



Wilderness Camping & Climbing Permit Reservations

Reserve Your Permit

Reservations are available for backpackers and climbers who wish to camp in backcountry campsites/areas of Mount Rainier National Park. Beginning April 1st, reservations are accepted for any time during the period of May 1 through September 30. Reservations are **OPTIONAL**, and they are not always needed; however, for much of the summer, many of the popular camps fill up and reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations are almost always needed for those wanting to do longer backpacking trips such as

the Wonderland Trail, and for those wanting to camp or climb on weekends from Memorial Day through mid-September.

Approximately 60% of all wilderness campsites and zones are reservable. The remaining 40% are issued on a first come-first served basis one day prior to or the day a trip begins. These first come-first served sites go quickly and cannot be counted on to be available when you want to start a trip.

Permits & Fees Required For Wilderness Camping & Climbing

Wilderness camping permits, for camping anywhere in the park's backcountry, are required year-round, but are **free**. Climbers must obtain a climbing permit in place of the wilderness camping permit. Climbing fees are required year-round for anyone traveling on glaciers or

above the normal high camps. Reservations cost \$20 per party (1-12 people) per trip (up to 14 consecutive nights). **Reservation fees are non-refundable**. Climbing permits are \$30 per person, per calendar year. These climbing fees are non-refundable.

Fax/Mail In Reservations

Reservations can be made by fax or mail only beginning April 1st. Fax's sent or letters postmarked before April 1st will not be accepted. Phone reservations are also not accepted. Further reservation information is available on the web at www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/rsvpform.htm. Complete the reservation form and fax it to (360) 569-3131, or mail it to:

**Longmire Wilderness Information Center
Mount Rainier National Park
Tahoma Woods, Star Route
Ashford, WA 98304**

Reservations can also be made in person at the Longmire Wilderness Information Center beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Payment Due With Reservation

Reservations cannot be confirmed until payment is received. The park accepts Visa, Discover, American Express, and Mastercard credit cards. Within approximately one week of requesting a reservation, a confirmation letter will be sent if the trip can be accommodated, or a letter of

rejection will be sent if the trip cannot be accommodated. **Reservations that are not picked up by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the trip will be cancelled unless the party has called any park Ranger Station and requested a late pick up.**

Changes to Wilderness Camping Policy

Parties cannot camp more than 4 consecutive nights in any one camp or zone. In the 2 main climbing corridors of Muir and Schurman, climbing parties are limited to reserving a maximum of 4 nights total within those corridors. However, parties may add additional

nights within these corridors when they check in for their climb. Hikers doing the complete Wonderland Trail will be limited to camping in designated camps only—the use of cross-country zones will not be permitted to fill itineraries when designated camps are full.

Need More Information?

For more information visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/rsvpform.htm or call (360) 569-HIKE, beginning Memorial Day weekend, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Please be aware that the Longmire Wilderness Information Center is extremely busy processing

reservations and may not always be available to answer phone calls. You may also call the Longmire Museum at (360) 569-2211, extension 3314 for assistance from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.