, high energy food, water, and insect protection.
- **Before you leave, find out the weather report.** When you arrive at the site, watch the skies for changes and carry a compact weather radio or cell phone with access to local weather forecasts (remember, cell phone service is not always available in the forest). In inclement weather, find shelter until the storm passes. Stay dry - wet clothes contribute to heat loss. Also, keep sleeping bags and important gear dry at all times.
- **Arrive early.** Plan your trip so that you arrive at your actual campsite with enough daylight to check over the entire site and to set-up camp.
- **Check for potential hazards.** Be sure to check the site thoroughly for glass, sharp objects, branches, large ant beds, poison ivy, bees, and hazardous terrain.
- **Avoid areas of natural hazards.** Check the contour of the land and look for potential trouble due to rain. Areas that could flood or become extremely muddy can pose a problem. This is especially true in recent fire areas.
- **Inspect the site.** Look for a level site with enough room to spread out all your gear. Also, a site that has trees or shrubs on the side of prevailing winds will help block strong, unexpected gusts.

- **Know all fire restrictions and build fires only in areas where they are allowed.** Campfires and fuel-burning appliances must be far enough away from tents to prevent ignition from sparks, flames and heat. Never use a flame or any other heating device inside a tent. Use a flashlight or battery-powered light instead. Always make sure your campfire is completely out before leaving your campsite. Go to <http://go.usa.gov/bpPx> for information about building and putting out a campfire.
- **Be cautious when using a propane stove.** Read the instructions that come with the stove and propane cylinder. Use the stove as a cooking appliance only - never leave it unattended while it's burning.
- **Pitch your tent in a safe spot.** Make sure your tent is made of a flame-retardant fabric, and set up far enough away from the campfire. Also, set it up away from the water's edge in case of flash flooding. Keep insects out of your tent by closing the entrance quickly when entering or leaving.
- **Dispose of trash properly.** Remember to recycle - use the proper recycling bins if available. Please practice "Leave no Trace" camping; this means that you leave the area you have been camping in looking better than when you arrived. Pack it in, pack it out. Pack out all trash, yours and others. Burying trash and litter is unacceptable.
- **Watch out for bugs.** Hornets, bees, wasps, and yellow jackets are a problem at many campsites. Avoid attracting stinging insects by wearing light-colored clothing and avoiding perfumes or colognes. Should such an insect approach, do not wave wildly and swat blindly - instead use a gentle pushing or brushing motion to deter them.
- **Beware when encountering wildlife.** To ward off bears, keep your campsite clean, and do not leave food, garbage, coolers, cooking equipment or utensils out in the open. Bears are potentially dangerous and unpredictable, so never feed or approach a bear. Use a flashlight at night - many animals feed at night and the use of a flashlight may warn them away.
- **Beware of poisonous plants.** Familiarize yourself with any dangerous plants that are common to the area. If you come into contact with a poisonous plant, immediately rinse the affected area with water and apply a soothing lotion, such as calamine, to the affected area.
- **Practice good hygiene.** Make sure you wash your hands, particularly after using the toilet and before handling food, to prevent everyone in your group becoming ill.

These are just some suggestions to consider when recreating in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. For more information please contact the nearest ranger district office.

## Other Forest Related Information

### OFFICE ADDRESSES and PHONE NUMBERS:

**Chelan Ranger District**, 428 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA 98816; 509-682-4900

**Cle Elum Ranger District**, 803 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922; 509-852-1100

**Entiat Ranger District**, physical address 2108 Entiat Way, (mailing address P.O. Box 476), Entiat, WA 98822; 509-784-4700

**Methow Valley Ranger District**, 24 West Chewuch Road, Winthrop, WA 98862; 509-996-4000

**Naches Ranger District**, 10237 Hwy. 12, Naches, WA 98937; 509-653-1401

**Okanogan Valley Office**, 1240 South Second Ave., Okanogan, WA 98840; 509-826-3275

**Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office**, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801; 509-664-9200

**Tonasket Ranger District**, 1 W. Winesap, Tonasket, WA 98855; 509-486-2186

**Wenatchee River Ranger District**, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA 98826; 509-548-2550

## TICKS:

Forest Service employees are reporting that ticks are very abundant in the woods right now.

### Ways to protect yourself from ticks:

- Avoid tall grass and shrubby areas.
- Stay close to the center of hiking trails and avoid brushing against vegetation.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts tight at the wrists, long pants tucked into socks, and shoes covering the entire foot.
- Wear light-colored clothes that show ticks easily.
- Examine your body for ticks, and pay special attention to your head (including your scalp), back, neck, armpits, and groin area.
- Examine pets closely for ticks on a daily basis, especially around the head and inside the ears.
- Wearing an insect repellent also might help. Read and follow all precautions and directions on the label.

## SNAKES:

Whenever encountering a wild animal, or in this case a wild reptile, it is a good idea to give them the right of way and not harass or harm them. Recreationists should be especially cautious of rattlesnakes in tall grass, rock outcrops, talus slopes, and low elevation dry site forest ecosystems.

When hiking, walk slowly and use a walking stick to probe the vegetation ahead of you, especially when hiking cross-country through thick brush. Also, walk slowly to give snakes a chance to detect you and move out of the way. Remember to watch where you place your hands and feet. If you, a family member, or a friend gets bitten by a rattlesnake, stay calm, and transport the victim to the nearest emergency medical facility.

## SAFETY:

If heading to the woods, it's a good idea to be sure to let someone know where you are going, when you plan to return and what to do if you don't return on time. Remember to let them know when you do return. Make sure your vehicle is in good working order. Dress appropriately for all weather conditions. Avoid cotton clothing and dress in layers. Stay dry, shed layers if you are sweating, add layers if you are cold. Wear sturdy waterproof boots. Stay warm, stay dry, stay safe and have fun.

## WOODCUTTING INFORMATION:

Woodcutting permits are on sale at all Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest offices. The minimum firewood permit is \$20 for four cords of wood. The cost for permits over the four-cord minimum is \$5 per cord. Generally, woodcutters may cut wood that has fallen to the ground and standing dead trees (except wildlife habitat trees).

There are a few things to keep in mind when preparing to go woodcutting:

- It is a good idea to scope out an area for wood before purchasing a woodcutting permit (the permits are not refundable).
- A woodcutting permit is required. The permit and woodcutting stubs must be in the woodcutter's possession when cutting firewood.
- A woodcutting area map is a necessity. These maps show the areas that are open and closed to woodcutting and are available free with the woodcutting permits.
- After shutting off the chainsaw woodcutters need to remain in the area at least one hour to watch for any potential fire starts from woodcutting equipment.
- Please validate the woodcutting stub (load ticket) by cutting out or marking out with a permanent pen the month and day that woodcutting occurs. The stub must be attached to the load when the vehicle is moved from the cutting site.
- Don't forget to bring along the safety items that are listed on the woodcutting permit (a chainsaw with the proper exhaust system in good repair with a screen-type spark arrestor, a long-handled shovel, and a fire extinguisher).
- Please note that firewood cutting season on the Naches Ranger District ends on the first Sunday in October.

## SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

Permits are required for gathering forest products including firewood, mushrooms, transplants, rocks and minerals, posts and poles, floral cuttings, pine cones, and boughs. Please contact Forest Service district offices for specific information. There is a minimum charge of \$20 per permit. Free use permits are available for small quantities of certain items for personal use. Special forest products permits for personal use firewood, personal use river rock and commercial use beargrass are available from the Cle Elum Ranger Station.

## COMMERCIAL MUSHROOM PERMITS:

Commercial mushroom permits are available for purchase at all Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest ranger district offices and headquarters office. Commercial mushroom permit fees are \$20 for a 4-day permit, \$50 for a 30-day permit or \$100 for a season permit which ends on July 31. Mushroom harvesting area maps and harvesting information brochures are available at forest offices and on the forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/okawen](http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen).

## PERSONAL USE MUSHROOM PERMITS:

Personal use mushroom gathering of three gallons per day is free. No permit is required. Personal use mushroom pickers are required to make a vertical cut through the stems of the mushrooms immediately upon harvest. Mushroom gathering is prohibited in Wilderness areas.



## INTERAGENCY PASS PROGRAM (America the Beautiful National Parks & Federal Recreation Lands Pass):

This pass combines the benefits of existing recreation passes from five federal agencies into one comprehensive Interagency Pass called “**America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.**”

- The pass covers recreation opportunities on public lands managed by National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Forest Service.
- The pass applies to those locations that currently have entrance or standard amenity fees.
- The annual pass sells for **\$80**, the lifetime senior pass is **\$10**, and the lifetime access pass and the volunteer passes are **free**.
- Passes are valid for **one full year** from the month of purchase.
- Passes provide entrance or access to the pass holder and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle at federally operated recreation sites across the country.
- Passes cover the pass holder and three (3) accompanying adults age 16 and older at sites where per person entrance fees are charged. No entry fee for children 15 and under.
- Passes are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE**, and **cannot** be replaced if lost or stolen.
- The **new program replaces the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and the Golden Access Passports as well as the National Parks Pass. Existing passes will remain valid until expired, lost or stolen.**
- These passes can be used in lieu of the Northwest Forest Pass.

## RECREATION PASS PURCHASE INFORMATION:

A \$5 day use fee is required at many trailheads and day use sites across the Forest. The Northwest Forest Day Pass, Northwest Forest Annual Pass, and America The Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass are honored at all Forest Service-operated recreation sites where a day use fee is required. For a complete list of recreation sites where a day use fee is required, please visit <http://go.usa.gov/2YXA> or call your local ranger station.

Passes are available at **all ranger district offices** and the **forest headquarters** office in Wenatchee. The cost is \$30 for an annual pass and \$5 for a day use pass. For information about the Northwest Forest Pass call 1-800-270-7504 or to order it online go to [www.naturenw.org](http://www.naturenw.org).

- **Wenatchee area:** Northwest Forest passes are available at Arlberg Sports Inc., Hooked on Toys, Bi-Mart and Mountain Air Gear.
- **Chelan area:** Passes are available at the Chelan Ranger District office.
- **Lake Wenatchee area:** Passes are available at Midway Village Grocery, Parkside Grocery and Plain Hardware.
- **Leavenworth area:** In Leavenworth passes are available at Der Sportsman, Icicle Quik Stop 76 gas station, Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat Gift Shop, and Pioneer Market in Cashmere.

- **Entiat area:** Passes are available at Cooper's General Store in the Entiat Valley and at the Entiat Ranger District office.
- **Cle Elum area:** Northwest Forest Pass vendors include Cle Elum Ranger Station and
  - Sportland Mini Mart Shell Station, 4402 Bullfrog Road, Cle Elum. Located 1 mile north of the Ranger Station on Hwy 903. Their phone number is 509-649-2260.
  - Sahaptin Outfitters, 119 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Cle Elum, 509-674-3938.
  - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, 609 N Main, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-2002.
  - Mountain High Sports, 105 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-4626.
  - Bi-Mart, 608 East Mountain View, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-6973.
  - Mac A Bee Gifts of the Southwest, 1401 Airport Road, Cle Elum, phone 509-674-7055.
  - Stewart Lodge LLC, 805 W 1<sup>st</sup> St Cle Elum, phone 509-674-4548
- **Methow Valley area:** Passes are available at the Methow Valley Ranger Station office, 24 W. Chewuch Road in Winthrop, and
  - Winthrop Mountain Sports, 257 Riverside Avenue, Winthrop, phone 509 996-2886.
  - Methow Cycle and Sports, 19210 Hwy 20, Winthrop, phone 509 996-3645.
  - Valley Hardware/Do-It Center Hardware, 429 E. Methow Valley Hwy., Twisp, 509-997-3355.
  - Mazama Country Inn, 15 Country Road, Mazama, phone 509-996-2681 (Day passes only).
- **Naches area:** Northwest Forest passes can be purchased at the following locations.
  - Naches Ranger District office, 10237 U. S. Hwy 12, Naches, phone 509-653-1401
  - Slim's Market, 9951 US Hwy 12, Naches
  - Rimrock Grocery Store, 34090 U.S. Hwy 12, Naches, phone 509-672-2251
  - Bi-Mart stores in Yakima, Sunnyside and in Ellensburg

## THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

Carry the 10 plus essentials when traveling in the backcountry—a map, compass, fire starter, water proof matches, extra food, extra water, extra clothing, knife, flashlight with spare batteries and bulb, first aid kit, sunglasses, cell phone, and a space blanket.

## DISCOVER YOUR NORTHWEST (formerly known as Northwest Interpretive Association):

Check out the great selection of books, puzzles, cards, stuffed animals, kids stuff and much more at each of the DYNW sales outlets located in the reception areas at each ranger district office and at the forest headquarters office! These items make great Christmas and birthday gifts.

## **CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT**

The office phone number is (509) 682-4900.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Chelan Ranger District office is located at 428 West Woodin Avenue in Chelan with office hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Chelan Ranger District office also serves as an information center for the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

**SNOW LEVEL:** As of June 18, the Sno-tel site at Lyman Lake showed 23 inches of snow. Overall, the snow level is around 5,000 feet and rising with the warm weather quickly melting the snow.

**LAKE LEVEL:** On July 17, the lake level was 1,097 feet above sea level. For more information on the lake level, please visit the Chelan County Public Utility District website at <http://www.chelanpud.org/lake-chelan-lake-levels.cfm>.

**CAMPING:** All up-lake campgrounds are open and most docks are accessible. Dock accessibility will increase as the lake level raises. Please call the Chelan Ranger District office for the most current information.

Snowberry Bowl Campground is open with fees of \$10/vehicle/night and \$8/night for any additional vehicles at occupied sites. All other drive-to campgrounds are inaccessible due to snow.

**DOCK PERMITS:** Permits to use Federal docks on Lake Chelan are required May 1 through October 31. Day permits are \$5 and season permits are \$40. Dock permits are available for sale at the Chelan Ranger District office and the forest headquarters office in Wenatchee. Permits are also available from the following vendors:

- **Chelan:** Kelly’s Hardware, Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Twenty-five Mile Creek State Park, and Lake Chelan State Park
- **Manson:** Old Mill Park and Reed’s Marine

**WOODCUTTING PERMITS:** Permits to cut firewood are available at the Chelan Ranger District office. The cost is \$20 for a four-cord permit, and the permit is good until December 31, 2013. As the weather heats up, please understand what the current Industrial Fire Precaution Level is before cutting firewood.

**ROADS:** Most roads have limited access or are inaccessible due to snow. Be prepared for all weather conditions when traveling on forest roads.

Road Number	Road Name	Road Condition
FS 8200	Grade Creek	Open to Camas Creek. Soft and muddy conditions. Trees are over the road above the Safety Harbor Trailhead.
FS 8140	Antoine	Open
FS 5900	Shady Pass	The lower elevation is open.
FS 8410	Slide Ridge	Open to the top of the switch backs; snags in the road are not passable beyond the radio tower.
FS 8500	Forest Mountain	Open to the Entiat District divide, the gate is locked after that. Bear Mountain Road is open to the gate and radio tower.
FS 8010	Purtteman	Open, the road is soft in places.
FS 8020	Cooper Mountain	Open with snow in places.
FS 8210	Joe Creek	Open to the snow line, the road is soft in places.
FS 8215 & 117 Spur	Mitchell Creek Loop	Open, the road is soft in places.

**TRAILS:**

Lucerne area non-wilderness trails	
Domke Lake Trail #1280	Maintained. Stuart camp is closed to camping due to standing dead-snag hazards from the 2007 Domke Lake fire.
Domke Mt. Lookout Trail #1280.1	Snow free

Holden Village area non-wilderness trails	
Holden Nature Trail #1253	Snow free
Ten Mile Creek Trail #1241	Snow free
Ten Mile Falls Trail #1270	Snow free
Monkey Bear Falls #1273	Snow free to the 10 Mile foot log. The trail beyond the 10 Mile foot log is closed due to Mine Remediation work on the rock quarry.

<b>Glacier Peak Wilderness Trails</b>	
<b>Agnes Gorge Trail #1281</b>	Snow free
<b>Company Creek Trail #1243</b>	Snow free to mile 6.4 at 4,600 feet elevation. There is high water at Company Creek crossing at 5 Mile.
<b>Copper Basin Trail #1240.22</b>	The trail is closed for mine remediation work.
<b>Devore Creek Trail #1244</b>	Snow free to mile 7.3 at 4,600 feet elevation.
<b>Emerald Park Trail #1230</b>	Maintained to mile 2.2 at 3,200 feet elevation. Snow free to lower Emerald Park camp at 5,200 feet elevation.
<b>Hart / Lyman Lake Trail #1256</b>	Snow free to mile 6.8 (the top of Crown Point bench at 5,200 feet elevation). High water crossing at the side stream at the top of the switchback. There is 3.3 feet of snow at 6,000 feet elevation.
<b>Holden Lake Trail #1251</b>	Snow free to mile 2.7 at 2,000 feet elevation.
<b>Lower Railroad Creek Trail #1240</b>	Maintained to mile 1.5, and snow free beyond that point. Side creeks have high water. The trail past Wilson Creek will be closed due to mine remediation work. Hiking to Holden Village on this trail is unavailable. In addition, the foot log over Wilson Creek has been removed because it was not safe.
<b>Upper Lyman Trail #1256.2</b>	Snow
<b>Spider Gap Route</b>	Snow. An ice-axe is recommended.
<b>Pacific Crest Trail #2000</b>	Snow free to mile 13.5 at 4,000 feet elevation, with snow above that. There is 3.3 feet of snow at Suiattle Pass at 6,000 feet elevation.
<b>South Fork Agnes Trail #1239</b>	Snow free for 1 mile to about 4,000 feet elevation; there is snow above that. Small bridges and boardwalks have collapsed and are not safe for stock to use.
<b>Suiattle/Cloudy Hiker Shortcut</b>	Snow

<b>Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness trails</b>	
<b>Fish Creek Trail #1248 and North Fork Fish Creek Trail #12.48.1</b>	Maintained to mile 6.2 (at the North Fork Fish Creek crossing at 5,100 feet elevation. The water is high in the creek crossings. Snow free to Summit Trails (at 5,600 feet elevation). Even though part of the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. There have been several wind storms this season and there are reports of numerous logs down on this trail. The trail in East Fork Fish Creek has not been maintained since 1995, expect rough cross-country travel especially in the 2001 Rex Creek fire area.
<b>Lakeshore Trail #1247.1702</b>	Maintained, except at the Meadow Creek washout which is not passable by stock. Hikers are able to cross the creek by going off trail and crossing the creek closer to the lake. The Meadow Creek Shelter is visible from below the trail and is a good landmark to aim for to get back to the trail. <b>Ticks and rattlesnakes</b> are out. Even though the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season.
<b>N. Fork Prince Creek Trail #1254</b>	Snow free up to 5,600 feet elevation
<b>Oval Pass Trail #1259.13</b>	Snow
<b>Prince Creek Trail #1255</b>	Maintained to mile 3.9 at the Prince Creek crossing at 2,800 feet elevation. Trail tread at the 1.75 mile point, through a small cliff, is washed out. Rock steps have been installed for hikers down and around the washout. The trail is not passable by stock. There is no bridge or footlog across Prince Creek at mile 3.9 and this crossing is hazardous now with high water. Even though the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. Snow free up to 5,600 feet elevation. Cub Lake is snow free.
<b>Round Lake/Horton Butte Trail #</b>	Maintained 0.5 miles (at 3,000 feet elevation). Snow free up to Round Lake and up to 6,000 feet. Even though the lower portion of the trail has been maintained, the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. The upper part of the trail has not been maintained since the 2001 Rex Creek fire and is now cross-country travel in a burned over area tangled with fallen snags.
<b>Summit Trail #1259</b>	Snow
<b>Surprise Lake Trail #1249</b>	Snow

<b>Sawtooth Backcountry non-wilderness trails</b>	
<b>Hoodoo Pass Trail #1259.1</b>	Snow
<b>Prince Creek Trail #1255.2</b>	Snow
<b>Safety Harbor Creek Trail #1261</b>	Snow free
<b>Summer Blossom Trail #1259.3</b>	Snow
<b>Summit Trail #1259.3</b>	Snow
<b>Uno Peak Trail #1260</b>	Snow free for 2.6 miles to 5,600 feet elevation; there is snow above that. High water in Safety Harbor Creek crossing at mile 0.2.

25 Mile Creek and Stormy Mountain area trails (These trails are open to motorbikes, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers.)	
<b>Devil's Backbone Trail #1248</b>	Snow
<b>Lone Peak Trail #1264</b>	Snow free
<b>Pot Peak Trail #1266</b>	Maintained to 7 mile at 4,600 feet elevation; snow free to 5,400 feet.
<b>North For 25 Mile Trail #1265</b>	The <u>Lower Trail</u> : Snow free. Washed out at mile 2.1 point; approximately 1,000 feet of trail tread is completely gone. Not passable by motorbikes, mountain bikes or horses. The <u>Upper Trail</u> : Snow free to 5,400 feet elevation. High water in creek crossings. This upper portion of the North 25 Mile Trail can be accessed by motorbikes, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers via the Lone Peak Trail. Even after the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season.

North Shore area trails	
<b>Echo Ridge Trails No. 1290-1297</b>	Maintained

All other trails
Trails not included in this report have not been maintained for years and there are no plans to maintain them. If you choose to travel them be prepared for cross-country travel conditions.

**HOLDEN MINE REMEDIATION :** For information about Holden Mine clean-up activities, please contact the Chelan Ranger District at 509-682-4900 or visit the project website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen/> . For information about Holden Village during mine remediation activities, please visit the Holden Village’s website at [www.holdenvillage.org](http://www.holdenvillage.org) .

## ***CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT***

The office phone number is **(509) 852-1100**.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The ranger station is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *with a 45-minute closure for lunch from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.*

**SNOQUALMIE PASS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER** is now open for the summer recreation season. Hours of operation are Thursday through Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The visitor center offers books, maps, passes, permits, and current recreation and trail information for the Snoqualmie Pass area. For more information call 425-434-6111.

**WOODCUTTING:** Permits to cut firewood are available at the Cle Elum Ranger District office. Permits are sold in half cord increments with a minimum purchase of \$20 for four cords. The current Industrial Fire Precaution Level for zone 675 is Level 1.

Woodcutting permits are also available in Ellensburg from the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center located at 609 N. Main Street. A \$2 vendor fee will be charged to each permit sold at the Chamber.

**ROADS:** Most district roads are now open to wheeled vehicles. You will likely encounter lingering winter debris at high elevations.



Roads within the fire area on Table Mountain are now open. Please be aware that many hazards remain in the wake of last year’s fires. Use caution when traveling on all national forest roads.

**CAMPING:** All campgrounds on the Cle Elum Ranger District are open except Ken Wilcox Horse Camp at Haney Meadows, which suffered fire damage during the 2012 Table Mountain Fire. We hope to have this campground open in early July.

The French Cabin Creek and Cooper Bridge dispersed camping area along the Cle Elum River is also available. There are no services in these areas so please bring drinking water, pack out your trash and properly dispose of human waste.

Campground	Day Use Fee	Single Campsite	Double Campsite	Extra Vehicle Fee
Beverly	\$8	\$8	--	--
Cayuse Horse Camp	--	\$20	\$40	\$8
Cle Elum River	--	\$16	\$32	\$7
DeRoux	--	\$5	--	--
Fish Lake	--	--	--	--
Icewater Creek	--	\$16	--	\$7
Kachess	\$7	\$20	\$40	\$8
Manastash Camp	--	\$5	--	--
Mineral Springs	--	\$16	--	\$7
Owhi	--	\$14	--	--
Red Mountain	--	\$14	--	\$6
Riders Camp	--	\$5	--	--
Salmon La Sac	--	\$20	\$40	\$8
Swauk	--	\$16	\$32	\$7
Taneum	--	\$16	\$32	\$6
Taneum Junction	--	\$5	--	--
Wish Poosh	\$7	\$20	\$40	\$8

**LEAVE WILDLIFE ALONE:** Many wildlife encounters are being reported to the Cle Elum Ranger District Office. PLEASE do not disturb or touch baby animals. It is common to find a fawn, cub or calf alone in the woods. It is normal for an adult to leave its young unattended while it is feeding. Even if the baby appears to be abandoned, the mother is nearby watching you and waiting for you leave. If you are truly concerned, leave the area and come back the next day. If the baby is still there, contact Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and report it.

**MOUNTAIN GOATS:** Goats are once again being encountered at higher elevations. Please do not approach them. If they approach you, back away and leave the area. It is important not to habituate them to humans.

**TRAILS:** All motorized trails are now open, however, many have yet to be maintained. Winter debris, snow and fire debris remain in many areas. Both Forest Service and volunteer trail crews are maintaining trails in all areas of the Cle Elum Ranger District and will continue to work to the snow’s edge into the summer months.

Trail Conditions (Maintained means that these trails have been cleared of fallen debris their entire length.)			
Trail Name and Number	Number	Condition	Updated
Waptus River Trail	#1310	Maintained and snow free to Waptus Lake.	6-18-2013
Cooper River Trail	#1311	Maintained and snow free.	6-4-2013
Teanaway Ridge Trail	#1363	Maintained and snow free; it is brushy near the trailhead.	6-4-2013
Blue Creek Trail	#1364.2	Maintained; difficult to follow in places.	6-4-2013
South Cle Elum Ridge Trail	#1326	Maintained from Taneum junction to FS Road 4510.	6-4-2013
Hoyt Mine Trail	#1347	Maintained	6-4-2013
Taneum Ridge Trail	#1363	Maintained from Taneum junction to beyond Fishhook Flats.	6-18-2013
Frost Mountain Trail	#1366	Maintained. The trail is wet and muddy with snow at the top.	6-4-2013
South Fork Manastash Trail	#1366.1	Maintained.	6-4-2013
South Fork Taneum Trail	#1367	Maintained to within one mile of four corners.	6-4-2013
NF Taneum Trail	#1377	Maintained to Taneum Shelter.	6-4-2013
Fishhook Flat Trail	#1378	Maintained	6-4-2013
Shoestring Trail	#1385	Maintained	6-4-2013
Davis Peak Trail	#1324	Maintained 1.5 miles. Snow begins at 5,400 feet elevation.	6-4-2013
Kachess Ridge/Silver Creek	#1315	Only 1.25 miles have been maintained.	6-4-2013
Way Creek Trail	#1335	Maintained	6-4-2013
Jungle Creek Trail	#1383.1	Maintained from FS Road No. 9701 to Way Creek junction.	6-4-2013
Stafford Creek Trail	#1359	Only 3.8 miles have been maintained.	6-4-2013

**CABIN RENTALS:** The Cle Elum Ranger District offers one cabin for public rental. For more information or to make reservations, contact Reserve USA at 1-877-444-6777 or online at [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com).

- **Teanaway Guard Station** is located along North Fork Teanaway Road No. 9737 north of Cle Elum. This small cabin offers a cozy spot for two people to enjoy the Teanaway Valley. The cabin has one bunk bed set that offers two twin beds.
- The Table Mountain A-Frame was destroyed in the Table Mountain Fire in September 2012. Visit <http://okanoganwenatcheenf.wordpress.com/table-mountain-cabin/> which has been designed to commemorate this popular cabin.

## ENTIA T RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 784-4700.

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**SNOW:** Snow is still deep above 5,000 feet and on north and east slopes at lower elevations.

**CAMPGROUNDS:**

Campground Name	Number of Sites	Current Status	Date
Pine Flats	6 campsites and 1 Group Site	Open with water, vault toilets and garbage service.	5-31-13
Fox Creek	16 campsites	Open with water, vault toilets and garbage service	5-31-13
Lake Creek	18 campsites	Open with water, vault toilets and garbage service	5-31-13
Silver Falls	31 campsites and 1 Group Site	Open with water, vault toilets and garbage service.	5-31-13
North Fork	8 campsites	Open with water, vault toilets and garbage service	5-31-13
Spruce Grove	2 campsites	Open with vault toilets	5-31-13
Cottonwood		<b>CLOSED</b>	
Cottonwood Cabin	Available by reservation at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or 1-877-444-6777		6-14-13

**ROADS:** Please tread lightly on Forest Service roads. As roads start to melt out they are susceptible to resource damage and are often hazardous to drive on. Many roads have downed trees across them; we are clearing them as fast as we can.

- **Shady Pass Road No. 5900** is impassable due to snow.
- **Entiat Valley Road** is open to Cottonwood Campground.
- The route from Leavenworth to Ardenvoir via Eagle Creek Road No. 112 to Van Creek Road No. 7520 to Tillicum Creek Road No. 5800 to Entiat River Road No. 51 is now open.
- **Road No. 5200** is snow free and clear from French Corral to Maverick Saddle

**TRAILS:** The majority of district trails are still under snow, but trails are melting out fast and new hiking opportunities will be occurring very soon. Trail crews are busy trying to clear trails and are running into a lot of downfall, partially due to the storm near Lake Wenatchee last winter in which thousands of trees came down due to heavy snow.



**Please be aware that river and creek fords are running high and may be impassable.**

Trail #	Trail Name	Current Trail Conditions
		Maintained means that downed logs have been removed from the trail.
#1230.1	<b>Emerald Park</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1231.1	<b>Wilson Creek</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1265	<b>North 25 Mile Creek</b>	Not maintained.
#1265	<b>Pot Peak</b>	Maintained to the 7 mile point, expect snow on the trail beyond that point.
#1400	<b>Entiat River</b>	Maintained to Myrtle Lake and to Emerald Park junction
#1403	<b>Hi Yu</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1404	<b>Cow Creek Meadows</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1405	<b>Ice Creek</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered. Entiat River ford is unsafe due to high water.
#1405.1	<b>Ice Lakes</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1406	<b>Mad Lake</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered. The Upper Mad River Trail System is currently under a <b>seasonal closure</b> to all motorcycles, mountain bikes and horse travel. The closure will last until the trails are dry. Please call the Entiat Ranger Station for current conditions. <a href="#">Ride with extreme care in this area.</a>
#1408	<b>Garland Peak</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1409	<b>Mad River (Lower)</b>	Maintained and snow free to Maverick Saddle
#1409.1	<b>Mad River (Upper)</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered. This trail is currently under a <b>seasonal closure</b> to all motorcycles, mountain bikes and horse travel. The closure will last until the trail is dry. Call the Ranger Station for current conditions.
1409.2	<b>Pond Camp</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1413	<b>Billy Ridge</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1415	<b>Tyee Ridge</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1416	<b>Billy Creek</b>	Not maintained.
#1417	<b>Hunter</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1418	<b>Cougar Ridge</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1419	<b>Jimmy Creek</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1421	<b>Lost Lake</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1423	<b>South Tommy</b>	Not maintained.
#1424	<b>Middle Tommy</b>	Not maintained.
#1425	<b>North Tommy</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1426	<b>Blue Creek</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered. This trail is currently under a <b>seasonal closure</b> to all motorcycles, mountain bikes and horse travel. The closure will last until the trail is dry, please call the Entiat Ranger Station for current conditions.
#1427	<b>Klone Peak View Point</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1429	<b>Shetipo</b>	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.

Trail #	Trail Name	Current Trail Conditions
		Maintained means that downed logs have been removed from the trail.
#1430	Larch Lakes	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1431	Cool Creek	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1432	45 Mile Drive	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1433	Pyramid Mountain	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1434	Duncan Hill	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1435	Anthem Creek	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1436	Fern Lake	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1437	N. Fork Entiat River	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1438	Pugh Ridge	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1439	Pyramid Creek	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1440	Butte Creek	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1441	Pyramid View Point	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1442	Silver Falls National Recreation Trails	Maintained and snow free.
#1443	Lake Creek	Not maintained
#1443	Angle Peak	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1445	4 Mile Ridge	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1448	Devils Backbone	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1453	Pomas Creek	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1462	Silver Falls Interpretive Trail	<b>Temporarily Closed</b>
#1404A	Myrtle Lake	Maintained and snow free.
#1419A	Cougar Mtn. Viewpoint	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.
#1434A	Duncan Hill Viewpoint	Not maintained, the trail is still snow covered.

**WILDFIRE CLOSURES LIFTED:** The area closures have been lifted for Pyramid and Klone Fire areas.

## METHOW VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 996-4003.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**WEATHER:** A local weather forecast is available at <http://go.usa.gov/f4y> .

**SNOW:** Snow level is 5,000 feet.

**WOODCUTTING:** 2013 firewood permits are available at the Methow Valley Ranger District office, Hank’s Harvest Foods, Pardners Mini-Mart and Twisp Chevron. Snow accumulation still blocks access to some Forest Service roads at higher elevations.

**ROADS:** If the road you are interested in is not listed, we have no current information about that road.

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
Alder Creek/Look-out Mountain 1065-200	Open	6/3/13
Alder Creek 1065-225	Open	6/3/13
Finley Canyon 1590-300	Open	6/3/13
Finley Canyon 1590-370	Open	6/3/13
Bear Creek 1631-100	Open	6/3/13
Cougar Creek 1631-200	Open	6/3/13
Cougar Creek 1631-225	Open	6/3/13

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
Ramsey/Tripod 1631 5009-100	The road is <b>closed</b> until permanent road repairs are completed later this year.	6/3/13
Ramsey/Boulder 1631-5009-200	<b>Access road No. 5009-100 is closed</b> until permanent road repairs are completed later this year.	6/3/13
Ramsey 1631 5009-300	Access road No. <b>5009-100 is closed</b> until permanent road repairs are completed later this year.	6/3/13
State Route 20 (west to Washington/Rainy Passes)	North Cascades Highway 20 is OPEN.	5/1/13
Jack Creek Hwy 20-103	Open	6/3/13
Frazer Creek Hwy 20-670	Open	6/3/13
Boulder 37	There is snow on the road, 1 mile before Baldy Pass.	6/3/13
Lower Boulder 3700-980	Snow free	6/3/13
Boulder Creek to Rogers Lake 39	Open to Rogers Lake.	6/3/13
Black Canyon 4010	Open	6/3/13
Black Canyon 4010-050	Road wash-out.	5/1/13
Black Canyon 4010-100	Amount of snow cover unknown.	6/3/13
South Summit 4100	Open	6/3/13
Benson Creek 4150	Open	6/3/13
Benson Creek 4150-200	Open	6/3/13
Benson Creek 4150-300	Open	6/3/13
Pole Pick 4150-500	Open	6/3/13
Pole Pick 4150-630	Open	6/3/13
Yockey 4150-260	Open	6/3/13
Yockey Creek 4150-265	Open	6/3/13
North Summit 42	It is unknown if Buck Pass is passable.	6/3/13
Bear Mountain 42	Open	6/3/13
South Beaver 4225	Open	6/3/13
Volstead/Blue Buck 4225-200	Repaired and open.	6/3/13
Cougar 4225-230	Open	6/3/13
Volstead 4225-400	Road is repaired, and open.	5/14/13
Beaver Summit 4230	Snow cover unknown	5/14/13
Lightening Creek 4230	Snow cover unknown.	5/14/13
Starvation Mtn. 4235	Snow cover unknown	5/14/13
Lightning Creek Ridge 4235-195	Snow cover unknown	5/14/13
Buttermilk Libby (Buttermilk portion) 43	Open	6/3/13
Buttermilk Libby (Libby portion) 43	The washout has been repaired and the road has re-opened.	6/3/13
Smith Canyon 4300-100	Open	6/3/13
Poorman Creek 4300-300	Open. Road closed to trailers, and the road is not recommended for motorhomes as it is very narrow with no turn around locations.	6/3/13
Buttermilk Butte 4300-400	Snow cover is unknown	6/3/13
West Fork Buttermilk Trailhead 4300-500	Snow cover is unknown	6/3/13
West Fork Buttermilk 4300-550	<b>CLOSED - bridge is condemned and unsafe.</b> The road is damaged near the bridge from 2011 washed out.	5/1/13
West Fork Buttermilk 4300-560	<b>CLOSED - bridge is condemned and unsafe.</b> The access road is damaged near the bridge from 2011 washed out.	5/1/13
Buttermilk Creek 4300-600	Snow cover is unknown.	6/3/13
Buttermilk Creek 4300-610	Snow cover is unknown.	6/3/13
Newbutter 4300-800	Snow free and open.	6/3/13
South Fork Gold Creek 4330	Open	6/3/13
Rainy Creek Rd (up S. Fork Gold Creek) 4330-100	Open	6/3/13
North Fork Gold Creek 4340	Open	6/3/13
Middle Fork Gold Creek 4340-100	Open	6/3/13
Foggy Dew 4340-200	Open	6/3/13
Twisp River 44	Open	6/3/13
Lime Creek 4400-100	Open	6/3/13
Coal Rader/Thompson 4410	Open	6/3/13
Thompson Ridge 4410-100	Open	6/3/13
Thompson Ridge 4410-200	Open	6/3/13
Little Wolf Creek 4410-500	Open	6/3/13

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
Little Wolf Creek 4410-520	Open	6/3/13
Little Wolf Creek 4410-535	Open	6/3/13
Little Bridge Creek 4415	Open	6/3/13
Cow Creek 4415-040	Closed 6/1/13 through 6/31/13.	6/3/13
Deer Creek 4415-050	Closed 6/1/13 through 6/31/13.	6/3/13
Little Bridge Creek Saddle 4415-100	Open	6/3/13
Sheep Creek 4415-175	Closed 6/1/13 through 6/31/13.	6/3/13
Cabin Creek 4415-180	Closed 6/1/13 through 6/31/13.	6/3/13
South Twisp River 4420	Open	6/3/13
West Twisp River 4430	Open	6/3/13
War Creek Trailhead Road 4430-100	2011 Road washout. Debris on road, park on side of lower forest road 4430.	6/3/13
Reynolds 4435	Open	6/3/13
Twisp River Road 4440	Open	6/3/13
East Chewuch 5010	Open. Twenty Mile Creek gates are closed.	6/3/13
West Chewuch 51	Open	6/3/13
Eightmile 5130	Open	6/3/13
Buck Lake 5130-100	Open	6/3/13
Buck Lake 5130-105	Open	6/3/13
Buck Lake 5130-115	Open	6/3/13
Buck Lake 5130-140	Open	6/3/13
Buck Mountain 5130-155	Open	6/3/13
Buck Mountain 5130-160	Open	6/3/13
Falls Creek 5140	Open	6/3/13
Doe Mountain 5140-100	Open	6/3/13
Chewuch 5160	Open	6/3/13
Lake Creek 5160-100	Open	6/3/13
Chewuch/30-Mile 5160-250	Open to the Firefighter Memorial. There is deep water running across the road at Kay Creek.	6/3/13
Cub Cr./Goat Cr. 5200	Open	6/3/13
First Creek 5200-030	Open	6/3/13
Fifth Creek 5200-150	Open	6/3/13
Goat Creek 5200-315	Open	6/3/13
Short Creek 5200-400	Access blocked by snow.	6/3/13
Long Creek 5200-500	CLOSED – the road is washed out.	6/3/13
Ortell Creek 5220-200	Closed 6/1/13 through 6/30/13	6/3/13
Goat Peak 5225-200	Snow cover unknown before the trailhead.	6/3/13
Rendezvous Pass 5215	Open	6/3/13
Rendezvous/Fawn 5215-100	Open	6/3/13
Blackpine Basin 5225-600	Open	6/3/13
Sweetgrass Butte 5220-100	Snow covered.	6/3/13
Cutthroat 5310-400	Open	6/3/13
Hart's Pass 5400	Bring extra spare tires as there is sharp slate rock on the road. There is still some snow on the road before Hart's Pass.	6/3/13
Slate Peak 5400-600	Access blocked by snow.	6/3/13
Chancellor 5400-700	Access blocked by snow.	6/3/13
Newby Creek 9114-125	Snow free	6/3/13

**NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY 20** is open.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** All campgrounds are on a first come, first serve basis. At most campgrounds, campers need to bring drinking water and pack out their trash.

GOLD CREEK AREA CAMPGROUNDS		
Name	Location	Current Status
Foggy Dew	Hiking, mountain biking. Access to motorbike use area. Rattlesnakes occasionally seen in area. Maximum length of sites is 25 feet.	5/20/13 Snow free No drinking water

Name	Location	Current Status
<b>HIGHWAY 20 AREA CAMPGROUNDS</b>		
<b>Early Winters</b>	Great views of Goat Wall. Town of Mazama is nearby. Campsites on north and south sides of Highway 20. Maximum length is 32 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Klipchuck</b>	Stream and good hiking opportunities nearby. Units combinable to accommodate groups. Rattlesnakes are occasionally seen in the area. Maximum length of campsites is 34 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Lone Fir</b>	Near Cutthroat Lake trailhead. Timbered area. There is a short hiking trail from the campground. Good overnight spot for bicyclists. The next campground westbound is located at Ross Lake. Some sites handle up to 36-foot-long vehicles.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>LOST RIVER - HART'S PASS AREA CAMPGROUNDS</b>		
<b>Ballard</b>	Access to Robinson Creek, W. Fork Methow and Lost River/Monument Creek trails. Maximum length of sites is 28 feet.	5/20/13 Open No drinking water
<b>River Bend</b>	Access to Robinson Creek, W. Fork Methow and Lost River/Monument Creek trails. Maximum length of sites is 28 feet.	5/20/13 Open No drinking water
<b>Hart's Pass</b>	<b>Closed</b> by snow.	6/3/13
<b>Meadows</b>	<b>Closed</b> by snow.	6/3/13
<b>8 MILE AREA CAMPGROUNDS</b>		
<b>Buck Lake</b>	Small, quiet campground. Boat landing, adequate for small crafts. Successful fishing early in the year. Lake stocked. Mountain biking opportunities. Maximum length of sites is 25 feet.	5/14/13 Open No drinking water
<b>Flat</b>	Easy access for trailers. Maximum length of sites is 36 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Nice</b>	Near a beaver pond. Small campground good for small group camping. Maximum length of sites is 36 feet.	5/14/13 Open No drinking water
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>	Small campground good for small group camping. Maximum length of sites is 35 feet.	5/14/13 Open No drinking water
<b>Honeymoon</b>	Small quaint camp located along Eightmile Creek and gravel road No. 5130. Named after honeymoon spot of past forest ranger and wife. Maximum length of sites is 22 feet.	5/14/13 Open No drinking water
<b>CHEWUCH AREA CAMPGROUNDS</b>		
<b>Falls Creek</b>	Swimming opportunities in summer. 1/4 mile hike to scenic falls on Falls Creek. Maximum length of sites is 18 feet.	5/1/13 Open. No drinking water
<b>Chewuch</b>	Small, remote campground surrounded by Ponderosa Pine. Walking and bicycling opportunities. Maximum length of some sites is 35 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Camp 4</b>	Hiking and driving opportunities nearby. Some sites maximum length of sites is 16 feet. Trailers not recommended.	5/14/13 Open. No drinking water
<b>TWISP RIVER AREA CAMPGROUNDS</b>		
<b>War Creek</b>	Trailheads nearby. Small campground located by the Twisp River. Enjoy hiking and bicycling. Rattlesnakes occasionally seen near area. Maximum length of sites is 25 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Mystery</b>	Small quiet campground located by the Twisp River. Enjoy hiking and bicycling. Maximum length of sites is 30 feet.	5/9/13 Snow free No drinking water
<b>Poplar Flat</b>	Community kitchen, access to Twisp River Trail, other trailheads nearby. Good group campground and picnic area for up to 12 people. Wildlife viewing opportunities. Maximum length of sites is 30 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>South Creek</b>	Located by the Twisp River. Access to trailheads for day hikes. Enjoy bicycling and scenic drives. Maximum length of sites is 30 feet.	5/20/13 Snow free No drinking water
<b>Road's End</b>	Quaint, quiet campground at the end of Twisp River Road located by the Twisp River. Trailhead is nearby. Maximum length of sites is 16 feet.	5/14/13 Open. No drinking water

Name	Location	Current Status
<b>Black Pine Lake</b>	Great views. Boat launch, fishing, two floating docks. Interpretive accessible trail. Wildlife viewing. Picnic area for up to 12 people. Maximum length of sites is 30 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Twisp River Horse Camp</b>	Access to nearby trails. Loading ramp, hitch rails and feed stations. Campground is intended for stock users. Maximum length of sites is 30 feet. This camp is maintained by the Methow Valley Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington.	5/14/13 Snow free No drinking water
<b>LOUP LOUP AREA CAMPGROUNDS</b>		
<b>JR</b>	Good place for rest and relaxation. Maximum length of sites is 25 feet.	5/20/13 Open. Water is on.
<b>Loup Loup</b>	Good location for large groups. Beautiful Western Larch trees. Access to mountain bike trails, scenic drives. Maximum length of sites is 36 feet.	5/14/13 Open No drinking water

## TRAILS:

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
<b>Andrews Creek 504</b>	Cleared of down trees to Ram Creek. There is snow on the trail as the elevation increases. Creek crossings are high.	6/17/13
<b>Bear Mountain 442</b>	Lots of down trees on the trail.	6/17/13
<b>Beaver Lake 356</b>	Snow free, there are many down trees on the trail.	5/24/13
<b>Blue Lake Trail 314</b>	There is snow on the trail.	6/17/13
<b>Boundary Trail Irongate to Pasayten River 533</b>	Most of the trail is snow covered. <b>CAUTION:</b> Pasayten River ford will be deep until the end of July.	6/17/13
<b>Boundary Trail Pasayten River to PCT 533</b>	Snow at higher elevations. <b>CAUTION:</b> Pasayten River ford will be deep until the end of July.	6/17/13
<b>Burch Mountain 538</b>	Snow.	6/17/13
<b>Buckskin Ridge 498</b>	Snow covered.	4/3/13
<b>Cady Pass 475</b>	Access is blocked by snow. Closed to all motorized use (however, you may encounter vehicles permitted for work related mining activities).	6/17/13
<b>Castle Pass 749</b>	Snow at higher elevations.	6/17/13
<b>Cedar Creek Trail 476</b>	The trail is snow free to the waterfalls with one 18-inch diameter tree on the trail which is passable to hikers. There are many trees down on the trail beyond the falls. The trail is snow covered beyond West Cedar Creek.	6/17/13
<b>Chancellor/Canyon Creek Trail 754</b>	Closures are in place due to trail wash outs that occurred in 2011. Closed to stock from Boulder Creek to Mill Creek. The trail is closed to hikers from Mill Creek to Cedar Crossing. The trail from Chancellor to Sky Pilot Pass has not been maintained, down trees still block stock access.	6/14/13
<b>Chewuch 510</b>	The trail has been cleared of down trees for 25 miles. Expect to encounter 125 down trees on the trail to Fire Creek junction. The trail is snow free to that distance.	6/17/13
<b>Coleman Ridge 505</b>	The trail has not been cleared of down trees since a 2003 wildfire. There are many, many down trees on the trail.	5/14/13
<b>Copper Gance 519</b>	High creek crossings are challenging. The old bridge has collapsed. Snow at higher elevations.	6/17/13
<b>Copper Pass 426</b>	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
<b>Crater Creek Trail 416</b>	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
<b>Crater Mountain 746</b>	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
<b>Cutthroat Creek 400</b>	Patchy snow but hikable to Cutthroat Lake. Some patches of snow are 6 feet deep. The lake is ice free. There is snow on the trail beyond the lake.	6/5/13
<b>Crystal Lake 517</b>	Closed by snow. There are many, many, many trees down on the trail (it has not been cleared for 2 years).	5/14/13
<b>Dean Creek Trail 456</b>	Closed by snow. The trail has not been maintained for many, many years; down trees are impassable for stock and difficult for hikers.	4/3/13
<b>Devils Ridge Trail 753</b>	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
<b>Diamond Jack 514</b>	Not cleared of down trees and the amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
<b>Drake Creek 502A</b>	Open	6/17/13
<b>Driveway Butte Trail 481</b>	Snow free and open.	6/17/13
<b>Eagle Creek 410</b>	Difficult creek crossings with snow at higher elevations.	6/17/13
<b>Eagle Lakes 416</b>	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
<b>Early Winters Trail 522</b>	Not cleared of down trees.	6/17/13

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
East Creek 756	There is no bridge across Granite Creek. The trail has not been cleared of down trees for many years beyond the beginning 3 miles, so the many down across the trail make travel difficult and impassable to stock. No-trail current trail report.	6/17/13
East Fork Buttermilk 420	The trail has been cleared for a half mile but there are still many down trees; snow at higher elevation.	6/17/13
East Fork Pasayten 451	Down trees have not been cleared for the last 2 years.	6/17/13
Easy Pass 741	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Falls Creek Trail 518	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Ferguson Lake 474A	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Fire Creek 561	Amount of snow unknown. Down trees have not been cleared from the trail since a 2003 wildfire. There are many, many trees down on the trail.	6/17/13
Foggy Dew Creek Trail Section 1 417	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Foggy Dew Creek Trail Section 2 417A	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Fred's Lake Trail 474	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Goat Peak Trail 457	There is snow on most of the trail.	6/17/13
Hidden Lakes 477	Down trees have been cleared to Hidden Lakes.	6/17/13
Holman Creek 472A	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Jackita Ridge 738	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Larch Creek/Billy Goat Pass 502	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Lake Ann/Maple Pass Loop Trail 740	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Lake Creek Trail 500	The 4 mile hike to Black Lake is snow free. The trail burned over in a 2003 wildfire creating frequent windfalls. There are down trees on the trail to the north end of the lake. The rest of the trail has not been maintained beyond Black Lake since a 2003 wildfire. The blowdown is blocking stock and difficult for hikers to cross.	5/29/13
Libby Creek 415	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Lightning Creek 425	Snow free. The trail is in good condition with just a few down trees on the trail.	5/14/13
Lookout Mountain Trail 412	Patchy snow on the trail.	6/1/13
Lone Fir 535	Down trees have not been cleared from the trail.	6/17/13
Louis Lake 428	There is snow on the last 1/2 mile of trail before the lake. Down trees have been cleared from the trail.	6/17/13
Martin Creek 429	Amount of snow is unknown.	6/17/13
Middle Fork Beaver Creek 406	Snow free. There are lots of down trees on the trail. The creek has encroached on the trail in places.	5/14/13
Monument Creek Trail 484	The first 4 miles to the Wilderness boundary are snow free to Eureka Creek. There are 7 trees down across the trail. There are lots of Glacier lilies blooming. The bridge washed out at Eureka Creek, and the trail beyond has not been cleared for about 30 years, making it very difficult for hikers to follow.	5/14/13
North Fork 20 Mile Trail 560	South facing so it could be snow free for about 4 miles.	5/14/13
North Creek 413	The trail has been cleared of down trees to the 4,700 foot level. Creek crossings are high. The amount of snow beyond is unknown.	6/17/13
Oval Lakes 410A	High creek crossing at 2 miles is difficult to cross.	6/17/13
Pacific Crest Trail (Bridge Creek to Stehekin) 2000	Snow for 2 miles below the trailhead. There is a walking log to cross the creek where an unsafe bridge was removed. Lots of down trees on the trail.	6/5/13
Pacific Crest Trail (Hwy 20 to Hart's Pass) 2000	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Pacific Crest Trail (Hart's Pass to Canada)	Closed by snow. Hikers from PCT to Canada need a Canadian entry permit, stamped and signed by a Canadian Border Services Agent. Note there is currently no legal way to enter the US from Canada on the PCT 2000	4/3/13
Peepsight 525	Conditions are unknown.	6/17/13
Rainy Lake Trail 310	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Reynolds Creek 402	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Robinson Pass 478	The trail is snow free for about 5 miles to Amey Creek ford, (this is a challenging creek crossing) after that point the trail mostly snow covered. There are several trees down on the trail.	5/29/13
Rock Creek 473	Snow free and cleared of down trees about 2.5 miles from Middle Fork Pasayten Trail.	6/17/13
Scatter Creek 427	Snow free for 2 miles then snow covered; down trees have not been cleared from the trail.	5/14/13

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
Slate Creek 414	Snow free for 3 miles then snow covered; down trees have not been cleared from the trail.	5/14/13
South Creek Trail 401	Snow free and cleared of down trees to 4,700 feet elevation, about 5 miles in. Stream crossings are high.	6/17/13
Stub Creek/Deception Pass 458	Down trees have not been cleared from the trail. The trail has not been cleared beyond the 2 mile point for many years.	6/17/13
Sunrise Lake 417.2	Closed by snow	4/3/13
Tatoosh Buttes 485	Cleared of down trees on the east end of the trail (on the Hidden Lakes side).	6/17/13
Tungsten 534	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Twisp Pass Trail 432	Snow starts a quarter mile below Twisp Pass. Expect snow at Dagger Lake.	6/17/13
Twisp River Trail 440	Open and down trees have been removed from the trail for 15 miles--from Buttermilk Snow Park to Gilbert Trailhead.	6/7/13
War Creek 408	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Washington Pass Overlook	Closed by snow. The trailhead does not require a parking pass.	4/3/13
West Fork Buttermilk 411	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
West Fork Methow Trail 480	Snow free for 5 miles. There are a few trees across the trail along the first 4 miles, with more down trees beyond the 5 mile point. The trail was brushed out last year so it is not brushy at this time	5/14/13
West Fork Pasayten 472	Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Williams Creek 407	Length: 7.5 miles. Closed by snow.	4/3/13
Wolf Creek Trail 527	Length: 9 miles. Snow free but there are many down trees on the trail. In summer, the slide area at about 5 miles is very narrow for stock and the trail through the old burn area has a deep trench which is difficult for hikers and very difficult for stock.	6/17/13

**PRESCRIBED BURNING:** With recent heavy rains, spring green-up, and upcoming closures due to fawning, we’ve determined that favorable conditions for burning this spring have ended. We’ve been able to reduce forest fuels on about 740 acres over several units in Squaw Creek, Little Bridge Creek (Twisp River), and Eightmile Creek. We’ll continue to patrol these units regularly and expect that some heat remains in portions of these units as heavier debris burns out. We’ll shift our fuels treatments towards mechanical techniques this summer to our main ladder fuel reduction thinning and hand-piling units in Benson/Yockey Creeks (about 9 miles southwest of Twisp). We plan to resume prescribed fire treatments when conditions are favorable this fall.

***NACHES RANGER DISTRICT***

The office phone number is (509) 653-1401.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Naches Ranger Station foyer is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to make handouts and forest information available to the public during non-office hours. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed daily for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. No permit sales between 4 - 4:30 p.m.

**ROADS:** Expect to encounter snow conditions on higher elevation forest roads. Some higher elevation roads may be a mix of mud and snow; please do not drive on these roads until they dry out. Please comply with road use signs.

Forest visitors can drive:

- 9 miles on Little Naches Road No. 1900
- 5 miles on FS Road No. 1709
- 8 miles on FS Road No. 1705
- 7 miles on FS Road No. 1504
- 3 miles on FS Road No. 1503
- 13 miles on Rattlesnake/FS Road No. 1500
- 6 miles on Bethel Ridge/FS Road No. 1500

Be prepared for soft, wet and muddy road conditions. That's when a person has to be careful turning their vehicles around to avoid getting stuck in the mud or snow.

**WEATHER:** Be prepared for sudden weather changes when recreating in the national forest. Before recreating in the national forest, always leave a detailed written trip itinerary with a responsible family member or friend. There is still snow and winter conditions in the mountains.

**MOTORIZED TRAILS:** Forest Service recreation managers opened motorized trails on the Naches Ranger District for public use on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. After monitoring the weather and trail conditions, forest managers determined that the motorized trail system on the district is dry and ready for use.

These motorized trails were closed as part of a seasonal restriction to minimize damage to trails during the wet spring months. The seasonal closure has been an effective way to protect natural resources and to maintain quality trail systems.

The success of the closure is largely due in part from motorized and non-motorized volunteers. Volunteers have been working with the Naches Ranger District to advertise the closure and to complete a significant amount of trail maintenance. Volunteers have also been integral in communicating the condition of the trails to ranger district personnel.

“It takes all of us to maintain the great trail system we have here on the Naches Ranger District” District Ranger Irene Davidson said. “We truly see our volunteers as our partners in making the closure effective.”

Those interested in learning more about volunteering with the Naches Ranger District or the Adopt-A-Trail program, please go to <http://go.usa.gov/bRfJ> .

**PASS CONDITIONS:** To check out current conditions at White Pass or any of the other state mountain passes go to <http://www.Wsdot.com/traffic/passes> .

**TRAILS:** Expect to encounter tree debris, mud and snow conditions on all district trails. Before recreating in the national forest, always leave a detailed written trip itinerary with a responsible family member or friend.

Washington Trails Association web site ([www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org)) is an excellent site for obtaining updates on current trail conditions.

**WOODCUTTING:** The woodcutting season on the Naches Ranger District started on May 1, 2013.

Woodcutting permits cost \$5 per cord with a 4-cord minimum purchase for each permit that is issued.

Individuals may purchase up to 12 cords for the season. The permits and load tickets are only valid for the season and are non-refundable. Permits are issued between 8 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. till 4 p.m.

No permit sales after 4 p.m.

**SPRING PRESCRIBED BURNING:** Forest Service fire managers are preparing for spring prescribed burning on the Naches Ranger District. Fire crews tried burning at the end of May but the weather and ground conditions weren't conducive; crews will try again mid-late June.

Fuels reduction treatments are planned for lower elevation areas such as the Wildcat drainage, Bald Mountain and the Rattlesnake drainage.

Spring-time burning is an ideal way for Forest Service managers to decrease naturally-accumulated fuels and other woody debris from various thinning treatments or timber harvests.

All Okanogan-Wenatchee N.F. controlled burns are weather-dependent and fire specialists will cease burning as soon as possible if objectives are not being met or weather conditions are unfavorable. Their primary concerns include favorable winds that can minimize smoke impacts to public health and the risk of fire escape.

The spring burns are part of the comprehensive Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Restoration Strategy. Naches hopes to reduce the threat of uncharacteristically severe fires and bring resiliency to the forest landscape.

**MUSHROOM PERMITS:** Naches Ranger District office will issue commercial mushroom permits and handout commercial mushroom packets to customers for fire areas located north of Naches Ranger District. Follow the rules and regulations stated on the mushroom permit and locations on the mushroom maps in the packet.

### **CAMPGROUNDS:**

<b>Chinook Pass / State Route 410</b>	<b>Campground Status</b>	<b>Camp Fee</b>	<b>Extra Vehicle fee</b>
<b>American Forks</b>	Open	\$12	\$6
<b>Bumping Lake - Upper</b>	Open	\$20	\$10
<b>Bumping Lake - Lower</b>	Open	\$18	\$9
<b>Cedar Springs</b>	Open	\$16	\$8
<b>Cottonwood</b>	Open	\$16	\$8
<b>Cougar Flat</b>	<b>CLOSED</b> due to flood damage	-	-
<b>Crow Creek</b>	Open	\$10	\$5
<b>Halfway Flat</b>	Open	\$10	\$5
<b>Halfway Flat - Dispersed</b>	Open	\$8	\$8
<b>Hell's Crossing - East</b>	Open	\$14	\$7
<b>Hell's Crossing - West</b>	Open	\$14	\$7
<b>Kaner Flat</b>	Open	\$12	\$5
<b>Little Naches</b>	Open	\$14	\$7
<b>Lodgepole</b>	Open	\$18	\$9
<b>Pleasant Valley</b>	Open	\$16	\$8
<b>Sawmill Flat</b>	Open	\$18	\$9
<b>Soda Springs</b>	Open	\$18	\$9

White Pass / U.S. Highway 12	Campground Status	Camp Fee	Extra Vehicle fee
Clear Lake / North	Open	\$10	\$8
Clear Lake / South	Open	\$10	\$5
Dog Lake	Open	\$5	\$5
Hause Creek (broken water line)	Open	\$12	\$6
Indian Creek	Open	\$20	\$10
Indian Creek Rec. Area	Open	\$8	\$8
Peninsula	Open	\$8	\$8
South Fork Bay	Open	\$8	\$8
South Fork Tieton Bake Oven	Open	\$8	\$8
Jayhawk, Minnie Meadows	Open	\$8	\$8
Tieton Pond	Open	\$8	\$8
White Pass/Leech Lake	Open	\$8	\$5
Willows	Open	\$14	\$7
Windy Point	Open	\$14	\$7

**REMEMBER**—Washington State Discover passes are not accepted on the national forest.

**GROUP RESERVATION SITES:** Reservations for these sites need to be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service ~ Toll free number 877.444.6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) website.

Area	Group Reservation Sites	Daily Fee	Registration Fee
State Route 410 Chinook Pass	American Ridge Lodge	\$100	\$10
	American River Guard Station	\$50	\$10
	Indian Flat	\$100	\$10
	Kaner Flat	\$60	\$10
	Pine Needle	\$50	\$10
	Salmon Cove	\$50	\$10
U.S. Highway 12 White Pass	Clear Lake North	\$60	\$10
	South Fork	\$60	\$10

**ROADS:** Expect to encounter snow conditions on forest roads. Some elevation roads may be a mix of mud and snow; please do not drive on these roads until they dry out. Please comply with road use signs.

**FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS THAT REMAIN CLOSED:**

Road Name and Number	Flood Damaged Roads that are CLOSED
Little Rattlesnake Road No. 1501	Closed to all motorized traffic for 5.1 miles from the junction of Forest Road No. 1500/1501 (T15N, R15E, Sec. 10) to the junction of Forest Road No. 1501 and Forest Road No. 1503 (T15N, R14E, Sec. 24). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
Clover Way Road No. 1605	Closed to all motorized traffic for 3 miles from the junction of Forest Road No. 1600/1605 (T16N, R14E, Sec. 16) to the junction of Forest Road No. 1605-244 (T15N, R14E, Sec. 17). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
Rock Creek Road No. 1702	The first 0.3 miles are open to local residents only. Closed to the public from the junction with State Route 410 (T16N, R15E, Sec. 17) to the junction with Forest Road No. 1720 (T16N, R15E, Sec. 04). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
Gold Creek Road No. 1703	Closed to all motorized traffic for 5.9 miles from State Route 410 (T17N, R14E, Sec. 36) to the end of Forest Road No. 1703 (T17N, R14E, Sec. 24) junction with Forest Road No. 1705. Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
Milk Creek Road No. 1708	Closed to all motorized traffic for 6.7 miles from the junction of Forest Road No. 1708 and State Route 410 (T17N, R14E, Sec. 09) to the junction with Forest Road 1708-590 (T17N, R15E, Sec. 06). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.

## **TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT**

The office phone number is **(509) 486-2186**.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. During non-business hours, free forest information is available in the cabinets outside the main entrance to the district office.

**ROADS:** Please use caution when traveling on forest roads. Be sure to look at your free Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan Map for more information (available at Forest offices or online at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf)). For current road conditions please call the Tonasket Ranger District at 509-486-2186.

Road Name and Number	Condition
Aeneas 30	Road No. 3000 Open Road No. 3000-290 and No. 285 Open Road No. 3000-530 Open
Barnell Meadows 3000-100	Open
Peony Creek 3010-300	Open
Sweat Creek 3100	Open
Frosty Creek 3100-050/200	Open
Mount Annie 3100-300	Open. Be aware the roadway is rutted due to a washout.
Tratnick Grade 3120	Open
Gardner Creek 3125	Open
North Cape LaBelle	Open
Cape LaBelle	Closed, due to a washout on the county portion of the road.
Bonaparte Lake to Beaver Lake 32	Road No. 3200 Open Road No. 3200-030 Open Road No. 3200-050 Open
Henderson Creek/Mill Creek 3230	Road No. 3230 Open Road No. 3230-090 Open
Phoebe Mountain (Burge Mtn.) 3235	Road No. 3235 Open Road No. 3235-020 Open
Cumberland Mtn. 3240	Road No. 3240 Open Road No. 3240-020 Open
Myers Creek 3300	Road No. 3300 Open Road No. 3300-040 Open
Chesaw 3400	Open
Summit Lake Road 3525	Open. Roads No. 3525-250 and 255 are open
Nicholson Creek 3575	Open. Only four-wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are advised on road No. 3575-120.
Middle Salmon - Boulder Creek 37	Open
North Fork Salmon Creek 38	Road No. 3800 is open. The road is narrow where debris flow was over the roadway (above Kerr Campground), there is water on the road.
Ray Road/Muckamuck 3800-025	Passable only to high clearance vehicles.
Cazadero 3800-365	Open
FS Road 3810	Open
Lone Frank 3820	Not advised for two-wheel drive vehicles.
Iron Gate 3900-500	Open. Not recommended for two-wheel drive vehicles. High clearance vehicles advised.
Buck Pass 4200	Open. Snow in places.

**WOODCUTTING:** Woodcutting permits are available at the Tonasket and Methow Valley Ranger District offices and the Okanogan Valley office from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Vendors selling woodcutting permits include:

- The Junction in Tonasket
- Prince's Department Store in Oroville
- Conconully General Store in Conconully
- Big R in Omak
- Riverside Grocery in Riverside

These permits may be used for woodcutting only on the Tonasket and Methow Valley Ranger Districts.

**TRAILS:** Most trails are snow free but have not been cleared of winter debris. Hikers should expect to find patchy snow above 7,500 feet elevation. Trails that have been cleared of winter debris are Whistler Canyon, Big Tree, Strawberry, Virginia Lily, Albert Camp, Beth Lake, Beaver Lake, and the Boundary Trail to Sunny Pass.

Trailhead registration and Northwest Forest Passes are required at Long Swamp, Fourteen Mile, Irongate, and Chewuch trailheads. Day and annual passes are available at ranger district offices or online at <http://www.discovernw.org/>. Senior passes and Interagency passes are also honored at trailheads and are available for purchase at the ranger station.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** All campgrounds are now open. Water systems have been turned on and garbage service is available. The following fees are in effect for campgrounds on the Tonasket Ranger District.

**Open campgrounds and current fees:**

Bonaparte Lake	\$12 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Lost Lake	\$12 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Beth Lake	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Beaver Lake	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Sugarloaf	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Cottonwood	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Oriole	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Kerr	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Salmon Meadows	\$ 8 per day and \$5 for each additional vehicle
Lyman Lake	No fee
Crawfish Lake	No fee
Tiffany Springs	No fee
Long Swamp	Northwest Forest Pass required

The group site at Lost Lake Campground is available by reservation only. This site is generally booked far in advance, so make reservations early. Please go online to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 to make reservations.

## **WENATCHEE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT**

The office phone number is **(509) 548-2550**.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The newly remodeled front office at the Leavenworth Ranger Station is now open. However, public restrooms are no longer available. The Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station is not open for visitor services.

**WINTER STORM DEBRIS:** A severe localized snow/ice storm occurred in the Lake Wenatchee/Plain area just before Christmas 2012. Numerous trees are still down across some trails and forest roads that are often utilized in for recreation. Many hazards still exist, so please use caution.

**ROADS:** Please check the district website for information on current road conditions. Winter conditions exist across all upper elevation areas of the district. Most district roads remain closed until snow melts off them and road surfaces dry out.

- **Chiwawa Road No. 6200** is open to end of road.
- **White River Road No. 6400** is open to the end of the road.
- **Little Wenatchee Road No. 6500** is closed until the snow melts.
- **Smithbrook/Rainy Creek Road No. 6700** is closed until the snow melts.
- **Mission Creek Road No. 7100** is closed due to flood damage from the junction of Number Two Canyon Road No. 7101 to the junction with Beehive Road No. 9712. The road is unsafe for travel.
  - A new gate has been installed above the junction of **Mission Creek Road No. 7104** and **Sand Creek Road No. 7104** which closes the Mission Creek Road to motorized 4-wheeled traffic. This closure only affects the portion of the road located on the national forest. The road remains open to motorcycles, mountain bikes, stock animals, and hikers. The closure is necessary to maintain the newly constructed drainage dips while they are still soft from construction and rain, and to prevent additional road damage.
- **No. 2 Canyon Road No. 7101 to Mission Creek Road No. 7100** is open.
- **Tip Top Road No. 7202** is impassable one mile from the junction of Camas Creek Road No. 7200 due to road damage.
- **Scotty Creek Road No. 7324** is now open with long delays during the day and open at night to wheeled motor vehicles. Bridge construction has begun just off of Highway 97 expect delays.
- **Walker Canyon Road No. 7510** is closed to wheeled motor vehicles due to a mudslide in Clark Canyon.
- **Eightmile Road No. 7601** is open.
- **Van Creek Road No. 7520** is open.
- **Liberty Beehive Road No. 9712** is open to Devil's Gulch Trailhead. **High clearance vehicles recommended.**
- **Icicle Creek Road** is open up to the end all the way to Icicle Creek Trailhead.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Some district campgrounds are still closed for the season. Eightmile, Bridge Creek, Lower Johnny, Upper Johnny, Tumwater, Ida Creek, Chatter Creek, Rock Island, and Blackpine Horse Camp are open. Campgrounds located on Chiwawa Road are open all the way to the end of road. Nason Creek Campground is partially open. Goose Creek Campground is open. All campgrounds are available on a first come, first serve basis, with the exception of the group sites where reservations are required.

**GROUP CAMPSITES:** To reserve one of the large group sites at Eightmile, Bridge Creek, Tumwater and Grouse Creek Campgrounds, please call the National Reservation line at 1-877-444-6777 or via the Internet at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) . Reservations may be made up to one year in advance.

**WILDFLOWERS:** More and more blossoms are appearing on the hillsides. Visitors to Ski Hill in Leavenworth and other lower elevation areas are reporting seeing a variety of wildflowers blooming. As snow continues to melt and warmer weather occurs, more of these springtime jewels will appear on the hillsides.

**MUSHROOMS:** Mushroom hunting is in full swing. Be prepared to see lots of commercial mushroom hunters.

**TRAILS:** Most district trails are still at least partially snow covered, so be prepared for winter conditions when accessing these trails. Lower elevation trails, such as Ski Hill, Penstock and the Interpretive Trail at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery are snow free. The first 6 miles of Icicle Ridge Trail are snow free. Icicle Gorge Trail is open and a beautiful hike this time of year. The trail is snow free from the Stuart Lake Trailhead to the junction of Stuart Lake and Colchuck Lake; there are snow patches beyond that. Eightmile Lake Trail is open, use caution if windy conditions exist.

**RECREATION PASSES:** Passes are required at the following trailheads on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. This list includes only the trailhead names and does not show each individual trail.

Basalt Ridge	Hidden Lake *	Red Hill *
Buck Creek (Trinity)	Ingalls Creek *	Rock Creek
Blackpine	Icicle Creek	Round Mountain
Chiwaukum Creek	Icicle Gorge*	Snow Lakes*
Devil's Gulch (Lower) *	Jack/Trout	Stuart Lake*
Dirtyface	Little Wenatchee*	Twin Lakes
Eightmile*	Lower Chiwawa	White River
Estes Butte	Nason Ridge	

Day passes can also be purchased during the summer months from fee tubes at the trailheads noted with \* above.

Recreation passes cost \$5 per vehicle per day or \$30 for an annual **Northwest Forest Pass**. Passes are available locally at the ranger district office, Leavenworth 76 gas stations (both Highway 2 and Icicle Junction), Der Sportsman, Sleeping Lady Gift Shop, Pioneer Market in Cashmere, Midway Village, Parkside Grocery, and Plain Hardware in the Lake Wenatchee area. **Interagency Passes** are also honored at trailheads and are available for purchase at the ranger district office.

**ENCHANTMENT PERMITS:** Overnight Wilderness permits are required from June 15 to October 15 for the Enchantment Area of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Applications for the 2013 Enchantment Lottery were held on [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov) from February 15 through March 2, 2013. After April 1, those not successful in the lottery can look for unreserved open dates. Cancellations do occur, so it is advised to keep checking [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) throughout the season. Starting June 15<sup>th</sup> each year, a daily lottery is held Monday through Friday at the Leavenworth Ranger Station; a drawing is done at exactly 7:45 and Enchantment permits that are still available are distributed.

**ENCHANTMENT PERMIT AREA CHANGES:** New in 2013, permit holders must print Enchantment permits online through recreation.gov; you no longer need to pick up your permit at the ranger station. Permit holders will be able to print their permit online up to 14 days prior to their trip start date. The group leader must sign and carry their permit, along with valid photo identification, for the duration of their trip. Permit holders must be prepared to present their permit/ID to a Forest Officer upon request.

Some of the other changes include:

- Once a Permit Reservation is made, no changes may be made to the zone for which the permit is valid.
- Once a Permit Reservation is made, no changes may be made to the entry date.
- Once a permit is **printed**, no changes can be made to the permit. Do not print your permit until you are certain you do not want to add group members or extend the duration of your trip.
- Eight days or more prior to the entry date, days may be added to the trip by changing the exit date at the rate of \$5/person/day. Maximum number of days that can be reserved is 14.
- Eight days or more prior to the entry date, group size may be increased, up to the limit of eight total persons per group, at the rate of \$5/person/day.
- No changes will be allowed within seven days of the trip's start date.

Complete changes to the 2013 Enchantment Permit Process can be viewed online at

<http://go.usa.gov/49QT> , click on the link under item 1(e).

