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# RV Traveler's Roadmap to

# Mt. Rainer

Ascending to 14,410 feet above sea level, Mount Rainier stands as an icon in the Washington landscape. An active volcano, Mount Rainier is the most glaciated peak in the contiguous U.S.A., spawning six major rivers. Sub alpine wildflower meadows ring the icy volcano while ancient forest cloaks Mount Rainier's lower slopes. Wildlife abounds in the park's ecosystems. A lifetime of discovery awaits.

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### Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience

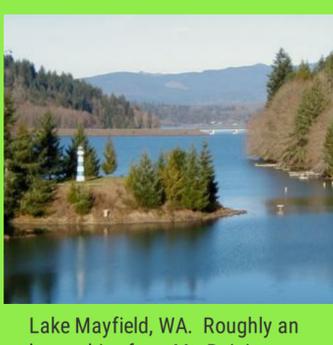


Mt. Rainier National Park

- Trip Length:** Roughly 220 miles
- Visitors Centers:** Longmire, Paradise, Ohanapecosh, Sunrise
- Best Time To Go:** Summer for wildflowers, early fall for foliage and less visitors. Parks roads are closed from November - April except Nisqually/Paradise
- Supply Location:**
  - 1** Longmire

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### Traveler's Notes

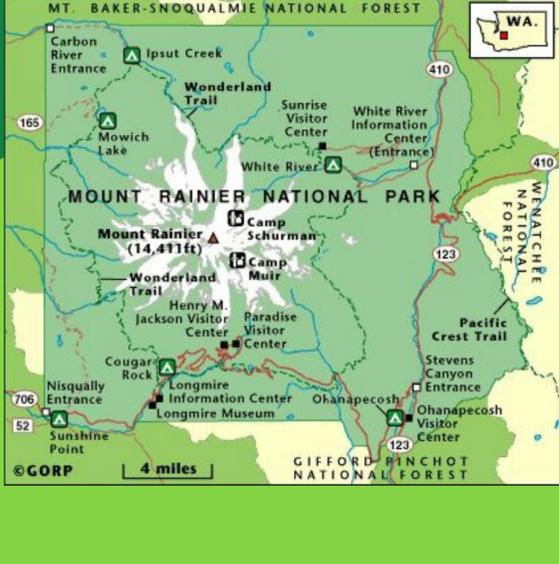


Lake Mayfield, WA. Roughly an hours drive from Mt. Rainier

- Year-round access to the park is via SR 706 to the Nisqually Entrance in the southwest corner of the park. The road from the entrance to Longmire remains open throughout winter except during extreme weather.
- The highly visible Columbian black-tailed deer, Douglas squirrels, noisy Stellar's jays and common ravens are animals that many people remember. The most diverse and abundant animals in the park, however, are the invertebrates - the insects, worms, crustaceans, spiders- to name a few - that occupy all environments to the top of Columbia Crest itself.
- Every summer thousands of hikers and backpackers travel to Mount Rainier National Park to make a trip along the Wonderland Trail, seeking the same scenic splendors and thrilling adventures that Superintendent Roger Toll described above. The 93 mile footpath encircling the mountain is one of the oldest and most popular recreational attractions within the park.

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### What To See Along the Way



- Mayfield Lake
- Elbe
- Nisqually Entrance
- Cougar Rock
- Narada Falls
- Paradise
- Stevens Canyon Road
- Ohanapecosh
- Sunrise
- Mather Memorial Parkway
- Crystal Mountain

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### Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Crystal Mountain, located near Mt. Rainier.

- Mayfield Lake:** The lake is located about three miles west of Mossyrock, and has a year-round open season. The big attraction is tiger musky fishing.
- Elbe:** Elbe is a small town located in the southern Cascades of Washington. The town's name is in honor of the pioneer settler, Henry C. Lutken, who came from the valley of Elbe in Germany.
- Nisqually Entrance:** Open year-round, this section of the Road to Paradise runs six miles between the Nisqually Entrance and the Longmire area.
- Cougar Rock:** Christine Falls is the final waterfall along Van Trump Creek, falling 69 feet in drops of 32 and 37 feet respectively. The falls constitute one of the signature views in Mount Rainier National Park, framed by the graceful Christine Falls Bridge.
- Narada Falls:** Narada Falls is a waterfall in Mount Rainier National Park, in the U.S. state of Washington. It is said to be the most popular, because the Mount Rainier Highway crosses the falls between its two tiers.
- Paradise:** Famous for its glorious views and wildflower meadows.
- Stevens Canyon Road:** A 19 mile descent from Paradise to the eastern entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park, including the first two miles on the one-way Paradise Valley Road.
- Ohanapecosh:** Located in the southeast corner of the park, Ohanapecosh, named for a Taidnapam (Upper Cowlitz) Indian habitation site along the river, is thought to mean "standing at the edge." Situated among Douglas firs, western red cedars, and western hemlocks.

# Ready, set, go!