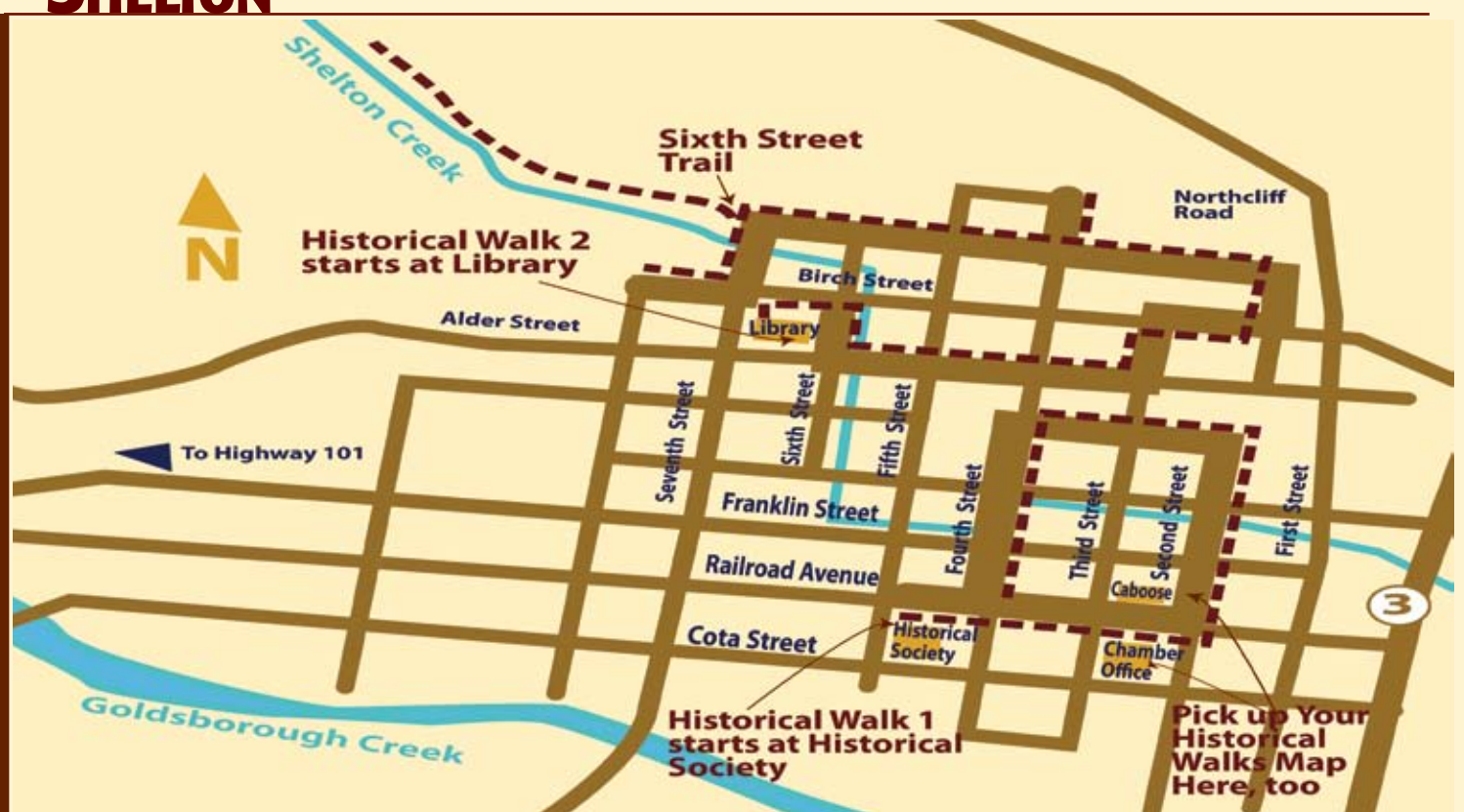


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SHELTON



DOWNTOWN

6 Historical Walk 1* First, get your map from the Historical Society Museum then walk up Railroad Avenue and beyond to glimpse Shelton's early logging history. Walk includes peek-a-boo views of Shelton Creek. **LENGTH** 11 blocks **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Sidewalk tour along city streets **TRAILHEAD** Shelton Historical Society, 424 W Railroad Avenue **FEE** or **PASS** None required

6 Historical Walk 2* Walking neighborhood tour past homes dating back to the 1910s, 20's and 40s. **LENGTH** 16 blocks **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Sidewalks through slightly hilly neighborhoods **TRAILHEAD** Start at Shelton Library at 710 West Alder Street **FEE** or **PASS** None required

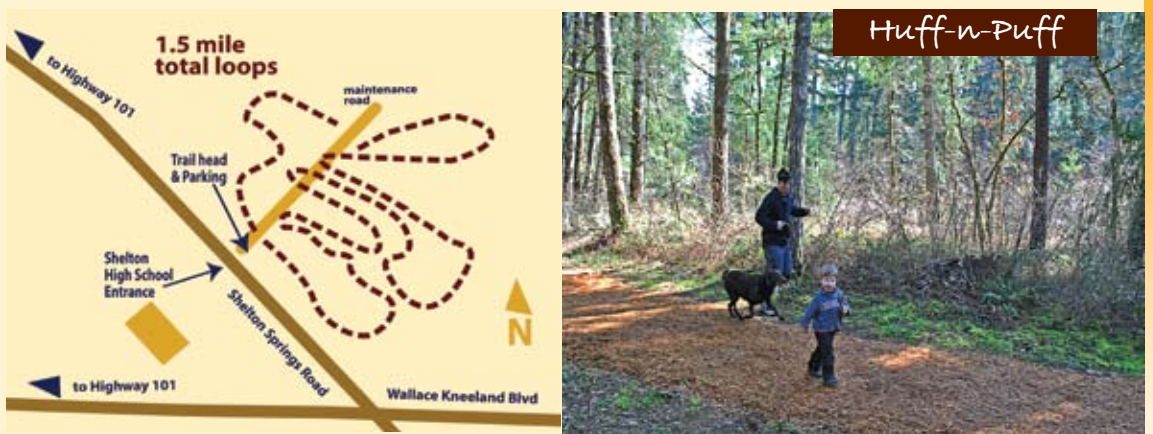
*For history and background stories, get the City of Shelton Walking Tour Map available from Mason County Historical Society Museum at 424 West Railroad Avenue. Map also available at The Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce at 215 West Railroad and the Caboose Visitor Information Center at 230 West Railroad Avenue.

6 6th Avenue Park- 8th & Birch Postcard-pretty waterfall with wading pond reflections are visible from trailhead. Follow a sweet wooded trail that runs above the falls and continues up a gentle ravine, then return on same route to parking area. **LENGTH** .5 miles **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Dirt trail along creek under canopy of deciduous and conifer **TRAILHEAD** parking at end of Sixth Street, beyond Laurel. Falls are visible from street, more dramatic in wetter months. **FEE** or **PASS** None required

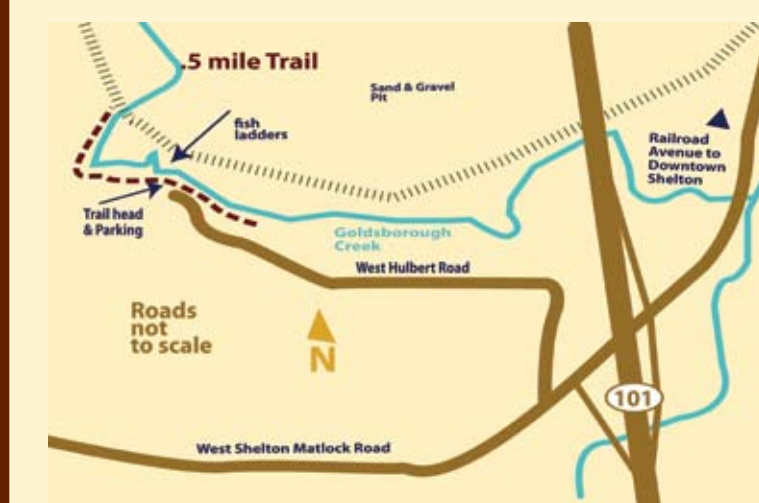


UPTOWN

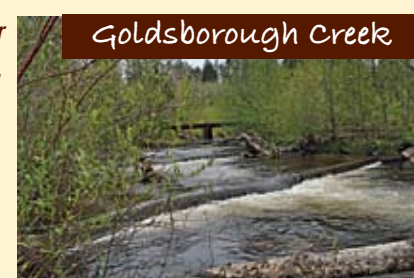
7 Huff-n-Puff Trail Popular exercise course for joggers and walkers with wide, well maintained trails. Ample parking available, no restrooms or picnic area. **LENGTH** 1.5 miles with several loops **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Flat forest trails under high canopy **TRAILHEAD** Parking lot across from Shelton High School on Shelton Springs Road. Sign greets walkers with trail diagrams. **FEE** or **PASS** None required



WEST OF SHELTON



8 Goldsbrough Creek Trail Surprisingly pretty trail just outside of Shelton. The pleasant course follows an extensive concrete fish ladder installed many years ago. In summer, locals wade among the miniature waterfalls created by the ladder. An educational kiosk, covered shelter and railroad trestle spanning the creek all add to this exploration. **LENGTH** 1 mile **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Dirt trail along creek with patches of young forest **TRAILHEAD** Difficult to find; unsigned. Take Shelton-Matlock Exit from Highway 101, pull into Ford auto dealership visible from highway. Drive through dealership, looking for iron gate where power lines and septic system are also located. Park at gate and follow clearing toward Goldsbrough Creek to your right. Woods are to your immediate left, look for trail opening just before bluffs above creek. **FEE** or **PASS** None required



SOUTH OF SHELTON



9 Isabella Lake State Park Trails Fairly developed network of trails on both sides of road, a reclaimed farm. Easy to explore with lots of exposed fields to stay oriented. **LENGTH** Various- 2.5 mile loops on both sides of road, shorter overgrown service road trails of various lengths. **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Rolling meadow trail around field, through trees and over to old farmhouse with fruit trees still producing. **TRAILHEAD** At Shelton, exit Highway 101 at Highway 3, go south on Golden Pheasant Rd, turn right Delight Park Road. Lake Isabella sign on right- parking, restroom, picnic table and trails **FEE** or **PASS** None required

NORTH COUNTY NORTH SHORE HOOD CANAL

1 Belfair State Park Trail Easy hike leading to wide beaches with plenty of sea life to explore. Excellent for swimming and sunning on hot days. Picnic tables and fire pits nearby; in summer turn this experience into a day-long family outing. **LENGTH** 1 mile **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** level forest, field and wide tidal beaches **TRAILHEAD** From Belfair, take Highway 300 about 3 miles to the park entrance. Trail skirts the campground. **FEE** or **PASS** None required



3 Theler Wildlife Refuge A birder's favorite, this wide, well-groomed trail passes through grassy marshland beside the shores of the Union River where it meets Hood Canal. Serene views, birds and wildlife greet the walker on this wheelchair-accessible trail. **LENGTH** 3.5 miles roundtrip **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Tidal estuary marsh, riparian zone, farm & forested wetland **TRAILHEAD** On Route 3 in Belfair, turn into Theler Exhibit building just north of Highway 3 junction with Route 106 **FEE** or **PASS** None required **CONTACT** thelerceter.org



HARSTINE ISLAND

4 Jarrell Cove Park Trail Easy, level and short trail, very wide in spots, it follows the park boundary, circling the campgrounds, with easy access to a narrow beach below eroded bluffs. **LENGTH** 1 mile **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Mostly level forest trail with beach access for exploring **TRAILHEAD** From Shelton, take Highway 3 east for 11 miles, turn right on Pickering Road. Continue for 3.3 miles bearing left onto Harstine Island Bridge, then coming to a T-junction. Go left on North Harstine Island Drive. The park and trailhead are about 4 miles further. **FEE** or **PASS** None required



5 Harstine Island Trail Quiet, deserted beach awaits at the bottom of a cool and dark ravine shaded by big cedars and firs. More than 300 pristine acres to explore in this best-kept secret on Puget Sound, a true "island of wilderness" and a perfect family hike. **LENGTH** 1.5 roundtrip **DIFFICULTY** easy **TOPOGRAPHY** Mixed forest, ravine, and beach **TRAILHEAD** From Harstine Island Bridge coming to a T-junction. Go left on North Harstine Island Drive and at 3.0 miles come to a four-way junction. Turn right onto East Harstine Island Road and after one mile turn left onto Yates Road. Follow this road for one mile to park entrance and trailhead. **FEE** or **PASS** None required

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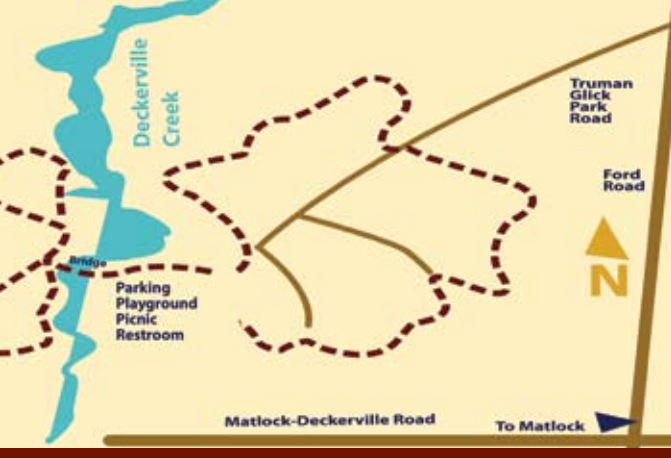
10 Kamilche Kennedy Creek Trail Sweetly crafted trail frames walker's view of Kennedy Creek with platforms and bridges. *LENGTH .5 mile DIFFICULTY easy* *TOPOGRAPHY* mostly flat, under canopy of mixed trees *TRAILHEAD* Located off HWY 101 between Olympia and Shelton. Northbound, turn west on Old Olympic HWY just before milepost 357. Southbound turn west on Old Olympic HWY at milepost 356 (look for the brown "wildlife viewing area" sign) go 3/4 mile to the salmon trail entrance road. *FEE OR PASS* none- *NOTE* Trail Open 10am-4pm Weekends Nov. 3 - Dec. 2 www.masoncd.org/Kennedy.html



11 Schafer State Park Trail Well groomed riverside trail loops back along hillside away from river. A sweet taste of what wilderness once was in this "working forest" area of Mason County. Interpretive center, camping, picnic, swimming, fishing. *LENGTH 1 mile loop DIFFICULTY easy to moderate* *TOPOGRAPHY* mixed forest along bluffs above the Satsop River *TRAILHEAD* Located 12 miles north of Elma, on the East Fork of the Satsop River in Mason County. The park is also accessible via the Brady exit from U.S. Hwy. 12. This route offers a scenic 10-mile drive. Pick up trail at bend on West Schafer Park Road, before bridge over river. Trailhead marked. *FEE OR PASS* None required.



12 Truman Glick Park Trails Sweet, winding trails with many loops and junctions. Trail joggers delight. Wooden arch footbridge and under-utilized picnic, field and playground area (with covered cooking pavilion) mark this out-of-the-way county park and trail network. Of note-trails built by local 4-H members. *LENGTH* several loops totalling 4 miles or more *DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* flat, semi-wetland & mixed forest *TRAILHEAD* From Matlock, take Matlock-Deckerville Road 2 miles to right turn at Ford Road. Drive .75 mile on Ford, park is on left. *FEE OR PASS* None required



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Hoodsport Trail



WEST MASON COUNTY & OLYMPICS

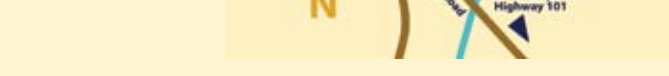
HAMMA HAMMA

13 Living Legacy Trail A very beautiful and underrated trail, made extra special by interpretive signs explaining the replanting of the forest by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. This trail passes by the historic Hamma Hamma Cabin, built by the CCC, and starts in Hamma Hamma campground. Great for kids. *LENGTH 1.5 mile loop DIFFICULTY* easy to slightly moderate *TOPOGRAPHY* Trail ascends bluff above Hamma Hamma River, then follows creek down and through forest, meeting river at ideal picnic & (cold!) swimming hole. *TRAILHEAD* Highway 101 at Hamma Hamma Recreation Area, take Forest Road #25 for about 5.5 miles, until you see painted crosswalks on road. Turn left into Hamma Hamma Campground and park near large trailhead bulletin board (park outside gate when campground closed). First .25 mile is wheelchair friendly. *FEE OR PASS* None.

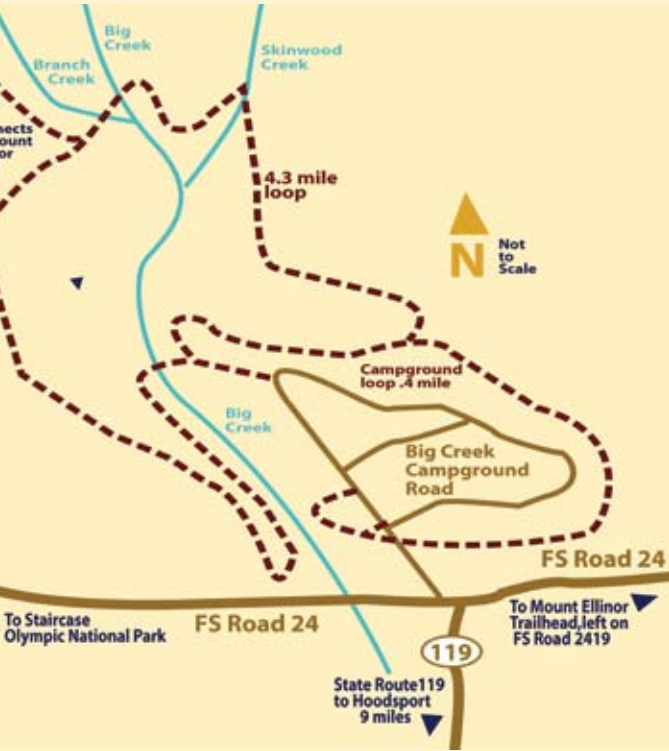


LAKE CUSHMAN

14 Hoodsport Trail Very easy walking trail between Hoodsport and Lake Cushman. Two newly replaced footbridges span sleepy Dow Creek, as the trail loops between them, or ascends slightly for the longer loop. Of note-trails built by local 4-H members *LENGTH .5 and 1.5 mile loops DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* alder & conifer forest; trail meanders along slopes straddling creek with two footbridges *TRAILHEAD* From Hoodsport, follow Highway 119 two miles to signed Trailhead on right. Picnic tables and restroom at parking lot. *FEE OR PASS* None required



15 Big Creek Trail Easy to moderate grade looping trail reaching a confluence of rushing creeks at the mid-point. Great pick-in picnic destination, with sunny boulders and tiny wading pools, and picturesque footbridges. *LENGTH 4 miles DIFFICULTY* light moderate *TOPOGRAPHY* mixed conifer forest; trail climbs ridgeline 1000 feet to high point *TRAILHEAD* Where Forest Road 24 and Highway 119 meet, head toward Staircase but turn immediately right into Big Creek Campground. Trailhead marked. *FEE OR PASS* Trail pass required



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150 North Lake Cushman Road (STATE ROUTE 119)
ONE BLOCK OFF OF HIGHWAY 101

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK
Ranger Station at Staircase 360.877.5569

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Hood Canal Ranger Station at Quilcene 360.765.2200
Olympia, WA Supervisor Office 360.956.2402

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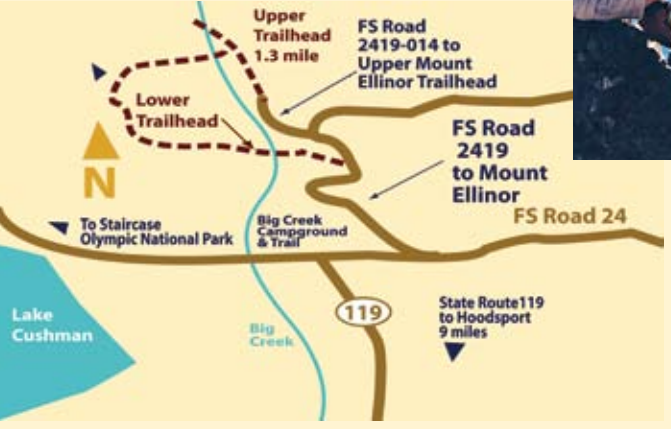


16 Lower Lena Lake Trail Scenic, gradual climb, moderately difficult with many switchbacks in the first two miles. This popular trail is well maintained and leads to a small lake with campsites and rocky spots for picnic lunches. Expect company. *LENGTH 3 miles DIFFICULTY* Moderate climb *TOPOGRAPHY* Forested hillside, some large second growth and mossy boulders *TRAILHEAD* Highway 101 at Hamma Hamma Recreation Area, take Forest Road #25 to "T" junction; go right 1 mile to trailhead. *FEE OR PASS* NW Forest Pass Required to park at trailhead.

16 Upper Lena Lake Trail Upper Lena is by far the more scenic of the two lakes, and its alpine setting is dominated by the rugged peaks of Mount Bretherton. The path to it is very steep and has an unstable bed; it is not recommended in wet weather. *LENGTH 7.3 miles DIFFICULTY* moderate to difficult *TOPOGRAPHY* 3,800 foot gain to subalpine lake *TRAILHEAD* Same as Lower Lena Lake *FEE OR PASS* NW Forest Pass required to park; wilderness camping permit required for overnight camps. *MORE INFO* nps.gov/olym/planyourvisit/upper-lena-lake-trail.htm



17 Mount Ellinor Trail Challenging, rewarding hike with panoramic views. Bring your camera to take in mountain goats, eagles, wildflowers, and spectacular scenery in all directions. A good huff, but achievable for most folks. Best access in summer and fall, as snow often until July, full canteen and sun protection recommended. *LENGTH 3.1 miles (from lower trailhead); 1.6 miles from upper trailhead DIFFICULTY* Solid climb; moderate to difficult in spots *TOPOGRAPHY* evergreen forest becoming subalpine meadow; trail climbs to 360-degree view at 5,944-foot summit *TRAILHEAD* From Hoodsport, take State Route 119 for 9 miles, turn right on FS #24 for 1.6 miles to FS# 2419, then 4.9 miles to the lower trailhead. Continue on #2419, then left on FS-014 Spur for 1.5 miles to end of road for upper trailhead. *FEE OR PASS* NW Trail pass required at upper trailhead.



18 Mount Rose A classic "huffer." Steady altitude gain marks this well-maintained and popular climbing trail. Stunning views await atop 4,301-foot Mt. Rose. Complete the summit loop and enjoy views of nearby 6,000-foot peaks and Lake Cushman below. *LENGTH 6.4 miles round-trip DIFFICULTY* moderately difficult to difficult *TOPOGRAPHY* forested slopes; steady to steep ascent, some switchbacks *TRAILHEAD* Take Highway 119 to "T" junction with Forest Road 24, and turn left toward Staircase. Mt. Rose Trailhead is about 3 miles ahead on your right. Trailhead marked. *FEE OR PASS* None required



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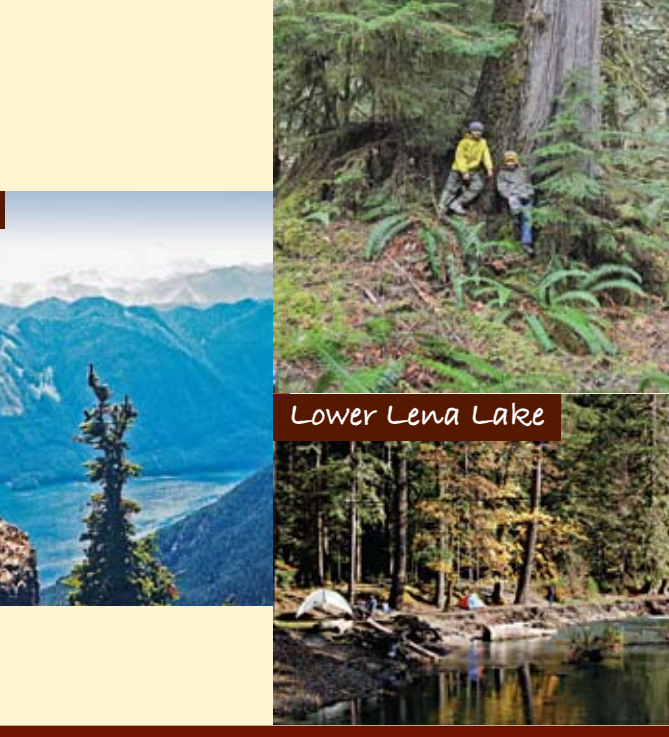


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STAIRCASE

19 Staircase Rapids Loop Trail Easy, family-friendly trail through large second growth beside the rapids of the North Fork Skokomish River. Mushrooms, hanging moss, and several swimming holes make for a delightful trip. Formerly a 2-mile loop, the bridge is out at the far point. A marked trail spur leads to a massive, fallen old-growth cedar. *LENGTH .9 miles DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* tall conifer forest, trail mostly level *TRAILHEAD* From Hoodsport, take Highway 119 nine miles to "T" junction with Forest Road 24. Follow signs to Staircase, turning left and continuing with Lake Cushman on your left, all the way to Staircase entrance. Trailhead is signed just across main bridge from ranger station. Gate closed to cars at National Park boundary from November to May. However, this adds only a half mile to your hike. *FEE OR PASS* Olympic National Park entrance fee required (when toll booth is staffed).

19 Shady Lane Trail A small cave, a footbridge with views and a swimming hole below, plus a grove of towering ancient trees await those who take this easy walk through Old Growth forest. Return the way you came, or continue left on forest road to cross bridge at Lake Cushman, turning left again to loop back to Staircase—this will add another 1.4 level miles to your trek. *LENGTH 1 mile (plus return) DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* Level walk through rare stand of old growth Douglas firs and cedars *TRAILHEAD* Across main bridge just beyond Staircase Ranger Station; bear left and follow river downstream INSTEAD of straight (Rapids Loop Trail) *FEE OR PASS* Olympic National Park entrance fee required (when toll booth is staffed). Gate closed to cars at National Park boundary from November to May. However, this adds only a half mile to your hike.



Lower Lena Lake



23 Eagle Creek* Flat beach exposed when tide is out, walking as far as you can see, obeying property signs. Loads of driftwood, unusual rocks. Warm enough for swimming in summer. Mason County's best-kept secret beach. *BEACH ACCESS & PARKING* pull-off areas across from Eagle Creek Saloon

24 Allyn Waterfront Park features a large, charming outdoor gazebo built by community volunteers, along with expansive green lawns, gardens, restrooms and a children's play area as well as beach access and public boat launch. *BEACH ACCESS PARKING* SR-3 on the north end of Allyn

25 Port of Hoodsport* Public boat dock with beach access. Starfish and crabs visible at low tide. Picnic table and restrooms nearby. Close to dining, grocery and boutique shopping. *BEACH ACCESS PARKING* parking available on Highway 101

24 North Bay Kayak Park* Community park offers beach access, a picnic area and portable restroom and is very popular with kayakers, fishermen and local residents. *BEACH ACCESS PARKING* located on SR-3 at the south end of Allyn

26 Lilliwaup Bay* Stairway to beach at point on north opening of Lilliwaup Bay. Walking north or south when tide is out. Plenty of eagles and osprey. Overnight RV camping permitted; obey litter laws, please. No restrooms. *BEACH ACCESS PARKING* pull off just north of Lilliwaup

Hamma Hamma Estuary



19 Wagonwheel Lake A favorite for the fittest hikers who really want to "get away." Strenuous hike with 3,300 foot gain, one of the steepest trails in Olympic National Park. With tight switchbacks to no switchbacks, the grade is brutal. Then once you stop climbing, you get to traverse a brushy avalanche chute. *LENGTH 2.9 miles DIFFICULTY* very difficult *TOPOGRAPHY* Old growth trail climbs above timberline *TRAILHEAD* At Staircase, behind overflow/overnight parking lot adjacent to Staircase Ranger Station. Trailhead marked. *FEE OR PASS* Olympic National Park entrance fee required (when toll booth is staffed) Wilderness camping permit required for overnight stays *more info* nps.gov/olym/planyourvisit/wagonwheel-lake-trail.htm

19 North Fork Skokomish Magnificent backpacking trail leading into the heart of the Olympics, and connecting with several main trails throughout Olympic National Park. Steady, gradual climb with designated campgrounds every few miles. Ascends to 4,688 feet at First Divide. Some creek fording and often large trees down over trail. *LENGTH 12.7 miles to First Divide pass DIFFICULTY* moderate *TOPOGRAPHY* Trail follows river as it climbs steadily through Old Growth Forest Trailhead At Staircase, behind overflow/overnight parking lot adjacent to Staircase Ranger Station. Trailhead marked. *FEE OR PASS* Olympic National Park entrance fee required (when toll booth is staffed) Wilderness camping permit required for overnight stays *MORE INFO* nps.gov/olym/planyourvisit/wagonwheel-lake-trail.htm



WHERE DO I REACH THE BEACH?

1 Belfair State Park, 2 Twanoh State Park* Both have nice beaches for walking and exploring, with summer water temperatures surprisingly warm. Twanoh is the preferred choice for swimming, but both have camping and picnic sites.

22 Dewatto Bay* Small beach with dramatic view of the Olympics; excellent photography destination. Lots of ripe berries in late summer. *BEACH ACCESS* From Belfair State Park, take the Belfair-Tahuya Road for several miles until you come to the Dewatto Road. Take a right and continue on Dewatto Road for about four miles to Dewatto. Beach at bottom of hill. *PARKING* is limited to the shoulder of the road.

28 Oyster Bay* Easy beach access here, though marshy in the estuary. Best at low tide. This is a popular spot for bird watching and salmon fishing or observing. Native American village relics found nearby date back 600 years. Respect private property. *TRAILHEAD* Parking pullout along Highway 101 near mile marker 356 and Old Olympic Highway- see Kennedy Creek Trail *FEE OR PASS* none required

29 Potlatch Beach* The longest stretch of public beach in Mason County. Popular for clamming and oysters; beware of license laws, catch limits and harvest warnings. Follow beach south from park entrance, curving with the Great Bend of Hood Canal. Fabulous photos. Park has camping, picnic tables, rest rooms. Respect private property above high tide mark. *LENGTH 1.3 mile DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* Flat beach, mostly pebbles

30 Walker Park* Shelton Olympic Highway to Arcadia Road, From Arcadia Road take Left on Walker Park Road, Park is on right March - October. Part of Cascadia Marine Trail Trail to Beach. No Shellfish Harvest.

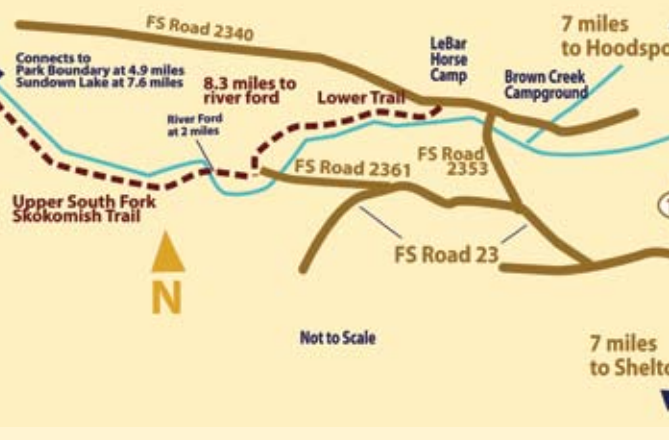
**Shellfish regulations apply- online visit: wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shellfish/beachreg/map11.htm for a map of Hood Canal, hover cursor over a beach, then click for details on shellfish conditions and driving directions. Respect private property above high tide mark.*

Tahuya



SOUTH FORK SKOKOMISH

20 Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail Incredible deep forest gem of a trail, following the wide, wild South Fork Skokomish River. Spectacular views and campsites, plus gentle grade make this one of the best hikes in all the Olympics! Old growth cedar and fir. Mountain bicycle and horse accessible. *LENGTH 10.3 miles lower trail, upper 7.3 miles DIFFICULTY* light moderate, use caution for river ford *TOPOGRAPHY* mostly old growth along river corridor, trail follows broad course of clear river *TRAILHEAD* Two marked trailheads just before and at LeBar Horse Camp. From Highway 101, take Skokomish Valley Road for 5.5 miles, then turn right on FS 23 for 9 miles, turn right on 2353 for .75 mile, cross the river and go left for .2 mile for the hiker biker access trailhead. *FEE OR PASS* Trail pass required *CONDITIONS:* www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/recreation-nu/trails_1.shtml



21 Spider Lake Loop Easy, well maintained trail loops around Spider Lake through old growth forest and lush plants. Popular camping spot, fishing allowed with license. *LENGTH 1.9 miles DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* trail loops around lake through lush plants and old growth *TRAILHEAD* Starting at the Skokomish Valley Road and continuing for 5.5 miles to junction of FS#23, staying on FS#23 for 10 miles to junction of FS#23 and FS#2353, stay left on FS#23 for another 8 miles- past end of pavement. Look for lake on left, may not be signed. *FEE OR PASS* Trail pass not required *CONDITIONS:* www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/recreation-nu/trails_1.shtml

20 Brown Creek Campground Trail makes a .8 mile loop around a beaver pond and is a great wildlife viewing area. Interpretive signs discuss the wetland ecology and its associated wildlife. *LENGTH .8 miles DIFFICULTY* easy *TOPOGRAPHY* loops around a beaver pond and is a great wildlife viewing area. *TRAILHEAD* located near the hand pump in Brown Creek Campground located in the South Fork Skokomish area. *PASS* Trail pass not required

Staircase



TRAILS HONORABLE MENTIONS

There are simply too many trails in Mason County to list them all. Other favorites are *ELK LAKE TRAIL (EAST)*, *COPPER CREEK* and *DRY CREEK (BOTH MODERATELY DIFFICULT, WITH TRAILHEADS NEAR EACH OTHER)* and *MILDRED LAKES TRAIL (EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WITH ACCESS ROAD WASHED OUT)*. As our map expands, so will our listings. We appreciate your patience and understanding if your trail hasn't been included yet.

As one continues north on Highway 101 beyond Mason County, the following trails are highly recommended for those seeking more thrills and highlights from their trip to Hood Canal and the Olympics: (A) *RANGER HOLE TRAIL*, in the Duckabush Recreation Area; (B) *MURHUT FALLS TRAIL*, also in the Duckabush RA; and (C) *ROCKY BROOK FALLS*, a few miles up the road at the Desolation Recreation Area. All are easy hikes.

31 DNR TAHUYA TRAIL SYSTEM Tahuya State Forest is a 23,000-acre working forest with an extensive network of ORV trails are also used by hikers, fishermen, bicycles and hunters. Yearly serves 150,000 motorized recreationists. Lots of trails, but dominated by motorized vehicle users.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION: www.dnr.wa.gov/AboutDNR/ManagedLands/Pages/and_rec_tahuya_state_forest.aspx www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/tahuya_both.pdf Tahuya Forest Trail Map, available at Mason County VICs.

Truman Glick



South Fork Skokomish

