



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Mt. Skokomish Wilderness

Recommended Season

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

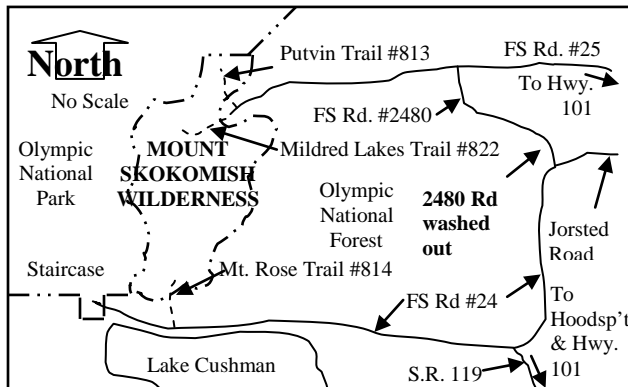


Hood Canal Ranger District – Quilcene Office
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SIZE: 13,015 acres

KEY ACCESS POINTS:

- State Route 119, F.S. #24 and F.S. #2480
- F.S. Rd. #25 (Hamma Hamma)
- Mildred Lakes Trail #822
- Mt. Rose Trail #814
- Putvin Trail #813
- Mt. Ellinor #812



OPPORTUNITIES: There are excellent opportunities for backpacking, camping, fishing, and mountain climbing.

There are over 13 miles of trail inside the Wilderness. The Mildred Lakes Trail #822 is a primitive trail that has extremely steep sections and is the major access into the Wilderness. The elevation gain is 2,100 feet and it is 4.5 miles in length. The Mt. Rose Trail #814, 4.8 miles in length, provides steep access to the summit of Mt. Rose at the southern end of the Wilderness. The Putvin Trail #813, 3.0 miles in length, accesses the north portion of the Wilderness and is very steep. All three of these trails are considered Difficult.

Wilderness visitors should always carry rain gear and adequate clothing, food, and backpacking equipment. Proper boots and clothing should be worn. Practice **LEAVE NO TRACE** techniques during your wilderness trip.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the northeast portion of the Olympic National Forest, north of Lake Cushman in Mason County. This Wilderness includes very steep terrain ranging in elevation from 800 feet near Lake Cushman to the 6,612 foot summit of Mt. Stone. Other major peaks include Henderson 6,000', Mt. Skokomish 6,434', Washington 6,255', and Pershing 6,154'. Barren ridges and numerous steep faced rock outcrops are present throughout this Wilderness.

Stands of old-growth occur on the lower slopes consisting primarily of Douglas-fir, western hemlock and western red cedar. At the upper elevations, subalpine fir and western white pine give way to rock and scattered alpine vegetation.

The Hamma Hamma River is the only major stream flowing through the Wilderness. Mildred Lakes are a popular destination.

TOPO MAPS: Mt. Steel USGS Quad or Mt. Skokomish – Lake Cushman Custom Correct Map.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

PASS MAY BE REQUIRED: A Recreation Pass is required at Mildred Lakes and Upper Mt Ellinor trailheads. Day and Annual Passes are available at FS offices and vendors. Passes are not available at trailheads.

FIRE CLOSURE: Fires above 3,500 feet elevation are prohibited within the wilderness. (FIRES ARE PROHIBITED AT MILDRED LAKES. STOVES ONLY ABOVE 3,500 FEET ELEVATION).

GROUP SIZE: Groups consisting of more than 12 persons and/or 8 livestock are prohibited within the wilderness.