

Mount Rainier National Park Trip Assistant

How Much Time?

With more than 250 miles of trails, I don't think any hiker would complain about a few weeks of good weather spent here. If you're in a rush, Paradise and Sunrise are the two areas to highlight. If you can, hike Skyline Loop. It's one of the best trails in the country. Need something shorter,

head over to Pinnacle Peak. At Sunrise, you want to beeline to all the Burroughs. Similarly, if you're looking for something shorter, Fremont Overlook is pretty good. Shorter yet, hustle up Sunrise Nature Trail to catch some alpenglow on Mount Rainier. With more time, then you start thinking about Tolmie Peak and other excellent trails.

Need to Know

- A **Timed-Entry Permit** is required to enter the Paradise Corridor and Sunrise during periods of peak visitation.
- July and August are incredibly busy, but the park stays open year-round. In winter, you can only get to Paradise.
- Being close to Seattle, this is a good park to plan a weekend trip. With that said, on a nice day the mountain serves as a beacon to outdoorsman from miles away.
- Wildflower blooms typically begin in the low elevations around mid-July.

Maps

Mount Rainier National Park Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)
Carbon River: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)
Region: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

[Google Map w/ Trails and Attractions](#)

All 63 National Parks Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)
Western National Park Service Units Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Highlights

Paradise
Sunrise
Stevens Canyon Road
Inspiration Point
Ricksecker Point
Box Canyon
Carbon River



Favorite Trails

Moderate

[Tolmie Peak](#)

[Spray Park](#)

[Silver Falls](#)

[Sourdough Ridge](#)

[High Lakes Loop](#)

Strenuous

Skyline

[Burroughs Mountain](#)

[Pinnacle Peak](#)

[Comet Falls](#)

[Shriner Peak](#)

[Gobbler's Knob](#)

[Glacier Basin](#)

Activities

Hiking

Backpacking

Mountaineering

Biking

See this [Google Map](#) for pins to favorite trails and attractions.

Highlights

[Sawtooth NF](#) (ID)

[Palouse Falls SP](#) (WA)

[Walupt Creek Falls](#) (WA)

[\(Gifford Pinchot NF\)](#)

[Lake Ann](#), [Picture Lake](#),

[Artist Point](#), [Ptarmigan](#)

[Ridge](#) (WA)

[\(Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF\)](#)

[Mount St. Helens](#) (WA)

[Falls Creek Falls](#) (WA)

[Columbia River Gorge](#) (OR)

[Mount Hood](#) (OR)

Mount Hood, Columbia River Gorge, Mount St. Helens, and Mount Baker are phenomenal. Spend a few days exploring them too.

Road Trip

Here's a [Google Map](#) to help plan road trips from the east (Yellowstone), north (North Cascades), west (Olympic), and south (Crater Lake). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

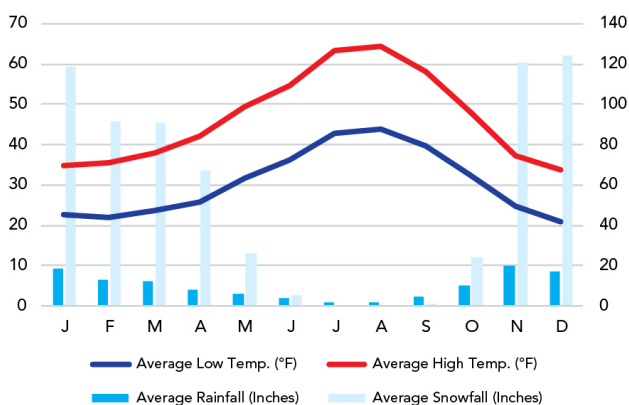
There's much more to our country. Here's another [Google Map](#) with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a [Google Map](#) with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

When To Go

Weather

Paradise: 5,414 ft Elevation



Visitation

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