

Pass to Pass Day Hiking on Mt Rainier

When: Tuesday, July 12th – Thursday, July 14th, 2022

Hikes: Three (3) Half-Day Hikes plus One(1) Evening Walk in the Rainier National Park

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Mileage: 2.5 Miles to 4 Miles

Elevation Gain: 200 Ft. to 400 Ft.

Pace: We will hike at an easy relaxed pace that is comfortable for all hikers.

Availability: 12 Hikers

Pass to Pass Adventure Itinerary

Tuesday, July 12th:

11:00 AM – Kautz Creek

Meet at Kautz Creek Parking Lot, 3.5 miles from the Nisqually Entrance of Mount Rainier National Park. Toilets and picnic tables are available at the trailhead.

Mileage: 2.3 Miles roundtrip

Elevation Gain: 200 Ft.

Difficulty: Easy

We will have a sandwich lunch together at the picnic tables and then begin the hike at 1:00 PM.

This is a flat hike, perfect for an introduction to Mount Rainier. “The trail surface is a mix of sand and stone left here by the creek when it changed course. Through the alders, you can glimpse the eroded banks along with stands of evergreens still holding their ground. In just over a mile, arrive at a log bridge spanning a branch of Kautz Creek and delivering you the other side. This will be our snack break, and then we will return to the parking lot.

3:30 PM – Check-in to National Park Inn at Longmire. This is a quick 3-mile drive from Kautz Creek.

5:00 PM – Dinner at The National Park Inn. (Cost is hikers responsibility)

6:30 PM – Evening Talk and Hike, **Trail of the Shadows Loop**

Mileage: 0.8 Mile

Elevation Gain: 75 Ft.

Difficulty: Easy

This short hike has so many wonderful perks! The trail begins directly across the road from the front porch of the National Park Inn. It is one of the easiest hikes in the park but still showcases park history and several interesting natural features. Walk back in time by visiting the Longmire cabin, the oldest structure in the park; discover colorful mineral springs; learn about the old Longmire Springs Hotel and challenge each other to find evidence of beavers by finding teetering trees sitting precariously on hourglass stumps carved by strong front teeth.

Evening card games, hot chocolate, sharing and caring.

Wednesday, July 13th:

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast at The National Park Inn. (Cost is hikers responsibility)

9:30 AM – Meet in The National Park Inn parking lot to caravan to the today's hike.

10:15 AM – **Comet Falls**

Mileage: 4 Miles Roundtrip

Elevation Gain: 1247 Ft.

Difficulty: Moderate

No facilities at trailhead.

If you like waterfalls, you are in for a treat! Comet Falls, cascades 462 feet in a series of tiered plunges. In other words, it's a treat for the eyes and a banquet for the soul. You will also experience subalpine wildflower meadow, and a panoramic volcano view, weather permitting.

We will have lunch on the hike.

5:00 PM – Dinner at The National Park Inn. (Cost is hikers responsibility)

6:30 PM – Evening Talk – “The Mountain is Calling”

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Thursday, July 14th:

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast at The National Park Inn. (Cost is hikers responsibility)

9:30 AM -Meet in The National Park Inn parking lot to caravan to the today's hike.

10:30 AM – Nisqually Vista Loop

Mileage: 1.2 Miles

Elevation Gain: 240 Ft.

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

We drive up to Paradise, approximately 15 miles, and will meet in the main parking lot at the Mount Rainier Visitors Centre. There is plenty of parking and facilities available.

The Paradise area is known for more difficult hikes, but thankfully, the Nisqually Vista Trail is much easier than most in this area. It is also a paved trail and does have its share of ups and downs. Viewpoints provide opportunities to learn about the Nisqually Glacier and get a front-row view of its deep valley below the trail. When wildflowers are at their prime, there is almost no place easier to reach to take pictures of fragrant, rainbow carpets of flowers.

We will have lunch, after the hike, at the picnic tables near the Visitor's Center. You will have plenty of time to visit Paradise Inn, the Gift Shop and soak in the magnificent beauty of Mount Rainier.

Our day will end at about 2:00 PM.

This Pass to Pass Adventure requires a two-night stay at The National Park Inn at Longmire in Mount Rainier National Park.

Pass to Pass will provide sandwich lunches for all three days, water, and snacks. Hikers will be responsible for breakfast and dinner at The National Park Inn. There are NO other restaurants in the area. There are drinks and snacks available at the gift store, next to The National Park Inn.

For more information regarding The National Park Inn, visit

<https://mtrainierguestservices.com/accommodations/national-park-inn/>

Deposit and Cancellation Policy:

A deposit of one-night's room including tax and a \$15.00 registration fee. Pass to Pass will contact you after receiving your registration to discuss and reserve available room(s) and make arrangement for your deposit.

You may cancel until June 30th and receive a full refund, minus the \$15.00 registration fee, otherwise the deposit will not be refundable.

All rooms have been reserved through Pass to Pass - Pass to Pass will assign the rooms, "first come first served for room selection". Please do not contact National Park Inn.

Pass to Pass has reserved 10 rooms. Rooms choices include:

- Twin beds with hall shared bathroom/showers, \$169.00 per night plus tax.
- Queen bed with private shower. Room price is \$239.00 per night plus tax.
- Queen bed with full bath/shower. Room rate is \$239.00 per night plus tax.
- ADA rooms with Queen bed and private full bathroom. Room price is \$239.00 per night plus tax

This is a very popular hike – Register TODAY!!!