

Trail	Date	Activity	Tell us about your experience
Note from a ranger			Before departing for your trail experience, please keep in mind that conditions can change rapidly this time of year. Snow and icy conditions create very hazardous conditions on forest service roads and are not advised for travel. Prepare for all weather conditions and have a back-up destination planned in case weather conditions have limited access to your desired location
Murhut Falls #828	3/2/2016	Hiking	The trail is in very good condition and the falls were spectacular. The Duckabush Road #2510 where it is gravel is very rough with potholes.
Olympic Natl Forest Headquarters	3/4/2016	Other	Just visited the main headquarters to get some information, and Mary was super friendly and very helpful.
Mt. Walker	3/5/2016	Hiking	
Copper Creek #876	3/5/2016	Hiking	The limbs blocking the trail below the junction of the upper loop mentioned in a prior posting have been removed. There is some sort of major blockage a short way above the loop junction going clockwise and above the junction there are areas of soft, melting, old snow,
873 Lower South Fork Skokomish	3/5/2016	Hiking	Trail is in good condition for this time of year. Lots of water--in several places, hiking became wading--and a couple of stream crossings that required some care. The river is eating away the trail at one point about 1.5 miles from the trailhead. It's passable but will eventually need rerouting. We turned around at Camp Comfort after lunch on the river. A great day!
Copper Creek #876	3/5/2016	Hiking	The tree top/limbs blocking the trail at 1.7 miles that was reported 2 weeks ago has been removed. Just above the junction to the upper loop going clockwise there appear to be one ore more large trees across the trail. It was hard to tell in the snow.
Mount Zion	3/15/2016	Hiking	Snow in parking lot. Snow on trail. Made it 1 mile up trail then 6 inches of snow, turned around & came back.
Deer Ridge Trail #846	3/17/2016	Hiking	Parking lot at trailhead is clear. An intermittent, thin layer of snow and ice runs from the trail head to the first view point at 3,250 feet. Covering and depth of snow and ice increases from 1 to 3 inches to just below the bench. From the bench to the park boundary snow depth runs from 3 to 8 inches. Ice should melt off the trail at lower elevations quite rapidly. One new downed tree: 47° 57.308' -123° 12.089' 6" diameter, easy step over, passable to stock.
Duckabush Trail #803	3/17/2016	Hiking	Trail in good condition, two small blown downs over trail. After you reach to the top of Big HUMP, it goes bad fast. Although it is only 1 mile or so to the river there is so many blown down trees over the trail that it makes it very slow going at 1 mph. We traveled all the way to the Olympic park boundary, approx. 3.5 miles from Big Hump. The trail needs LOTS of maintenance with a saw. I would estimate the number of trees down to be 75. Every 10 to 20 feet you were going up down over or through something. About 1 mile or so from the park boundary we saw lots of scat and footprints from elk.
Deer Ridge Trail #846	4/1/2016	Hiking	The road to the trail head is getting pretty rugged. Plenty of washboards and chuck holes. Trail is clear of snow to 5,160 feet. Patchy snow begins at that point and becomes nearly continuous at 5,350 feet. One new tree at 47° 57.578' -123° 11.921', 3 inch diameter, walk under, passable to stock although a rider may have to dismount. One down tree beyond Park Boundary easy step over.
Duckabush #803	4/2/2016	Hiking	The potholes on the way in to the TH are bad! Trail is in good shape. One small easy to step over log on flat between the Humps. No problems to the top of Big Hump (where we turned around). Fawn lilies are blooming. I miss the Trail Registers - I liked seeing who was on the trail, where they were from etc.
833.2 Upper Dungeness	4/1/2016	Hiking, Camping	Upper Dungeness after biking up from Lower Dungeness. No snow to Camp Handy and roads in good shape. Explored up Goat Lake way trail and got all the way up to 5500' avoiding snow on the sun exposed slope. Quiet and cold night at Camp Handy for such a wonderful weekend. Nice to not see any trash around the camp area and at other camp locations for a change. A few blowdowns but pretty good trail conditions. Quiet on Friday but multiple groups of 10-20 coming in on Saturday (not upholding wilderness party rules).
830 Gold Creek	4/2/2016	Mountain Biking	Biked from Tubal Cain down to Lower Dungeness. Trail was in generally OK shape with a fair number of smaller blowdowns and two larger ones that were difficult to get a bike around. Heavy salal on sides of upper section that does tear up your shins if going fast. No bad wet or muddy spots. Lower Gold creek footlog gone and had to ford with bike doing some rock hopping. 230 road spur had a lot of trees and logs across but were haphazardly cut up by locals so I could drive down to the new trail connection. No signs at "trailhead". Road says closed at top but is not till you get to the turn.
833.3 Lower Dungeness	4/1/2016	Mountain Biking	Headed up from lower 230 spur road turn connection. Road has Road Closed sign at turnoff, but is not till the bottom. Road has a bunch of blowdown trees mostly across but you could drive around and under them to the lower turn where the trail connects and road is partially obstructed although jeeps seem to go through to near the slide below. No trailhead signs at trail junction with road. Lower trail descends and then steeply climbs with a good mess of blowdowns and nearly impossible biking grade up to 3 o'clock ridge. Trail is great descending from 3 o'clock to River Camp with dry buff and smooth conditions. Trail from River Camp to Upper trailhead has some rough root/washout sections; a total washout section; a glacial silt mudslide section, and is generally not the most fun riding with a lot of walking sections and a few blowdown trees. Big trees are nice.
Deer Ridge Trail #846	4/7/2016	Hiking	Snow begins at 5,330 feet about .5 mile from Deer Park.
			2870 developing some significant potholes but overall in good shape. Upper Dungeness Trailhead pay station still inoperable and no toilet paper in vault toilet. Tubal Cain Trailhead in good shape. Tubal Cain Trail is snow-free to Copper Creek crossing. Trail is in wonderful shape, less than 6 downed trees. Intermittent snow to just before the Buckhorn Pass, then continuous snow at least 24" deep (snowshoes or skis would be helpful) to junction for climbing Buckhorn. Overall, the east slope is very melted out! But what snow remains would be very difficult to self arrest without an ice axe in morning or shade. We easily traveled up to Buckhorn Pass Ridge to look down at the Dungeness River Valley...absolutely gorgeous. Glacier lillies are just poking out of the ground. Camped at Buckhorn Lake. Trail to Buckhorn Lake is completely snow covered & easy to miss. Once in the trees, snow is 4' deep, snowshoes would be helpful. Lake level is high & 90% frozen. Inlet flow is high. Campsites are difficult, but not impossible to reach. Saw 2 people on trail Saturday above Tull Canyon and 2 others came down to Lake. Sunday, above Tull: Saw 1 skier headed up to the Pass, then 3 camped along trail. Below Tull: 2 sets of 2 day hikers.
Tubal Cain #840	4/9/2016	Hiking, Camping	A sincere thank you to Olympic National forest Rangers and staff for your service to the Buckhorn Wilderness. We had a wonderful weekend.
Duckabush Trail #803	4/7/2016	Hiking	This was my grandson's first hike we hiked 10 miles round-trip. We met a work crew from the WTA. They were courteous and fun to talk to was really happy to see them working on the trail. We hiked to the Five Mile mark Beyond big hump. On our trip back from there we ran into the WTA working on the trail. They were wonderful to talk to and informative they gave me a card so that I can look them up on the web. I thank them for all their hard work and in the future I plan on joining and putting in for some of the work Crews. Estimate running into about 70 people on the trail during the course of our seven hours and all were pleasant. The only Wildlife we saw were birds and snakes.
Colonel Bob Trail #851	4/10/2016	Hiking, Trail Maintenance	Hiked to a bit past Mile 3. Several blowdowns but all passable without too much trouble. Cleared two of them with saw and muscle power.