



River Rambler Spring Hiking Series



Tacoma Hiking & Backpacking Committee

- Hiking/Welcome to Hiking
- Hiking Series in 2025
 - Winter Hiking/I-90 Alley
 - Spring Series: River Rambler
 - Summer Series: Lookouts and High Places
- Backpacking
- Trail 1st Aid or Emergency Preparedness
- Author Events
- Fun nights!
 - Game Night
 - Where in the World?!?
 - Try out our favorite dried foods!

Spring River Rambler March 30 – June 30

Course Leaders:
Marilyn Thompson
David Hyde

Hike Leaders/Instructors

- Dave Schultz
- Ryan Pearlman
- Shoshana Bass
- Rebecca Jacobsen
- Lesa Chase
- Cheri Solien
- Don Thompson
- Marc Lower
- Frank McCracken
- Diann Sheldon
- Lisa McPeak
- Carolyn Carbajal
- Vera Ellich
- Cindy Crooks
- Stacy Wikle
- Krys Beard
- David Goetz
- Lisa Hayek
- Beth Lowe
- Rick Little

34 Enthusiastic Students!

River Rambles

Why this Series?

- An option for Mountaineers who want to hike regularly
- Focus on a region or type of hike
- Accessibility from Puget Sound area
- Good lower elevation hikes for early season
- Have fun exploring some new trails!

Course and hikes in general

- Not a course for beginner hikers.
- Most hikes are at least 6 miles, and most have at least some elevation gain.
- Unlike CHS, there is no progression

LOOK AT EACH HIKE CLOSELY BEFORE SIGNING UP

- Look closely at the distance, elevation gain, and pace.
- Leaders are encouraged to provide good details in the hike descriptions.
- Some hikes are shorter, at a moderate pace; other hikes are longer distance and faster pace.
- If in doubt, communicate with the leader.

Ten Essentials

for all weather hiking

<https://www.mountaineers.org/blog/what-are-the-ten-essentials>

1. Navigation
2. Illumination
3. Sun Protection
4. First-aid Kit
5. Repair Kit and Tools
6. Fire
7. Shelter
8. Hydration
9. Nutrition
10. Extra clothes

Layers, layers, layers for clothing.

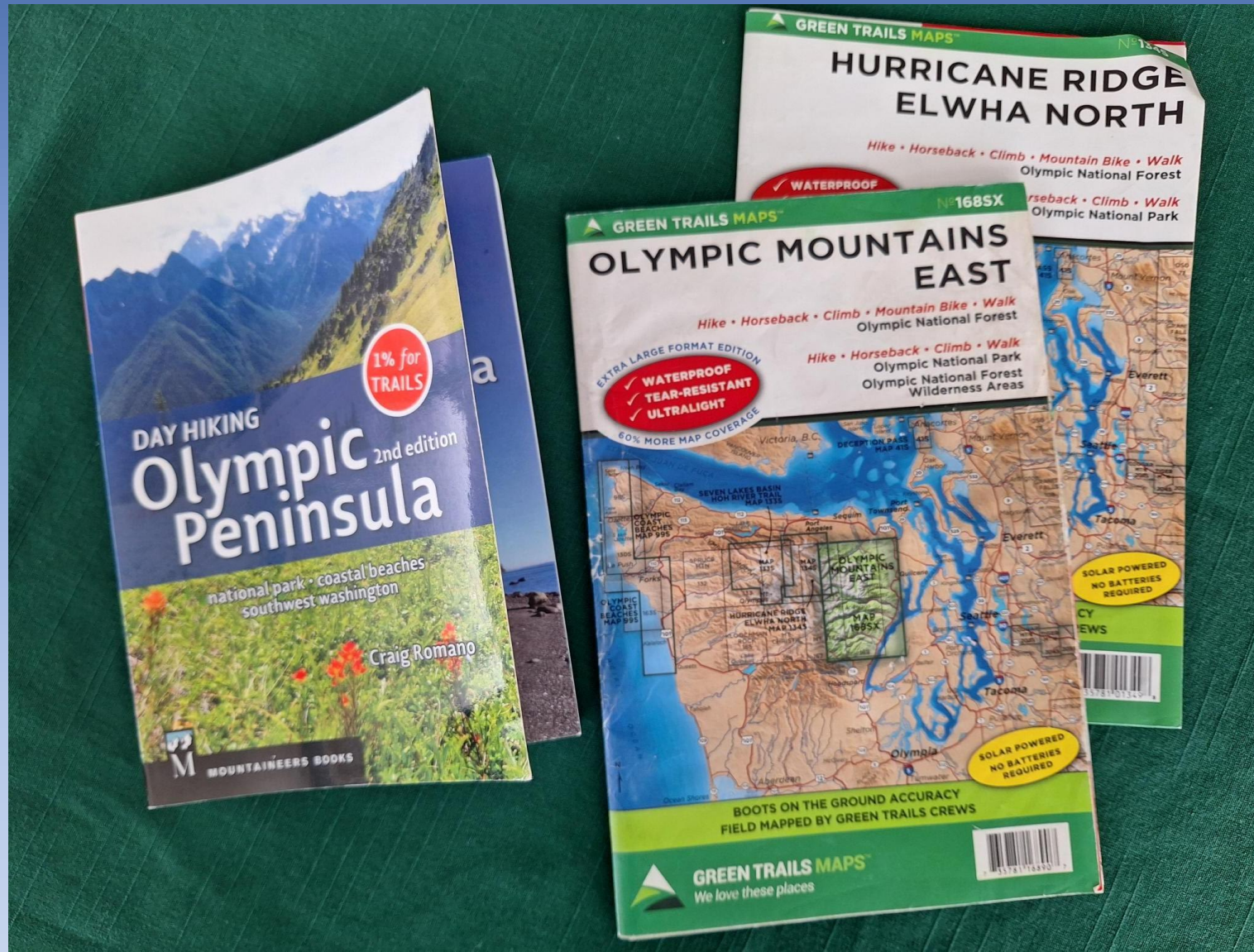
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Be prepared for rain!

Consider: Trekking Poles

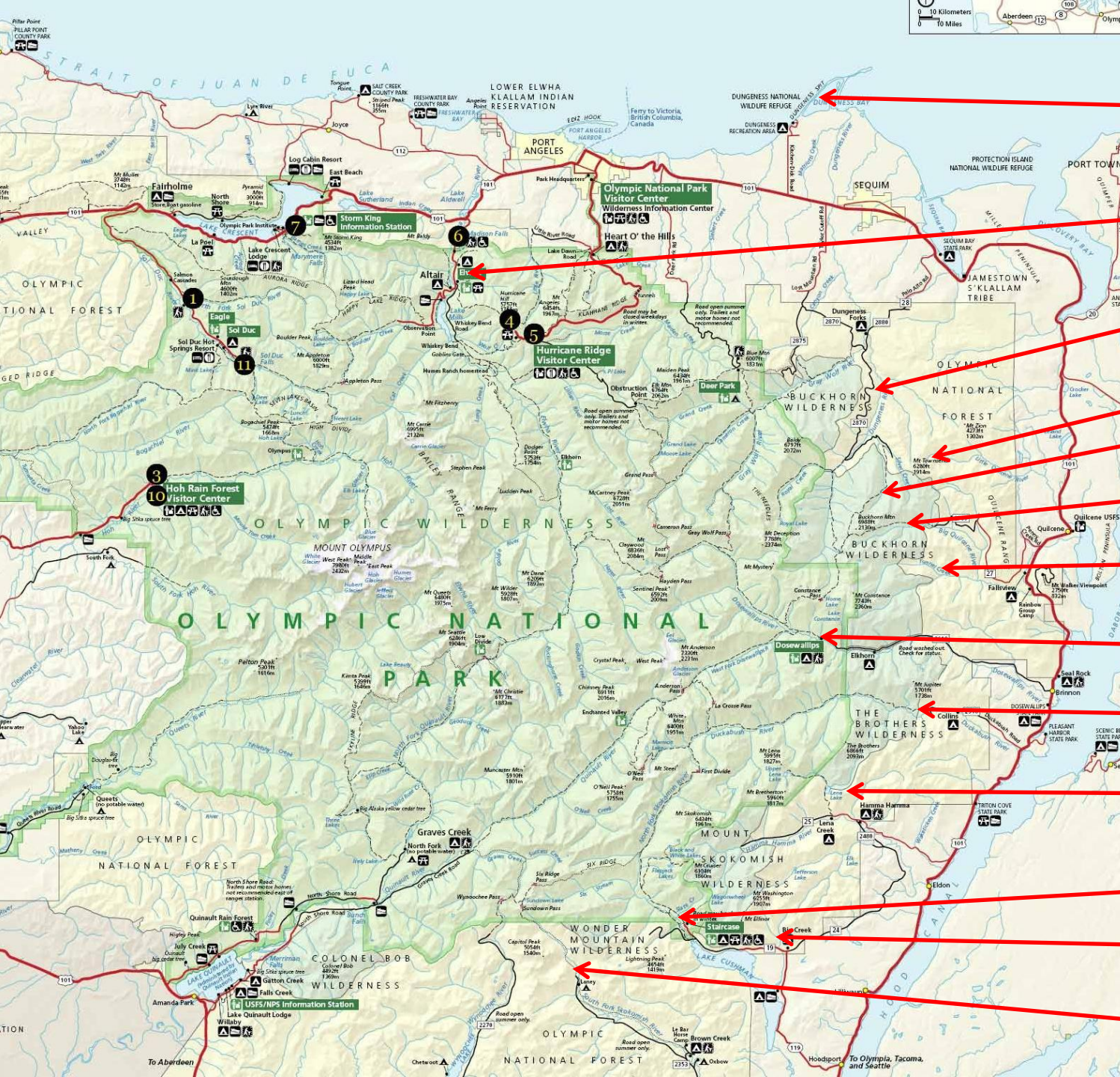


Recommended Guide Book and Maps









Dungeness Spit

Elwha - Glines Canyon

Upper Dungeness

Mount Townsend

Tubal Cain Mine

Lower Quilcene

Tunnel Creek

Dosewallips

Duckabush

Lena Lake

N. Fork Skokomish

Big Creek

S. Fork Skokomish





Ozette Triangle

Bogachiel River Trail

Elwha - Glines Canyon Spillway



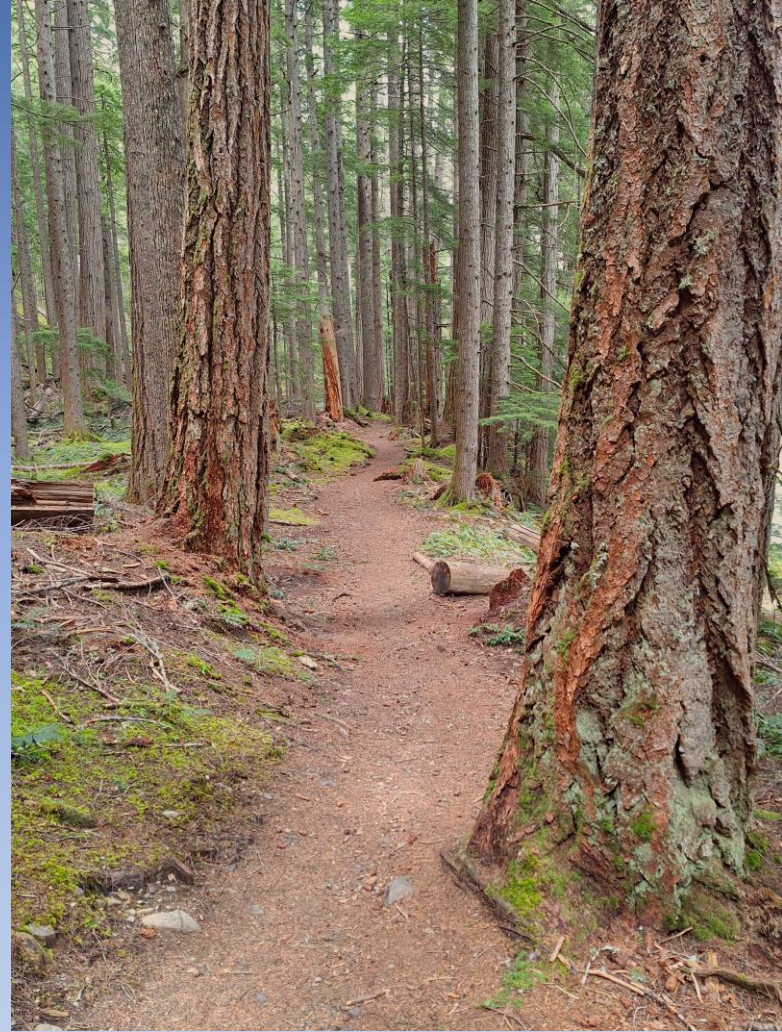
Elwha River



Elwha River



Upper Dungeness



Mount Townsend



Tubal Cain Mine



Tubal Cain Mine



Tubal Cain Mine/Copper Creek



Tubal Cain Mine/Buckhorn Ridge



Lower Big Quilcene River



Lower Big Quilcene River



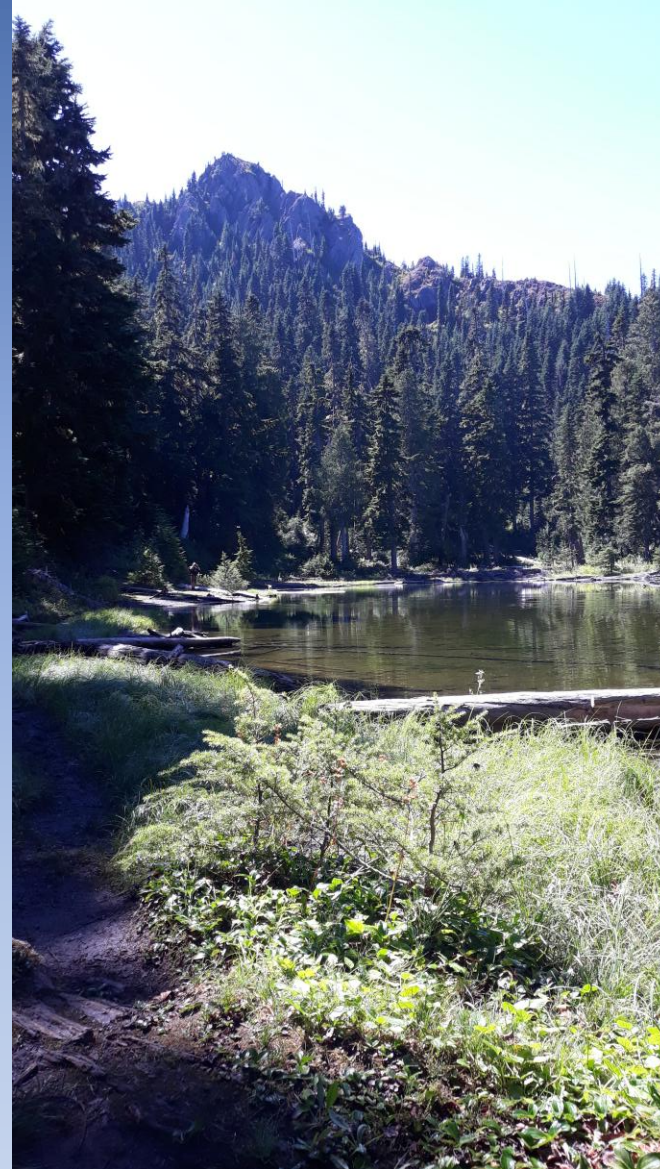
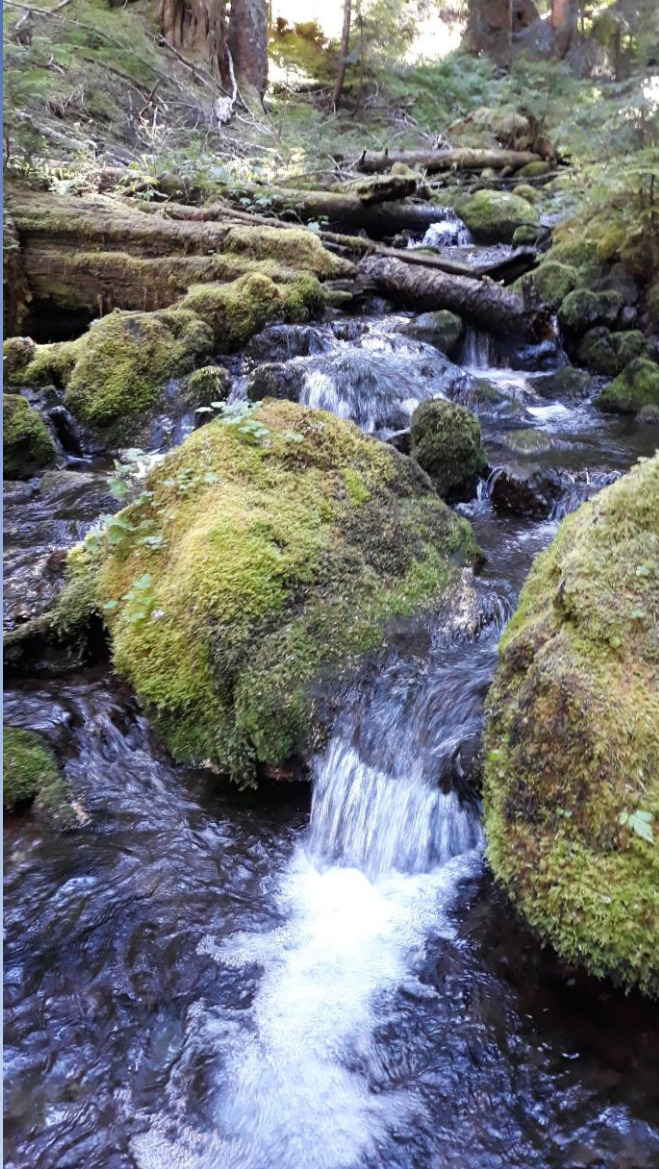
Quilcene River/Bark Shanty



Tunnel Creek



Tunnel Creek/Harrison Lake



Tunnel Creek/5050 Ridge



Tunnel Creek/5050 Ridge



Dosewallips River



Dosewallips River



Duckabush River



Duckabush River



Lower Lena Lake



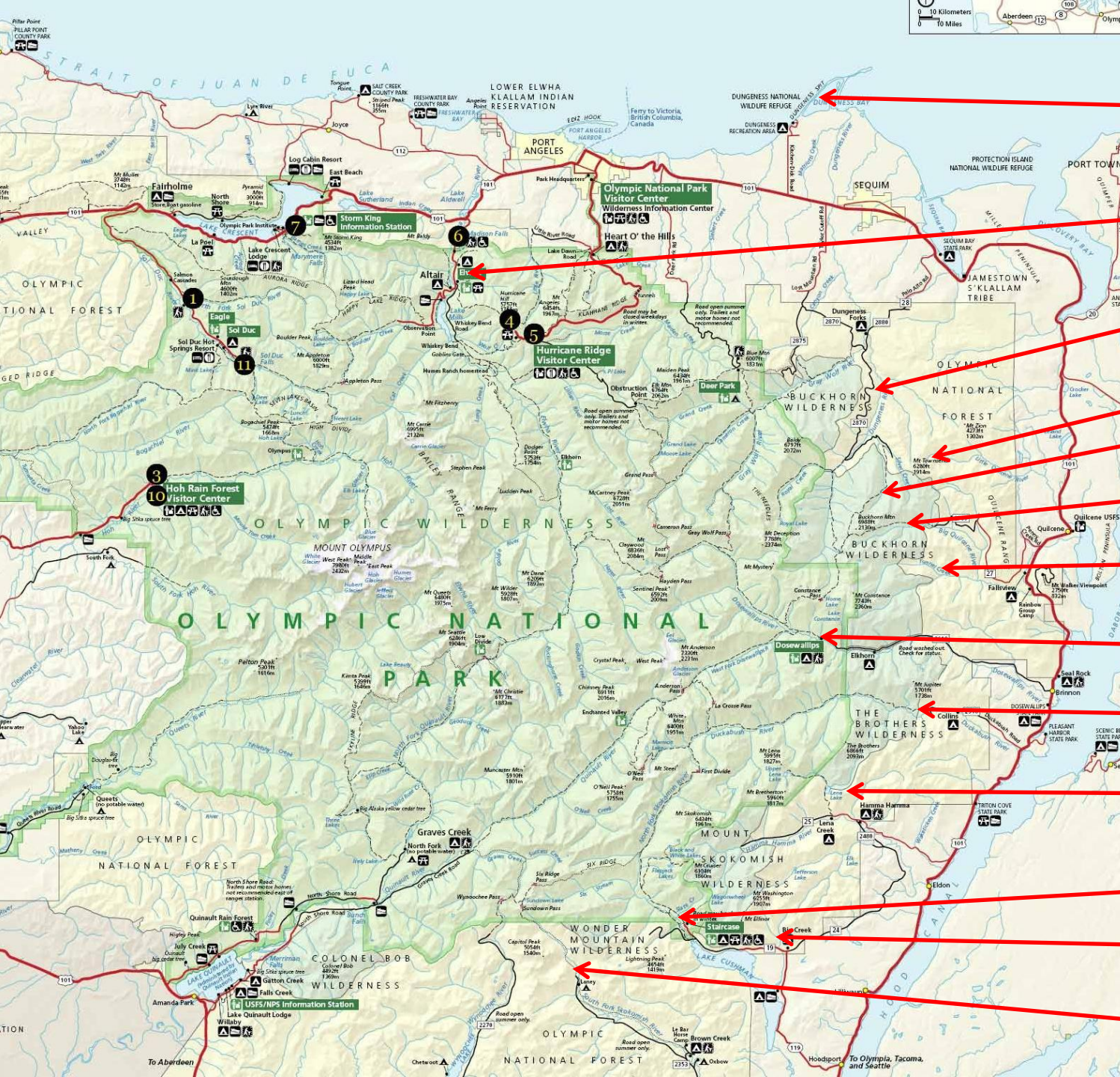
Lena Lake/ Lena Creek



Skokomish River – Southeast Olympics

- North Fork Skokomish
- Big Creek
- South Fork Skokomish
- Spike Camp/Staircase





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New Hikes in the Cascades

- Carbon River and Green Lake
- Middle Fork Snoqualmie



How to sign up for hikes each month!

1. Log into your account
2. Hover over your Name/Picture on top right, select “My Courses & Programs”
3. Select this course – “Spring Hiking Series: Olympic River Rambler – 2025”
4. Under Registration Status on the right click: “Manage Registration”
5. Click on the hikes you would like to choose for April/May/June hikes
6. Click “Save Changes” at the bottom and be patient.

NOTE: A few subtle differences on mobile devices

2. Click on Name/Picture (not hover)
4. “Manage Registration” button is at the bottom (not right)

Login, hover over your name/picture, and Select “My Courses & Programs”

The screenshot shows the homepage of The Mountaineers website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'The Mountaineers', 'Mountaineers Books', a search bar, a shopping cart with 0 items, a user profile for 'David', and a 'DONATE' button. The main header features the organization's logo and navigation links for 'ACTIVITIES', 'COURSES', and 'CONSERVE'. A large banner with the text 'EXPLORE • LEARN • CONSERVE' and a 'GET OUTSIDE' button is prominently displayed. Below the banner, there are sections for 'ACTIVITIES' and 'COURSES', each with a dropdown menu to choose an activity or course and a corresponding 'FIND' button. On the right side, a user menu is open, listing various options such as 'My Profile', 'My Activities', 'My Courses & Programs' (which is circled in red), 'My Lodge Stays', 'My Trip Reports', 'My Volunteer Profile', 'My Volunteer Hours', 'My Payments', 'My Pre-orders & Backorders', 'My Preferences', 'My Membership', 'My Feedback', 'My Waiver', 'My Branch', and 'Log out'. At the bottom of the menu, there is a 'Switch account:' section with links for 'David Hyde' and 'Laurel Hyde'.

The Mountaineers Mountaineers Books Search... Cart (0) David DONATE

THE MOUNTAINEERS ACTIVITIES COURSES CONSERVE MORE

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GET OUTSIDE

ACTIVITIES *get outside with us* Choose an activity ... FIND ACTIVITIES

COURSES *learn with us* Choose a course ...

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Switch account:
David Hyde
Laurel Hyde

Select this course!

David Hyde
COURSES & PROGRAMS

FIND COURSES ▶VIEW PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

Filters
Category: All coursesCourses I'm takingCourses I'm leading
☐ Show canceled
Date Range: Start - End

COURSE	ENROLLED/GOOD THROUGH	ROLE	STATUS	RESULT	ACTIVITIES
Spring Hiking Series: Olympic River Rambler - 2025	Fri, Dec 13, 2024 - Mon, Jun 30, 2025	Leader	Registered		View

Select “Manage Registration”

DAY HIKING COURSE

Spring Hiking Series: Olympic River Rambler

Explore hikes along the beautiful rivers and creeks of the Olympics, with an emphasis on the Southern, Eastern (Hood Canal zone) and Northeastern regions of the Olympic Peninsula.

- ▶ Thu, Mar 20, 2025 - Mon, Jun 30, 2025
- ▶ **Committee:** Tacoma Hiking & Backpacking Committee
- ▶ **Members:** \$75.00 **Guests:** \$125.00
[Apply for a scholarship](#)
- ▶ **Availability:** FULL, 6 on waitlist (36 capacity)
- ▶ [Cancellation & Refund Policy](#)

Scholarships. The Mountaineers is dedicated to making the outdoors accessible to everyone. We offer gear loans and scholarships to reduce financial barriers. If money is keeping you from getting outside, please [apply for a scholarship](#). If you'd like to help make the outdoors more inclusive, consider making a tax-deductible [donation](#).

Pre-requisites: Must complete the “Low Impact

[MORE +](#)

BADGES
you will
earn:



Spring Hiking
Series



REGISTRATION STATUS

DAVID HYDE
Role: Leader

Status: Registered

[Manage registration](#)

Select two hikes and
click “Save Changes”

Note: Some hikes
may have Waitlists or
conflict with another
of your Mountaineer
activities

CHANGE OR CANCEL COURSE

SPRING HIKING SERIES: OLYMPIC RIVER RAMBLER - 2025

SPRING HIKING SERIES: APRIL HIKES
You may optionally add any of the following activities:

☐ Dosewallips River Road Trail – Sat, Apr 5, 2025 – Ryan Pearlman – 1 spots

☐ Upper Dungeness River – Sun, Apr 6, 2025 – Ryan Pearlman – 1 spots

☐ Big Log Camp – Mon, Apr 7, 2025 – Dave Schultz – 1 spots

☐ Big Creek Loop – Sat, Apr 12, 2025 – Diann Sheldon – 1 spots

☐ North Fork Skokomish River to Big Log Camp – Sun, Apr 13, 2025 – Marc Lower – 1 spots

☐ Duckabush River – Sun, Apr 20, 2025 – Shoshana Bass – 1 spots

Or join the waitlist for an activity that is currently full:

☐ Carbon River Road – Sat, Mar 29, 2025 – Frank McCracken – 0 on waitlist

☐ Clines Canyon Spillway Overlook – Fri, Apr 11, 2025 – Marilyn Thompson – 0 on waitlist

☐ Lower South Fork Skokomish River – Sat, Apr 12, 2025 – Beth Lowe – 0 on waitlist

☐ Middle Fork Snoqualmie: Upstream – Wed, Apr 16, 2025 – Lesa Chase – 0 on waitlist

☐ Dungeness Spit – Sat, Apr 26, 2025 – Rick Little – 0 on waitlist
This activity conflicts with another activity where you registered previously.

☐ Lower Lena Lake – Sun, Apr 27, 2025 – Lisa McPeak – 0 on waitlist
This activity conflicts with another activity where you registered previously.

SAVE CHANGES

When can I sign up for hikes?

April Hikes

March 21 at 8am

May Hikes

April 15 at 8am

June Hikes

May 15 at 8am

You can register for two hikes per month

You may sign up for a third hike 7 days later

Hikes open to all Mountaineers 7 to 10 days before each hike

West Side Olympics Hikes

- May 16-18
- On Your Own to Car Camp or Motel
- Some Campsites Available at Bogachiel State Park
- We Will Pre-register You for Selected Hikes

The Hikes:

- May 16: Bogachiel River Trail
- May 17: Ozette Triangle

Cancellations

- ONLY sign up for Hikes YOU INTEND TO DO.
- If you're thinking about signing-up for a trip that you know might be a stretch - contact the trip leader before registering.
- Most Mountaineer trips take place rain or shine, unless otherwise noted by the leader.
- Last minute cancellation affects both leaders and trip participants.
- Volunteer leaders have made a commitment to you, and to The Mountaineers' community by posting this trip - and they hope and expect that you will do the same!



Student Responsibilities:

- Be on time
 - 10 minutes early to carpool location/trailhead to leave on time
- Be prepared
 - Ten Essentials, well fed, well hydrated
- Be Flexible
 - Don't schedule anything after a hike
- **Sign up for hikes you plan to do – Please limit Cancellations**



Carpooling

- Be Prepared
 - Offer to Pay Driver!
 - Recommend \$0.12/mile 1-2 Passengers
 - Recommend \$0.24/mile Divided by 3+ Passengers
- Ask Before Eating In Vehicle
- Bring a Plastic Bag for Wet/Muddy Items; for the Ride Home!



Trail Etiquette

- Be nice to others and keep conversations lighthearted
- Leave hotly contested and polarizing opinions at home
 - ✓ Check out the Mountaineers' Advocacy work, under the Conservation tab!
- Yield to Uphill traffic
- Step to the uphill side of the trail and face the trail
- Stay to the right on wider paths
- Pass on the left
- Keep noise levels low
- Practice “Low Impact Recreation”
- Stay on the trail
- Walk through puddles, unless you can step around without going off trail



Graduation Requirements

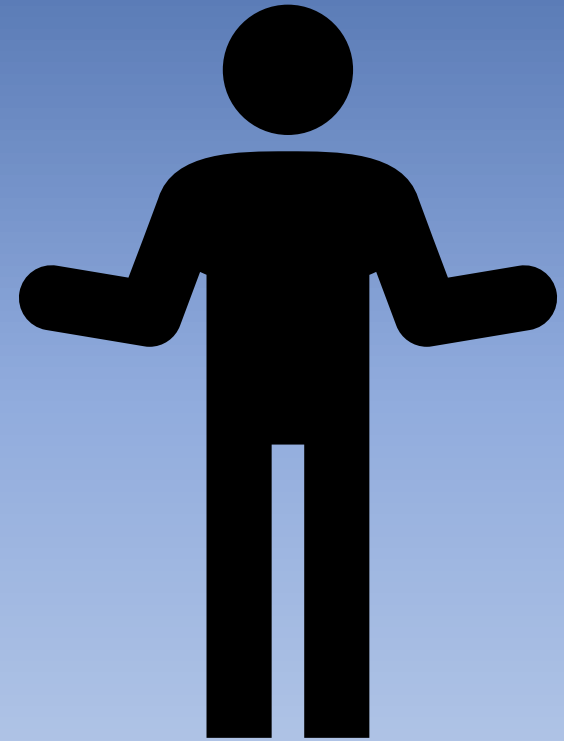
- ✓ Attend this online session
- ✓ Complete 6 hikes
- ✓ At least 2 hikes within each of two sections
- ✓ If you need to include a hike that is outside of the course trips:
 - Please send an email with the track including elevation and distance to Marilyn Thompson or David Hyde.
 - One substitution trip allowed for the course.



Communication and Questions

Ask any questions!!

- Ask your trip leaders about gear, techniques to use with hiking poles, elevation gain, boots, etc. They love it!
- Ask your course leader questions!
- Ask your fellow hikers questions – we all love to talk gear and share what we have learned!



Course Feedback

- During the course, if you have a concern about an individual – speak to your trip leader or contact the course leader.
- If you have suggestions for improvement, please share with your course leaders.
- If you have a wonderful experience, please share.
- If there is something that needs improvement, please share.
- After the course is completed, you will receive a request for your feedback. Please complete that. Your comments and suggestions are read and make a difference!



Expectations:

The Mountaineers does not allow harassment of any kind by one member towards another including harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, politics, age, disability, marital or veteran status.

The Mountaineers does not tolerate harassment by one member towards another whether the member is a leader, volunteer, participant, trustee, or board officer.

Behavior Complaint Form site:

[Behavior Complaint Form — The Mountaineers](#)



Questions?

