



# RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

## Olympic National Forest

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### Recommended Season

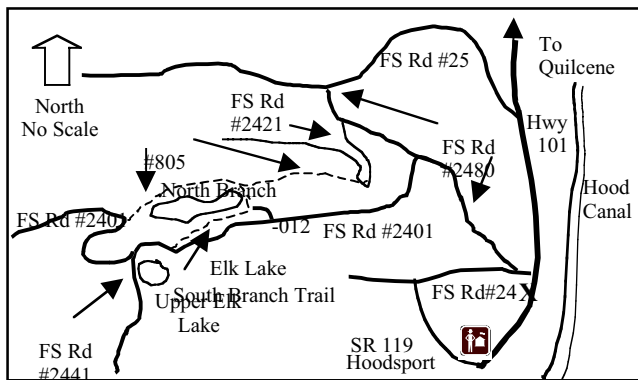
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



## Elk Lake Trail #805

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Quilcene, WA 98376 (360) 765-2200

**ACCESS:** Note: FS Road #24 (Jorsted Creek Rd.) is closed 1 mile west of US Highway 101 due to a washout. Travel Highway 101 to FS Road #25 (Hamma Hamma Recreation Area) 14 miles north of Hoodport. Turn west on FS Road #25 and drive 6.5 miles to the junction of



FS Rd. #2480. Then turn left and travel 3 miles to the FS Rd. #2401 and turn right on FS #2401, then go 2.5 miles to FS Rd. #2401-012. See Note under “Facilities.”

**FACILITIES:** Small parking area and toilet at trailhead. The trailhead is located at the bottom of a fairly steep spur road -012 off of FS Road #2401. Note: Instead of driving the steep spur road, you can park on the side of the road and walk to the trailhead.

**SETTING:** This trail has both old and second growth forests and views of Jefferson Creek Drainage area.

**TRAIL INFORMATION: Left Fork to Cedar Creek (from the -012 spur):** Follow the trail for a short distance to a junction, go left and the trail leads to the south shore of Elk Lake, through old growth forest to Cedar Creek, where the trail pops up to FS Rd. #2401. There are several campsites along the lake in this area.

**For a loop hike**, continue along the FS Rd. #2401 to the north branch of trail and return to the trailhead.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead (Rd.#2401-012)	0.0	1,100'
South Branch Trail (Left Fork) to Cedar Creek (south shore of lake)	0.25	1,150'
Road #2401	0.27	1,180'
Trailhead to North Branch Trail (across bridge)	0.2	1,100'
Jefferson Ridge FS Road #2421 (right fork of North Branch Trail)	1.1	1,100'
FS Road #2401 (left fork of North Branch Trail – north shore of lake)	0.7	1,200'

**North Branch of Trail:** Hike for a short distance to a junction, go right and cross Jefferson Creek, this will lead to the North Branch of the Elk Lake Trail.

**Right fork of North Branch Trail:** This fork goes through a second growth stand of timber and older stands of Douglas-fir, Hemlock, and Pacific madrone. This portion of trail meets FS Road #2421 (Jefferson Ridge Road).

**Left fork of North Branch Trail:** The left fork travels along the edge of Elk Lake and through old growth forest and ends 0.7 miles at FS Road #2401.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking, fishing, wildlife observation, bird watching, and camping.

**CLOSURES:** Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

**TOPO MAPS:** Mount Skokomish-Lake Cushman Custom Correct Map.

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**PASS REQUIRED:** A NW Forest Pass or a Golden Passport (Eagle, Age or Access) is required on each vehicle parked at lower trailhead only (one with toilet). NW Passes are available at FS offices and vendors, but not at trailheads.