



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Recommended Season

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Mountain Biking

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Mountain bike opportunities on the Hood Canal Ranger District vary from steep challenging trails to narrow gravel roads. By combining trails and roads, the bicyclist can create loop trips that offer a variety of settings, including forests, streamsid es and panoramic vistas.

The following routes are recommended for mountain bicyclists. These routes are generally open spring, summer and fall. Use caution when traveling on Forest Service roads. The trails listed below are also open to hikers, stock and motorcycles with the exception of the Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail #873 which is closed to motorcycles.

LOWER BIG QUILCENE TRAIL #833

Location: Drive one mile south of Quilcene on U.S. Highway 101 to Penny Creek Road on the right. Follow Penny Creek Road to Forest Service Road #27 and continue 5 miles to the intersection with Forest Service Road #2700-080 on the left. To reach the upper access of this trail, follow Forest Service Road #27 another 7 miles to Forest Service Road #2750. Follow Road #2750 for 5 miles to the upper trailhead of the Lower Quilcene Trail.

Attractions: The entire 6.2 miles of trail passes through typical conifer forest

mixed with hardwoods along the Big Quilcene River. The trail-road loop trip can be made by traveling up the trail from Road #2700-080 to #2750 to #27 and back to Road #2700-080. Road #27 is paved and affords wonderful views of the Olympic Mountains. The total trail-road loop is about 18 miles in length.

LOWER DUNGENESS TRAIL #833.3

Location: Drive US Highway 101 to Palo Alto Road, 2 miles north of Sequim Bay State Park. Take Palo Alto Road, which becomes Forest Service Road #28 at the Forest boundary and proceed on Road #28 to a junction with FS Road #2880. Turn right onto #2880 and continue about 3 miles to a junction with FS Road #2870. Turn left onto #2870. Go 2 miles and turn left onto #230 road, go 1 mile and trailhead is on right.



Pacific rhododendrons are common along the Lower Dungeness Trail #833.3.

Attractions: The Lower Dungeness Trail is a 6-mile trail that passes through typical northwest forest and follows along the Dungeness River before it climbs over the lower portion of Three O’Clock Ridge before descending to the River again. Mossy rock outcrops and steep side slopes are found in the ridge area. To make a trail/road loop, travel up the trail to the Dungeness Trailhead and follow Road #2870 back to the Lower Dungeness Trailhead. Spectacular views of the Upper Dungeness can be seen from Road #2870. The trail/road loop covers about 18 miles.

LOWER SOUTH FORK SKOKOMISH TRAIL #873

Location: From US Highway 101, turn west onto the Skokomish Valley Road (6 miles north of Shelton and 7 miles south of Hoodspert). Drive west on the Skokomish Valley Road from the George Adams State Fish Hatchery for about 5 miles to FS Road #23. Turn right onto FS #23 and drive 9 miles to FS Road #2353. Turn right and drive FS #2353 approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to South Fork Skokomish River bridge. Drive across bridge and make a sharp turn to the left. Drive $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to trailhead on the left. LeBar Horse Camp entrance is on the right.



The Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail #873

Attractions: The South Fork Skokomish Trail meanders through ancient forest and parallels the South Fork Skokomish River. Points of interest include the old LeBar Claim, Church Creek Shelter and Harps Shelter. Olympic Elk (Roosevelt) can be observed throughout the river basin provide one is quiet and does not approach too closely.

GOLD CREEK TRAIL #830

Location: Drive US Highway 101 to the Palo Alto Road, 2 miles north of Sequim Bay State Park. Follow Palo Alto Road, which becomes FS Road #28 and continue to the intersection with FS Road #2880. Continue on Road #2880 for 3 miles. Turn left onto Road #2870. Go 2 miles and turn left onto #230 rd, go 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to trailhead at end of road.

Attractions: The Gold Creek Trail follows a closed section of the Road #2870 downhill to the Dungeness River bridge. A short distance beyond the bridge the trail leaves the old road corridor. Trail goes through conifer forest. The Gold Creek Trail ends at Road #2870. A 15.5-mile loop can be completed by riding 6.2 miles on the Gold Creek Trail, 3 miles on Road #2870 and then connecting to the 6.2-mile Lower Dungeness Trail at the upper end, returning back to the original starting point at Lower Dungeness Trailhead.

PASS REQUIRED: *A valid Recreation Pass is required for day use at Lower Big Quilcene Trail and Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail.*