



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Short Trails near Quilcene

Recommended Season
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



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The following “Short Hikes” are located on the northern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. These trails are less than 3 miles in length and they provide opportunities for short day hikes.

TRAIL CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles, mountain bicycles and horses are prohibited on the following trails except for Mt. Zion Trail #836. Treat all water before using. Pack-It-In & Pack-It-Out.

FALLS VIEW CANYON TRAIL #868

ACCESS: 3.5 miles south of Quilcene on US Highway 101 at Falls View Campground. Drive to the back of the left (south) campground loop. Small parking area.

LENGTH: 0.6 mile. **GRADE:** 10-20%. **ELEVATION:** 400’-200’.

FACILITIES: Campground, picnic area, parking and restrooms.

SETTING: Falls View Campground, forested river canyon trail. Second-growth forest with an understory of salal, ferns and rhododendrons (bloom mid-May to early June).

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, picnicking, camping and stream fishing.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

FALLS VIEW LOOP TRAIL #848

ACCESS: 3.5 miles south of Quilcene on US Highway 101 at Falls View Campground. Drive to the back of the left (south) campground loop. Small parking area.

LENGTH: 0.1 mile. **GRADE:** level loop trail. **ELEVATION:** 400’.

FACILITIES: Campground, picnic area, parking and restrooms.

SETTING: Falls View Campground. Second-growth forest with understory of salal and rhododendrons (bloom mid-May to early June). View of waterfalls from overlook near picnic area.

OPPORTUNITIES: Very short walk to view of falls. Picnicking and camping.

NOTE: Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

Additional trails on other side

MT. WALKER TRAIL #894

ACCESS: 5 miles south of Quilcene on US Highway 101 to the Mt. Walker Road. Turn onto Mt. Walker Road and drive a short ¼ mile distance to the trailhead. Parking on left side and trailhead is on right side of Mt. Walker Road.

LENGTH: 2 miles. **GRADE:** Up to 25%. **ELEVATION:** 800' to 2,805'.

SETTING: Pleasant but steep hike through a second-growth forest to the summit of Mt. Walker. Pacific rhododendrons bloom mid-May to early June.

FACILITIES: Trailhead parking but no toilet or water available. At the summit (also accessible by vehicle) there are picnic tables and restrooms. Water is not available so carry extra water.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking and viewing scenery. Spectacular views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountain Ranges, Puget Sound and Mt. Rainier from the summit.

NOTE: Recreation Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

MT. ZION TRAIL #836

ACCESS: 13 miles northwest of Quilcene on FS Road #28. Parking on west side and trailhead is on east side of road.

LENGTH: 1.8 miles. **GRADE:** 15 – 20%. **ELEVATION:** 2950' to 4,273'.

SETTING: Conifer forest, wildflowers, former fire lookout site.

FACILITIES: Trailhead parking and vault toilet available. Water is not available so carry extra water.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking and viewing scenery. Panoramic views of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, the Cascades and Olympic Mountains from the summit.

NOTE: Recreation Pass is REQUIRED at trailhead.

NED HILL TRAIL #837

ACCESS: 2 miles west of Sequim, turn onto Taylor Cutoff Road and continue to Lost Mountain Road. Proceed to intersection of FS Road #2870 and turn left. Continue on FS #2870 to FS #2875 and turn right. Follow #2875 to FS Road #2878 and turn left.

LENGTH: 1.1 miles. **GRADE:** Steep. **ELEVATION:** 2,600' to 3,400'.

SETTING: Short hike through second-growth forest. Partial views of Blue Mountain, Mt. Baldy, Tyler Peak and Maynard Peak.

FACILITIES: Small parking area. No toilet or water. Carry water.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, viewing scenery and wildlife.

NOTE: Recreation Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

RAINBOW TRAIL #892

ACCESS: 5 miles south of Quilcene at Rainbow Campground. Trailhead is at the back of the campground loop.

LENGTH: 0.5 mile. **GRADE:** Up to 20%. **ELEVATION:** 600' to 440'.

SETTING: Forested trail descending down to the Big Quilcene River.

FACILITIES: Closed campground with locked gate. To access the trail, park across US Highway 101.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, fishing.

NOTE: Recreation Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

Contact the Hood Canal District, Quilcene Office at (360) 765-2200 for current road and trail conditions.