



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Recommended Season

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Long Trails near Quilcene

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The following “Long Trails” are located on the northern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. These trails are approximately 6 miles or longer in length and they provide opportunities for long day hikes or short overnight backpack trips. Some are a combination of several trails together.

TRAIL CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles and mountain bicycles are prohibited on the following trails except for Gold Creek Trail #830. Campfires are not allowed above 3,500 feet and groups consisting of more than 12 people are prohibited inside the Buckhorn Wilderness. Treat all water before using. Pack-It-In & Pack-It-Out.

UPPER BIG QUILCENE TRAIL #833.1

ACCESS: 16 miles west of Quilcene on Forest Service Road #2750.

LENGTH: 5.3 Miles. **GRADE:** 30% maximum. **ELEVATION:** 2,500 to 6,000’.

SETTING: Hike through a conifer forest along the Big Quilcene River. Panoramic views of Olympic Mountains from Marmot Pass. Buckhorn Wilderness.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, backpacking and viewing scenery. Camping available at Ten-Mile Shelter, Shelter Rock Camp, Camp Mystery or Marmot Pass. Obey all Wilderness regulations.

NOTE: Recreation Pass IS REQUIRED at trailhead.

UPPER DUNGENESS TRAIL # 833.2

ACCESS: 21 miles south of Sequim on Forest Service Road #2870.

LENGTH: 8.1 miles. **GRADE:** 10 – 15%. **ELEVATION:** 2,500’ to 6,000’.

SETTING: Old-growth conifer forest and Dungeness River. Panoramic views of Olympic Mountains from Marmot Pass. Buckhorn Wilderness.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, backpacking and viewing scenery. Camping available at Camp Handy, Boulder Shelter and Marmot Pass. Obey all Wilderness regulations.

NOTE: Recreation Pass IS REQUIRED at trailhead.

GOLD CREEK TRAIL # 830

ACCESS: 12.5 miles south of Sequim on Forest Service Road #230 off 2870.

LENGTH: 6.4 miles. **GRADE:** exceeds 20%. **ELEVATION:** 1,250’ to 3,300’.

SETTING: Steep trail through dense conifer forest.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking and trail bike riding. Camping available at Gold Creek Shelter.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

Additional trails on other side

GRAY WOLF TRAIL #834

ACCESS: 13 miles southwest of Sequim on Forest Service Road #2870.

LENGTH: 9.1 miles (note: trail closed at 4.0 miles due to slide and bridge damage)

GRADE: 0-15%. **ELEVATION:** 1,250' to 2,000'.

SETTING: Dense old-growth forest along the Gray Wolf River. Beautiful pink rhododendrons bloom in the spring.

OPPORTUNITIES: This low elevation hike can be accessed early in the season. Hiking, fishing, backpacking, and viewing scenery are among the popular opportunities enjoyed along this pleasant hike. Due to severe slides and bridge damage the trail is closed approximately 4 miles in. Alternate route to reach the upper Gray Wolf would be to start at the Slab Camp Trail or start on the Deer Park Road in the Olympic National Park.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

LITTLE QUILCENE TRAIL #835 to Silver Lakes

ACCESS: 14 miles west of Quilcene on Forest Service Road #2820.

LENGTH: 1.9 miles to junction with Mt. Townsend Trail #839; 2.5 miles to junction with Silver Lakes Trail #842; 2.5 miles to Silver Lakes. Total of 6.9 miles. **GRADE:** 15-40%. **ELEVATION:** 4,200' to 5,500' before dropping to Silver Lakes at 5,300'.

SETTING: Conifer forest to open meadows on Mt. Townsend and at Silver Lakes. A short side trail goes to the top of Mt. Townsend where panoramic views of the Mt. Baker, Cascade Mountains and surrounding Olympic Mountains can be enjoyed.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, backpacking, viewing wildlife and wildflower viewing.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

SILVER LAKES TRAIL #842

ACCESS: 15 miles west of Quilcene on Forest Service Road #2760. The Silver Lakes Trail starts 3 miles from the upper trailhead or 4.2 miles from the lower trailhead of Mt. Townsend Trail #839.

LENGTH: 4.2 miles (from lower trailhead on Road #2760) on the Mt. Townsend Trail #839 to junction with Silver Lakes Trail #842. 2.5 on Silver Lakes Trail #842 to Silver Lakes. Total of 6.7 miles.

GRADE: Up to 20% **ELEVATION:** 3,200' to 5,500' before dropping to 5,300' at lake.

SETTING: First part of the hike starts on the Mt. Townsend trail in conifer forest with views of Windy Lakes. Silver Lakes Trail starts above Windy Lakes and then descends through subalpine fir and rock outcrops to the lake meadows. Picturesque lake. North of the lake there is a second smaller lake.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, backpacking and fishing, viewing scenery, wildlife and wildflowers.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

TUBAL CAIN TRAIL #840

ACCESS: 25 miles south of Sequim on Forest Service Road #2870.

LENGTH: 8.6 miles. **GRADE:** 8-15%. **ELEVATION:** 3,300' to 6,000'.

SETTING: Conifer forest with understory of rhododendrons (bloom mid-May to early June) to Mine. Trail passes the nearby Tubal Cain (private land) copper and manganese mine. Trail ends in alpine meadows and mountain pass where it junctions with the Big Quilcene and Dungeness Trails. Scenic panoramic views of the Olympic Mountains and Copper Creek Valley from Buckhorn Pass.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, backpacking and viewing wildlife, wildflowers and mountain scenery.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

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

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