

# 12 day Washington Road Trip

Mount Rainier – Leavenworth – Lake Chelan – North Cascades – Olympic

## Day 1 - Arrive in Seattle

- Evening arrival at SEA
- Pick up rental car
- Drive to Seattle hotel / park / check-in
- Food nearby
  - Regatta Bar & Grill (at hotel)
  - Trace (W hotel)
  - Olympic Bar (Fairmont hotel)
- Overnight - Crowne Plaza Seattle

## Day 2 - Mount Rainier

- **8am** Morning in Seattle
- Walk to coffee/breakfast
  - Victrola Coffee (3rd & Pine)
  - Bacco cafe (Stewart & 1st)
  - First Starbucks (1912 Pike Pl)
  - Biscuit bitch (1st ave)
  - Pike Place Fish Market (fish throwing place)
- **10am** Drive to Mt Rainier NP (3hr drive)
  - Grab food/snacks, water
    - Plaza Market (Eatonville)
    - Suver's General Store (Ashford)
- **1pm** Christine & Comet Falls (1.5 hr hike)
  - Paradise Rd / Paradise Valley Rd
  - Comet Falls Trailhead (1.6 mi) - 3.2 out and back
- **3pm** Narada Falls (Paradise Valley Rd)
  - *Visible from road/short walk*
- **3:30pm** Ruby Falls (Stevens Canyon Rd)
  - *Visible from road/short walk*
- **4pm** Bench & Snow Lake Trail
  - Stevens Canyon Rd
  - 2mi out&back (30-40 min)
    - Bench Lake (1st)

- Snow Lake (2nd)
- **5pm** Check in Paradise Inn (20 min drive)
  - Quick bite (Tatoosh Cafe / grab & go)
- **7-7:30pm** Pinnacle Peak Trail (10 min drive)
  - 2.4 out & back
  - Sunset hike (1 hr out / 40 min back)
- **9pm** Reflection Lakes area (across the street from Pinnacle Peak Trail)
- Overnight - Mt. Rainier (Paradise Inn)

### **Day 3 - Mount Rainier**

- Breakfast / coffee
- **7am** Skyline trail to Golden Gate trail (4 mi loop)
  - Paradise Inn (walk out to Skyline Trail)
  - Panorama point at 2 miles (1.5hr)
  - Myrtle Falls (via Golden Gate trail)
    - 2 miles (1.5hr)
- **11am** Drive to Sunrise area (1.5 hr drive)
  - **12:30pm** Sunrise point lookout
    - Drive up / look out
  - Sunrise visitor center (*seasonal, check hours*)
- **1pm** Mt. Fremont Fire Lookout Trail (10 min drive)
  - 6mi out & back (2.5 hr)
- **7pm** Dinner
  - Paradise Inn Dining (*make reservations day before*)
- Overnight Mt. Rainier (Paradise Inn)

### **Day 4 - Leavenworth / Glamping**

- **7am** checkout / 4 hr drive to Leavenworth town
- **8am** Grove of the Patriarchs Trail
  - 1.2 out & back (easy), 45min
  - *\*check trail conditions, may be closed until 2027*
- **12pm** Explore Leavenworth town
  - Icicle Brewing Co.
  - Cheesemonger's Shop
  - Cured
  - Sausage Garten
  - Whistlepunk Ice Cream Co.
- **3pm** Safeway Grocery

- Grab lunch / snacks for Tues' hike
- Food / drinks for dinner (grill)
- S'mores stuff (small packs)
- **4pm** Drive to site (30 min from town) / Check in
- **5pm** Hike/explore property
- Camping/overnight/sunset/stars
  - Dinner (grill)
- Overnight - White Aspen Luxury Camping
  - *Sadly their property was destroyed in a fire, leaving here in case they reopen*
  - Alternative options to look in to:
    - <https://www.leavenworthrentalcabins.com/>
    - <http://www.washingtonglamping.com/welcome#book>

## **Day 5 - Enchantments hike**

- Wake up early / breakfast 7am / checkout
- **8am** Drive to Enchantments hiking area (1hr)
- **9am** Colchuck Lake hike
  - 2.5-3 hour hike to Colchuck Lake
    - 1-2 hr hang out at Colchuck Lake
  - 2 hour hike back (9mi total)
- **5pm** 1.5 hr drive to Lake Chelan
  - Check in to hotel / change
- **7pm** Dinner
  - Campbell's Resort (Pub & Veranda)
  - The Landing
- Overnight Lake Chelan (Midtowner Motel)

## **Day 6 - Lake Chelan - North Cascades**

- **9am** Checkout, grab breakfast
  - Coffee - Kave Roaster & Bakery
  - Blueberry Hills Farm\* (get there early & order the blueberry juice!)
- **11-1** Explore Lake Chelan area (wineries & cideries):
  - Rootwood Cider Taproom\*
  - Succession Wines\*
  - Siren Song Wines Vineyard
  - Cairdeas Winery
  - Tsillan Cellars
  - Lake Chelan Winery

- **3pm** Winthrop (1.5 hr drive)
  - Lunch – old west town - bakeries, restaurants, breweries
  - Grab snacks / drinks
- **8pm** Diablo Lake Vista Point for sunset
  - Bathrooms / parking lot
  - Path between bathrooms and parking lot (climb rocks and go down the path)
- Check in hotel (35 min drive)
- Upriver Grill & Taproom
  - Casual food & local ciders across the street
- Overnight - North Cascades Inn (formerly Buffalo Run Inn)

### **Day 7 - North Cascades**

- Prospectors Country Coffee (*next door*)
- Pack snacks and food to take in the car / while hiking
- **9am** Maple Pass Trail (loop)\*
  - 6.6 mi loop (4hr)
- **5pm** Washington Pass Overlook (.5mi paved loop)
- **Dinner** options near hotel
  - Annie's Pizza Station
  - Upriver Grill & Taproom
  - Mondo Restaurant
- Overnight - Buffalo Run Inn

### **Day 8 - North Cascades**

- **Relaxed/flexible day in North Cascades**
  - *possible to skip and head to Olympic*
- Options
  - Ross Dam area\*
  - Blue Lake Trailhead\*
  - Thunder Knob Trail (near Vista Point) (*this was ok - nice views but same lake as Diablo Lake so no FOMO*)
- Other activities
  - River float near Winthrop
- Overnight - Buffalo Run Inn

### **Day 9 - Olympic NP**

- **7am** Checkout / drive to Olympic NP
- **7:30am** Drive to Island Adventures (Anacortes) (1.5 hour drive)

- 715 Seafarer's Way Anacortes, WA 98221
- **10am-3pm** whale watching tour
  - 4-5 hour tour length
  - Lunch, shop, explore town/area?
- Coupeville to Port Townsend Ferry
  - 1 hour drive to Coupeville Ferry
  - 35 min crossing + 1 hour drive to Port Angeles
  - Make reservations / you take your car on this
- **7:45 pm** arrive in Port Angeles / dinner nearby
- Check in / Overnight - Red Lion Inn

## Day 10 - Olympic NP

- **8am** - checkout
- Hurricane Ridge (45min drive)
  - **9am** Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center
    - Maps, snacks, tide tables
  - **10am** Hurricane Hill Trail
    - 3.4 mile out and back (1-2hr)
    - Trailhead directly outside the visitor center
- **12pm** Drive to Lake Crescent area (1hr drive)
  - Stop in Port Angeles for grocery/food (?)
- **1pm** Lunch
  - Lake Crescent Lodge
- **3pm** Marymere Falls Trail (easy - 1.7 mi / 1hr)
- **4pm** Sol Duc Falls area (45min drive)
  - Sol Duc Fall hike (1hr)
- **6:30pm** Drive to La Push area sunset (1 hr drive) - Sunset 9pm
  - *Grab food/drinks for beach sunset*
  - *Allow time to hike to beach area\**
  - **Second beach** (30 min hike from parking to beach)
- **9:30pm** - Check in / Overnight Forks (20 min drive)

## Day 11 - Olympic NP

- Checkout
- **9am** Drive to Hoh Rainforest (45min)
  - Visitor Center
  - Hall of Moses loop (1 mi / 30min)
    - + Spruce Nature Trail loop (1.4 mi / 45min)

- **2pm** Drive to Quinault Lake area (1hr)
  - 15 min drive along the coast - Kalaloch Beach (Lodge for food)
    - Quinault Loop trail to Quinault Rain Forest Trail (1m-1.5mi / 45min)
    - World's Largest Sitka Spruce (.25 mi / 10min)
    - Kestner Homestead hike (1.3 mi loop / 30min)
      - + Maple Glade loop (.5 mile loop / 15min)
    - Merriman Falls (2min)
- **5pm** Drive to Tacoma (1hr)
  - Overnight Holiday Inn Tacoma Downtown

## **Day 12 - Depart**

- 7:45am arrive at SEA airport, return car
  - *30min drive from Tacoma*
- 9:50 am flight