

# PNW Hiking and Camping for Scouts of All Ages!



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Lake Vivian, The Enchantments, Leavenworth, WA

## A Little bit about me.....

- Girl Scouts (Youth)
- Venturing Crew 16 Redmond, WA Age: 14-18 Philmont etc.. (Youth)
- B.S. Environmental Geology WWU 2010
- Venturing Crew D20 (Adult Advisor)
- Scoutmaster Troop 8498
- 2012 starting hiking with my parents in 2012 because of ....Pokemon!



Reflection Lake, Mt. Rainier

## How to Pick a Hike

- Difficulty (total miles and elevation gain/loss)
  - 500 ft gain in a half mile = yikes! Lol = Hard and steep
- Features (Waterfalls, views, wildflowers, wildlife, summits, berry picking, snow?, coast, rivers, etc...)
- Distance from Home (how far are you willing to drive to get there?)
- Permits (Discovery, Nat. Forest, Snow Park, etc...)
- Merit Badges or other Requirements (50 miler, etc...)



Ebey's Landing Whidbey Island Coupeville, WA

## How to pick a camping location.....

- High Adventure backpack vs Family Camping
- Lottery System for backpacking permits in Mt. Rainier, Olympics, and the Enchantments
- State Park Camping Sites
- Some backcountry sites are first come first served (National forest spots)
- Features (next to a river, waterfall, top of mountain, etc...)
- Merit Badges or Requirements you want to sign off while there



Mountain Meadows Scout Camp,  
Duvall, WA



# WTA (Washington Trails Association)

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- Has a hiking tool to help you pick the perfect hike
- Service hour opportunities
- Details on how to get to trailheads
- Reports from hikers like you on trail conditions and road conditions
- Will help you find the right maps



## Backpacking Permit Lottery and how it works at Mt. Rainier:

### **Permit & Season Information**

- A permit is required year-round for all overnight stays in the backcountry. A wilderness permit allows the permit holder and their group to camp in a designated camp or area. A climbing permit is required for travel above 10,000 feet or on glaciers.
- Approximately 2/3 of backpacking and climbing permits are made available for advance reservation for trips between June 1 and September 30. Reservations must be made at least 2 days in advance of the trip start. The remaining 1/3 of permits are issued on-site on a first-come, first-served basis. Sites/zones become available for reservations on April 27. See below for information on the Early Access Lottery.

### **Lottery Information**

- Because demand for trips on the Wonderland Trail and high-use climbing routes exceeds capacity during peak periods, an optional early access lottery is available. This lottery limits the number of users competing simultaneously for multi-night itineraries, which allows for more complete itineraries overall.
- Successful applicants are granted early access to reservations, with the earliest access offering the most options to build a complete Wonderland Trail circuit or secure permits for the most desirable dates.
- Lottery participants with later access might not have access to their preferred itinerary but can create an alternate trip using available camps.
- Successful applicants will be provided a date and time that their individual access window opens. Applicants may create a reservation at any time after their access window opens. Participants are limited to a single reservation during the early access period, but may create additional reservations beginning April 27.

## Places with Backpacking Permit Lotteries:

- Mt. Rainier Nat. Park
- The Olympics
- The Enchantments



Mountain Goats in The Enchantments



Nisqually Vista Loop (Mt. Rainier Nat. Park)

## Favorite Spots and Why?

- Mt. Rainier National Park
- The Olympics
- The Enchantments
- Deception Pass State Park/Whidbey Island
- North Cascades
- Mt. Baker
- Mt. St. Helens
- Eastern WA



Chain Lakes Loop Mt. Baker National Park

Mt. St. Helens from Harry's Ridge Trail



## U.S. and WA Historic Hikes

- Cougar Mountain (Newcastle, WA)
- Discovery Park (Seattle, WA)
- Ebey's Landing (Coupeville, WA)
- Fort Casey (Coupeville, WA)
- Fort Ebey (Coupeville, WA)
- Gingko Petrified Forest (Vantage, WA)
- Glacier Basin Trail (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Grove of the Patriarchs (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Heybrook Lookout (Index, WA)
- Iron Goat Trail (Scenic, WA)
- Lime Kiln Trail (Granite Falls, WA)
- Mercer Slough Trail (Bellevue, WA)
- Monti Cristo Ghost Town (Granite Falls, WA)
- Padilla Bay (Mt. Vernon, WA)
- Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area (Ellensburg, WA)



Monti Cristo Ghost Town  
Granite Falls, WA

# Washington State Geologic Hikes

- Ancient Lakes (Quincy, WA in Eastern WA)
- Baker River (Mt. Baker area)
- Baker Lake (Mt. Baker area)
- Berkeley Park (Mt. Rainier National Park Sunrise side)
- Beckler Peak (Skykomish, WA)
- Chain Lakes Loop (Mt. Baker National Park)
- Cowiche Canyon (Yakima, WA)
- Gingko Petrified Forest (Vantage, WA)
- Glacier Basin Trail (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Lake Ann (Mt. Baker National Park)
- Lake Twenty Two (Granite Falls, WA)
- Maple Pass/Heather loop trail (Marblemount, WA)
- Mt. Walker (Quilcene, WA)
- Naches Peak Loop (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Nisqually Vista Loop (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Panarama Point (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Park Butte/Scott Paul Trail (Mt. Baker National Park)
- Pinnacle Saddle (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Robinson Canyon (Ellensburg, WA)
- Rosario Head (Deception Pass, WA)
- Spray Park (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Snow Lake (North Bend, WA)
- Summerland (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- The Enchantments (Leavenworth, WA)
- Tolmie Peak (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Umtanum Creek Canyon (Ellensburg)



Cowiche Canyon (Yakima, WA)