



# RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

## Olympic National Forest

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### Short Trails near Quilcene

**Recommended Season**  
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



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The following “Short Hikes” are located on the northern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. These trails are less than 3 miles in length and they provide opportunities for short day hikes.

A NORTHWEST FOREST PASS or Interagency Pass (Annual, Senior or Access) is required for parking at some of these Olympic National Forest trailheads. The Northwest Forest Day Pass is \$5.00 and the Annual Pass is \$30.00. The Annual Pass is good for one year from date of purchase. All Passes are available at Forest Service offices; the Northwest Forest Pass and Interagency Annual are available at some businesses. Passes can be displayed on the dashboard or hung from the rearview mirror.

**TRAIL CLOSURES:** Motorized vehicles, mountain bicycles and horses are prohibited on the following trails except for Mt. Zion Trail #800. Treat all water before using. Pack-It-In & Pack-It-Out.

#### **FALLS VIEW CANYON TRAIL #868**

**ACCESS:** 3.5 miles south of Quilcene on US Highway 101 at Falls View Campground. Drive to the back of the left (south) campground loop. Small parking area.

**LENGTH:** 0.6 mile. **GRADE:** 10-20%. **ELEVATION:** 400’-200’.

**FACILITIES:** Campground, picnic area, parking and restrooms.

**SETTING:** Falls View Campground, forested river canyon trail. Second-growth forest with an understory of salal, ferns and rhododendrons (bloom mid-May to early June).

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, picnicking, camping and stream fishing.

**NOTE:** NW Forest Pass or Interagency Pass is NOT REQUIRED in vehicle at trailhead.

#### **FALLS VIEW LOOP TRAIL #848**

**ACCESS:** 3.5 miles south of Quilcene on US Highway 101 at Falls View Campground. Drive to the back of the left (south) campground loop. Small parking area.

**LENGTH:** 0.1 mile. **GRADE:** level loop trail. **ELEVATION:** 400’.

**FACILITIES:** Campground, picnic area, parking and restrooms.

**SETTING:** Falls View Campground. Second-growth forest with understory of salal and rhododendrons (bloom mid-May to early June). View of waterfalls from overlook near picnic area.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Very short walk to view of falls. Picnicking and camping.

**NOTE:** NW Forest Pass or Interagency Pass is NOT REQUIRED in vehicle at trailhead.

### **MT. WALKER TRAIL #894**

**ACCESS:** 5 miles south of Quilcene on US Highway 101 to the Mt. Walker Road. Turn onto Mt. Walker Road and drive a short ¼ mile distance to the trailhead. Parking on left side and trailhead is on right side of Mt. Walker Road.

**LENGTH:** 2 miles.                   **GRADE:** Up to 25%.                   **ELEVATION:** 800' to 2,805'.

**SETTING:** Pleasant but steep hike through a second-growth forest to the summit of Mt. Walker. Pacific rhododendrons bloom mid-May to early June.

**FACILITIES:** Trailhead parking but no toilet or water available. At the summit (also accessible by vehicle) there are picnic tables and restrooms. Water is not available so carry extra water.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking and viewing scenery. Spectacular views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountain Ranges, Puget Sound and Mt. Rainier from the summit.

**NOTE:** NW Forest Pass or Interagency Pass is NOT REQUIRED in vehicle at trailhead.

### **NED HILL TRAIL #837**

**ACCESS:** 2 miles west of Sequim, turn onto Taylor Cutoff Road and take to Lost Mountain Road. Proceed to intersection of FS Road #2870 and turn left. Continue on FS #2870 to FS #2875 and turn right. Follow #2875 to FS Road #2878 and turn left.

**LENGTH:** 1.1 miles.                   **GRADE:** Steep.                   **ELEVATION:** 2,600' to 3,400'.

**SETTING:** Short hike through second-growth forest. Partial views of Blue Mountain, Mt. Baldy, Tyler Peak and Maynard Peak.

**FACILITIES:** Small parking area. No toilet or water. Carry water.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking, viewing scenery and wildlife.

**NOTE:** NW Forest Pass or Interagency Pass is NOT REQUIRED in vehicle at trailhead.

### **NOTCH PASS TRAIL #831**

**ACCESS:** 3.5 miles from Quilcene off Penny Creek Road, on FS Road #010.

**LENGTH:** 2 miles.                   **GRADE:** 15-20%.                   **ELEVATION:** 500' to 2,500'.

**SETTING:** Second-growth forest to notch in ridge where trail ends. Nice view of mountains from the road.

**FACILITIES:** Small parking area. No toilet or water. Carry water.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking and viewing scenery.

**NOTE:** NW Forest Pass or Interagency Pass is NOT REQUIRED in vehicle at trailhead.

### **RAINBOW TRAIL #892**

**ACCESS:** 5 miles south of Quilcene at Rainbow Campground. Trailhead is at the back of the campground loop.

**LENGTH:** 0.5 mile.                   **GRADE:** Up to 20%.                   **ELEVATION:** 600' to 440'.

**SETTING:** Forested trail descending down to the Big Quilcene River.

**FACILITIES:** Reservation-only group campground with locked gate. To access the trail, park across US Highway 101.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking, fishing and group camping.

**NOTE:** NW Forest Pass or Interagency Pass is NOT REQUIRED in vehicle at trailhead.

Contact the Hood Canal District, Quilcene Office at (360) 765-2200 for current road and trail conditions.