

at the parking area and campground. come, first-served basis. Restrooms are available and three moorage buoys available on a firstnine primitive walk-in and one marine campsites teatures. The park is open year round and has interpretive panels describing many of the park's The park also includes a small trail system and on Orcas Island (.6 mile from the parking area). 76-acre park contains the largest public beach intersection direct visitors toward the park. This Obstruction Pass State Park. Signs at each State Park toward Olga. It is about 4 miles to Follow the county road through Moran

Easy, 1.5 miles, 200 feet elevation loss/gain 15. OBSTRUCTION PASS STATE PARK

forests in Western Washington. winds through one of the largest Lodgepole Pine Cascade Range to the east. The Little Summit trail mile ot open riageline with excellent views ot the the tower. The last part of the trail goes along.5 Constitution directly, follow the signs 2.2 miles to to the southwest. To reach the summit of Mount as several snowy peaks of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier in the Cascade Range, as well are spectacular easterly views of Mount Baker off the trail and hike .1 mile to Little Summit. There wish to see the view from Little Summit, turn right Little Summit parking area on your right. If you Drive up Mount Constitution road 3 miles to the Difficult, 2.2 miles, 430 feet elevation gain/loss 14. LITTLE SUMMIT TRAIL

intersection to Cold Springs. down 1.3 miles turning right at the trail From the summit, hike the ridgeline miles to the Mount Constitution summit. Loop trail. Turn right and ascend 1.5 the junction with the Mount Constitutior Douglas-fir, red cedar and hemlock to Continue through dense mixed stands of lines and further on, across an old road. Boundary trail. Cross under the power forest to the intersection with the West I mile through the dense Lodgepole Pine with the North Boundary trail. Turn right. Hike and the Cold Springs well to the intersection on the Cold Springs trail, passing the shelter Cold Springs parking area on the left. Hike .5 mile Drive up Mount Constitution Road 3.5 miles to the Challenging, 5 miles, 1,200 feet elevation gain 13. NORTH BOUNDARY LOOP

lake to complete the loop. footbridge below the dam and hike .5 mile along the follow the road to Mountain Lake Dam. Cross the trails on your left to an intersection. Iurn right and Continue downhill on the road 2 miles passing four ascend 900 feet (1.5 miles) to the Mt. Pickett summit. From Little Twin Lake take the Mt. Pickett trail and lead you around Big (δ) and Little (H) Twin Lakes. then opens onto Big Twin Lake. Optional loop trails follow the creek uphill for 8. mile. The trail levels off footbridge. Turn left at the Twin lakes trail sign and trail 1.2 miles until it crosses over the creek on a road to the boat launch. Take the Mountain Lake Mountain Lake turnoff and parking area. Walk the Drive up Mount Constitution Road 1 mile to the

Easy to difficult, 7 miles, 900 feet elevation gain 12. MOUNT PICKETT LOOP

Lake picnic shelter (1.2 miles) completing the loop. hikers-only trail on the right to reach the Mountain then turn right toward Mountain Lake. Take the Lakes trailhead. Descend 1.5 miles to Iwin Lakes, continue the loop, cross the parking lot to the Twin Climb the tower stairs for a spectacular view. To turn right and tollow the signs 2 miles to the tower. reach the summit of Mount Constitution directly, from Little Summit, turn left and hike .3 mile. To the Little Summit trail. If you wish to see the view fir. After 1.2 miles, you will reach the junction with trail passes through Western hemlock and Douglascrank telephones were used. Heavily forested, the began as a pathway for phone lines during the time at Mountain Lake. Hike a short but steep trail that This hike starts to the left of the picnic shelter

Difficult, 6.7 miles, 1,490 feet elevation gain and loss 11. MOUNT CONSTITUTION LOOP

kingfishers, bald eagles and osprey. ridge of Mount Constitution. Irout in this lake attract As you hike around the lake, view the broad summit the road back to the parking area and log cabin. footbridge and continue to the boat launch. Walk with the Twin Lakes trail. Turn left and cross the your left to continue around the lake to the junction below the dam and turn left. Take the next trail to to the south end of the lake and cross the bridge frailhead across from the log cabin. Follow the trail Mountain Lake turnoff and parking area. Start at the Drive up Mount Constitution Road 1 mile to the Easy, 3.9 miles with slight elevation gain and loss

10. MOUNTAIN LAKE LOOP

Cascade Creek Irail to the service road). Dam. (An alternate return route is down the forks. Take the left fork .2 mile to Mountain Lake intersecting the road. After 1.6 miles, the road beginning bikers. You will notice numerous trails road is closed to vehicles but is good for Follow the service road behind the gate. This Falls trailhead parking on the right.

Road .4 mile to the Cascade Drive up Mount Constitution feet elevation gain Challenging, 1.8 miles, 420 MOUNTAIN LAKE DAM

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sbujud aug eauft snumer are most spectacular in gentle descent. The falls viewpoint and is a more to the Cascade Falls right trail takes you to Cascade Falls. The turn right and continue where you can then goes down to Rustic Falls and more rugged left trail into two trails. The steeper the right. The trailhead divides parking area and trailhead on about .4 mile to the Cascade Falls Drive up Mount Constitution Road

Easy, .25 mile, 130 feet elevation loss 8. CASCADE FALLS TRAIL

return to the service road. Southeast Boundary trails, all trails on your right descend to the Southeast Boundary trails. From the .All trails to the right of the service road To reach the summit of Mt. Pickett, continue another

point, the road is closed to bicycles May 15-Sept. 15. confinues 2.3 miles to a gate and kiosk. Beyond this with the Mount Pickett service road. The service road Follow the South Boundary trail until it intersects trailhead on Olga Road, just outside the south arch. Access the Southeast Boundary trail from the monutain bikes year round Easy to challenging, 4-8 miles, most trails open to

Z SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY LOOP

Cascade Lake and its surrounding scenery. breathtaking view from Sunrise Rock includes climb the short but steep Sunrise Rock trail. The Cascade Falls. Turn right at the next junction to and at the first intersection follow the sign left to Just past the campground restrooms. Start uphill parking. Walk the paved road and find the trailhead and park on the right across from the horse trailer Follow the signs to the South End Campground Challenging, 7. miles, 300 feet elevation gain

6. SUNRISE ROCK

aug barkıud area. about .5 miles to the Mountain Lake Cabin below the dam. Follow the shoreline for left over the stream on the bridge reach Mountain Lake Dam. Cross the trail upstream until you on a log foot bridge. Follow crosses left over Hidden Falls next hill. The creek trail the road to the top of the Pickett, turn right following service road to Mount When the trail joins the t continues upstream. several smaller falls as A hiker-only trail passes impressive at times of high up to Cascade Falls, most

From here it is a short hike concrete bridge and arch. the county road just before the make a jog to the right and cross of the park. At the paved county road, growth -forest along the south boundary to Cascade Falls. This trail passes through oldand at the first intersection, follow the sign left lnst past the campground restrooms. Start uphill parking. Walk the paved road and find the trailhead and park on the right across from the horse trailer Follow signs toward the South End Campground

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cambing tee, while an additional tee is charged at each site. The first vehicle is included in the campsite. A maximum of two vehicles are allowed Fight people are permitted to stay at each The park is a game refuge. Hunting is not permitted.

available at each site. Fires are permitted in fire pits, which are Camping is allowed only in authorized areas.

feet and under control at all times. Pets must be on a leash no longer than eight Sept. 16 through May 14.

available on a first-come, first-served basis from or visit www.parks.wa.gov. Campsites are Sept. 15. Call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688, Reservations are advised between May 15 and

from Oct. 1 to March 31, 8 am to dusk. From April 1 to Sept. 30, 6:30 am to dusk; and • PARK HOURS: The park is open year round.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Juan Islands Visitor Information Bureau at (888) at www.orcasislandchamber.com; or call the San Commerce at (360) 376-2273 or visit their website information, call the Orcas Island Chamber of many fairs and celebrations each year. For more are other possible activities. Island residents stage tours, whale watching, golf and horseback riding take a scenic flight in a small plane. Sea kayak boat, bicycle the rolling hills, go scuba diving or to explore villages and lush scenery. Charter a eagles. Travelers may take ferries to four islands home to a large year-round population of bald harbor seals and puffin. The islands also are

or porpoises, sea lions, spot a pod of Orca whales September, you can try to and from May through scenery from the ferry, cau take in gorgeous tor fun things to do. You Juans are never lacking Visitors to the San Sucia and Turn islands. Patos, Posey, Stuart,

James, Jones, Matia, Burroughs, Clark, Doe, boat, are on Blind, by private or chartered barks, accessible only for camping. These marine parks available small islands have state shore. Several other mon's gridotaw eladw and best known for use on San Juan Island

Point, open for day camping is available; and Lime Kiln on the island; Spencer Spit on Lopez Island, where campsites and the largest public saltwater beach state parks: Obstruction Pass on Orcas, which has islands. The San Juans are home to three other Juans, which include Lopez, Shaw and San Juan

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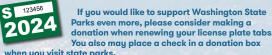
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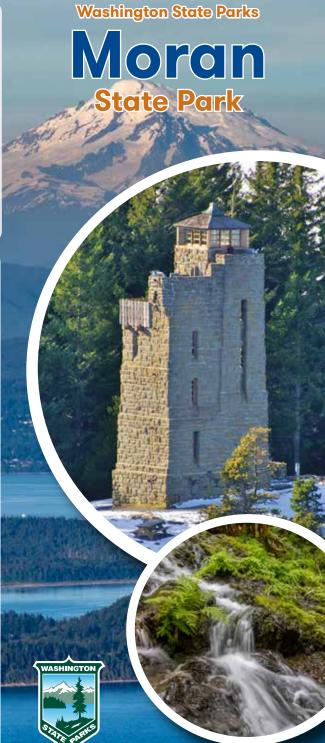


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Welcome to Moran State Park

Float, drive and hike to find treasure at one of the most beautiful spots in the Pacific Northwest - Moran State Park on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands.

The treasure hunt starts with a scenic ferry

ride from Anacortes, north of Seattle. Go ashore at Orcas Island and travel along the main road (starts out as Orcas Road) for 13 miles while enjoying the lush forests, lovely hills and farmlands as you head to Moran State Park. Once settled in at your campsite, you can explore the quaint

hamlets of Deer Harbor, Olga, Orcas and Westsound, visit the island's commercial center, Eastsound Village, or go right to enjoying the many activities offered at Moran State Park. Here, in the

5,424-acre park, hikers may enjoy more than 30 miles of trails, from gentle forest loops to challenging ascents. The park has an abundance of wildlife, mountain and water views and activities, including

camping, picnicking, bicycling, hiking, fishing and boating. For those who like a challenging hike, there are two mountains to scale, including Mount Constitution, which has a 2,409-foot summit – the highest point in the San Juans. At the summit stands a stone tower reminiscent of a castle. Climb the tower, and the treasure is yours. You'll find a stunning view that includes the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges. In the distance lay Mount Baker and Mount Rainier, while spread below on the water are the green, forested San Juan islands, Canadian Gulf islands and Vancouver Island.

THE MORAN LEGACY

Moran State Park sits on Orcas Island, the largest of the San Juan Archipelago. Orcas

Island is within the accustomed territory of the Central Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi, Samish and Swinomish tribes.

The establishment of Moran State Park, the first "major" Washington state park, was largely owed to prominent shipbuilder and two-term Seattle Mayor, Robert Moran. In 1905, Moran began quietly buying up land on Orcas Island for his retirement. Though

he proposed a state park as

early as 1910, the idea took years to take root. In 1921, Moran donated more than 2,700 acres to the state for development of a park; he later donated more than 1,000 additional acres for the park's expansion. The next significant era in Moran State Park's history occurred with the advent of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)during the Great Depression. A CCC camp opened at Moran in June 1933. Though most of the park's

hallmark CCC-era buildings were constructed between 1933 and 1938, Moran was one of 25 camps nationwide to be active for the CCC's full lifespan, until 1941. Moran stands as an important example of a CCC park, including its signature 53-foot stone tower at the summit of Mount Constitution, designed by famed Seattle architect Ellsworth Storey, and completed in 1936.

FLORA AND FAUNA

Wildlife and plants are varied and abundant on Orcas Island. Blacktail deer, river otters, mink and raccoons are common in the park. Bald eagles, kingfishers and great blue herons can be seen year round. In the winter, trumpeter swans and a variety of ducks are found on Cascade Lake. Several types of lilies, asters, stonecrop and grasses are found in

the exposed balds(fields) on the south flank of Mount Constitution. The summit is forested by hardy stands of lodgepole pine; Western redcedar, Western hemlock and Douglas-fir dominate the forest at lower elevations. See our special handout titled "Common Trees at Moran State Park" for more detailed information.

A PRECIOUS PRESERVE

The Mount Pickett Natural Area Preserve in the eastern section of the park is the central portion of the largest contiguous tract of naturally propagated, unlogged forest remaining in the Puget Sound Trough; access is open only to organized educational or scientific research programs. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the state Department of Natural Resources' Natural Heritage Council have designated such areas to preserve rare or vanishing

flora and fauna as well as geological, natural, historical or similar features of scientific or educationa value. Park trails run along the perimeter of the Mount Pickett Natural Area Preserve, but entry to the area is allowed only by permission of the park manager. No off-trail activities are

DAY-USE

AREAS The day-use areas

permitted.

include picnic areas, five kitchen shelters, two watercraft launches, boat rentals and a swimming beach. The picnic shelter along the shores of Cascade Lake may be reserved by calling (888) CAMPOUT. Moran State Park is a popular and affordable place to hold a family gathering or wedding reception.

Cascade and Mountain lakes are stocked with trout by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The park also rears thousands of Kokanee fry each

year that are released into Cascade Lake. Fishing rules are posted at boat launches.

Boats are permitted on the lakes with electric trolling motors, but internal combustion engines are not allowed.

A concession store has a variety of items for sale, including local ice cream, espresso and sandwiches. Boats, kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddle boards also are available for rent. For information, call

Dau-use areas, including the park's 38 miles of trail, are open until 30 minutes after sunset.

OVERNIGHT STAYS

• CAMPING: The park has 124 standard campsites, six primitive (hiker and bicyclist) campsites. Four of the park's eight restrooms have coin-operated hot showers.

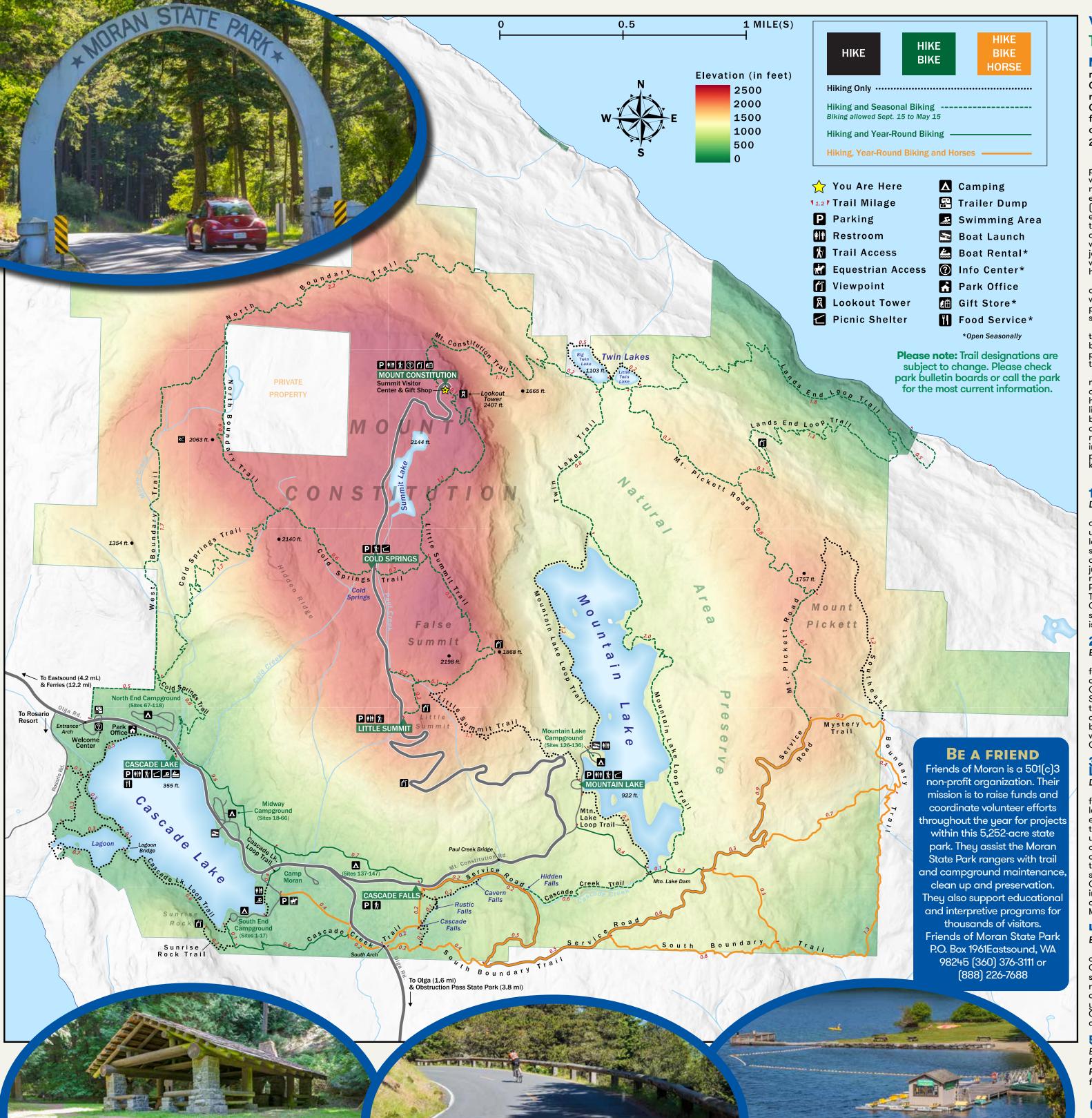
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RETREAT CENTER: Camp Moran Retreat

Center (RC) provides group accommodations in a rustic setting and is available for rent year round. The camp sleeps 144 guests in heated cabins with showers, near a propaneheated rustic lodge that's complete with a wood-burning

stove and a fully equipped, commercialsize kitchen. The lodge also is available as a dayuse rental. The camp offers an outdoor amphitheater with a fire

circle, a volleyball and basketball area and is adjacent to the Cascade Lake day-use beach at Southend. For information or to reserve Camp Moran, call (800) 360-4240 or the Washington Telecommunications Relay Service at (800) 833-



WILDERNESS ADVENTURES: TRAILS OF MORAN STATE PARK

MORAN STATE PARK has more than 38 miles of foot trails, most built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. They range from a fairly level 2.7-mile walk around Cascade Lake to the more demanding climb from Cascade Lake, at 351 feet, to the summit of Mount Constitution, at 2,409 feet – a gain of 2,058 feet in 4.3 miles.

Following are brief descriptions of some of the park's more popular trails. Trail mileages are oneway unless the trail is designated as a loop. Trail ratings for hikers and bicyclists are as follows: easy (flat terrain, gentle hills); challenging (moderate to strenuous); and difficult (dramatic elevation gains). The ratings are based on overall trail conditions, and some sections may be more difficult than others. Hikers may enjoy all trails with a minimum of equipment: sturdy shoes, a jacket for that unexpected shower, snacks and water. Caution: Creek and lake water may contain harmful bacteria.

Hikers, note: Hikers are advised to carry plenty of drinking water because there is no potable water at most trailheads. Water is available at the park office year round and in campgrounds during

Bikers, note: Bicycle use is restricted on some park trails. Please see the map in this brochure and park bulletin boards to learn where and when bikes are permitted. Bikers may not push or carry bicycles on trails listed as closed to bicycles.

Equestrians, note: Horseback riding is restricted on most park trails. Please see the map in this brochure and park bulletin boards to learn where and when horses are permitted. Parking for horse trailers is limited to an area near the Southend beach (the beach is now open to the public). Owners must clean up after their horses in parking areas, on roads and at trailheads. Please check for current information at the park office. Horses are not permitted in any camping or day-use areas. Please keep them out of lakes and streams.

1. WEST BOUNDARY LOOP

Difficult, 5.6 miles, 1,620 feet elevation gain

The trail begins to the left of the picnic shelter across from the road from the Cascade Lake dayuse area. After .5 mile at a sharp switchback go left on the West Boundary Trail. Climb up the short, steep trail to a service road and go right. This road climbs steeply under power lines for 1.7 miles to the junction with the North Boundary Loop trail. Turn right and hike 1 mile through the dense Lodgepole Pine forest to the junction with the Cold Springs Trail. Turn right and descend 2.4 miles back to Cascade Lake. Hikers should use caution on the steep uphill West Boundary portion of the trail as it is heavily used by downhill, free-ride bicyclists.

2. CASCADE LAKE LOOP

Easy, 2.7 miles, slight elevation gain and loss
Start at the Cascade Lake day-use area, and
follow the trail counterclockwise. After about .75 mile
cross over the bridge that spans Cascade Lagoon.
Continue left along the lake another .75 mile to the
South End Campground. Follow the road through
the campground and pick up the trail again near
campsite #1. Cross the road above the Camp Moran
beach following the Cascade Lake Loop sign. You
will cross Olga Road, go uphill, and turn left at the
Cascade Lake sign to reach the day-use area.

3. COLD SPRINGS TRAIL (CASCADE LAKE TO MOUNT CONSTITUTION) Difficult, 4.3 miles, 2,058 feet elevation gain

Difficult, 4.3 miles, 2,058 feet elevation gain
Start at Cascade Lake, across the county road
from the day-use area. Take the trailhead to the
left of the picnic shelter, passing by an interpretive
exhibit that describes the powerful windstorm
that hit the park in 1972. The trail switches back
up steep slopes toward Cold Springs. At the top
of the switchbacks (approximately 2.3 miles) you
come to the junction with the North Boundary Loop
trail; continue straight ahead to the Cold Springs
shelter. From the Cold Springs shelter, cross Mount
Constitution Road and follow the trail .3 mile to the
intersection with the Little Summit Trail. Turn left and
continue 1 mile to the stone tower at the summit of
Mount Constitution.

4. CASCADE LAKE TO CASCADE FALLS

Easy, 1.5 miles, 200 feet elevation gain

The trailhead starts to the right of the restrooms across the road from the swim beach at the Cascade Lake day-use area. Follow the trail to the service road above Midway campground and turn right on the road. Take the next trail to the left and continue on, passing the primitive camp area on your right (restrooms available here). Cross Mount Constitution Road to the Cascade Falls parking area and follow the signs downhill to the falls.

5. CASCADE CREEK TRAIL

Easy to challenging, Cascade Lake to Cascade Falls 1.1 miles, 150 feet elevation gain; Cascade Falls to Mountain Lake picnic shelter, 1.9 miles, 420 feet elevation gain

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