

# Welcome to Mount St. Helens

At Mount St. Helens our job is growing. While our volcano has been busy growing a new lava dome and new forest we have been busy building new partnerships that help share the wonder and protect this special place.

We invite you to join our friendly staff and partners for a day, a week or a summer-long volunteer experience. Join us for a weekend work party or sign up for a guided climb or field seminar. We guarantee that you'll make new friends and leave with an enhanced appreciation of this special place. With the help of our partners, we will strive to make your visit memorable and enjoyable.



## Help us to Care for and Share the Wonder of Mount St. Helens

Join the friendly staff and volunteers of the **Mount St. Helens Institute** and help out for a weekend project or for an exciting summer-long experience. Volunteers are needed to help provide visitor information, manage the backcountry and climbing program and maintain volcano trails and facilities.

We invite you to sign up for one of our guided climbs, field classes and to become a MSHI member. We are a not-for-profit partner of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. Our mission is to awaken in people of all ages an appreciation of the natural processes and cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest's volcanic landscapes.

**For more information, visit our website or contact us:** [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org)

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equal opportunity provider and employer.**

## Take Care of Your Pet and Help Protect the Monument

To protect plant and animal life and provide for visitor safety, pets are prohibited at all recreation sites and trails within the monument's restricted area (see shaded section of map on page 7). **Pets are permitted only in designated pet areas and must be on a leash. Lack of shade and summer heat can endanger pets left in cars.**

For the safety and comfort of your pet, please arrange to leave your pet at home.

Contact any Forest Service office for information on where it is safe and legal to bring your pet.



## Gifford Pinchot National Forest Centennial (1908-2008)

On July 1, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an Executive Order creating the Columbia National Forest. In 1949, the forest was renamed to honor Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service. We invite you to explore and connect with this special place. Visit our website for forest history, photo gallery and a calendar of special events



[www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/heritage/centennial.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/heritage/centennial.shtml)

## Your Fees Help Support the Monument

Interpretive services and facilities on the west side of Mount St. Helens are supported by your purchase of a Monument Pass. Wrist band passes are \$8 per adult (youth 15 years old and younger are free). Passes are required at the Johnston Ridge Observatory, adjacent trails and at the Coldwater Lake Recreation Area. Monument Passes can be purchased at Johnston Ridge.

On the northeast and south sides of the monument a National Forest Recreation Pass is required at designated sites. The cost is \$5 per vehicle per day. Annual passes are \$30. Passes are sold at Forest Service offices and at self-service pay stations around the monument. Details at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/nfdp.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/nfdp.shtml)

**Purchase Your Annual Pass at Mount St. Helens and Help Support the Monument**  
**Passes are honored nationwide at Forest Service, National Park, BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Fish & Wildlife sites charging entrance or standard amenity fees.**

Fees from pass sales are used to provide the services and maintain the facilities that you enjoy during your visit.

An Interagency Annual Pass is available for \$80. It has two signature lines and can be used by two pass holders. At per person fee sites it admits the pass holder and up to three persons. Interagency Annual, Senior, and Access passes are available at Johnston Ridge and Forest Service offices. Information about the interagency annual pass program is available at: [www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/annual.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/annual.shtml)