

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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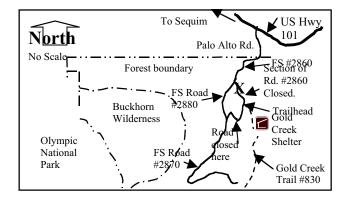


Recommended Season Spring Summer fall Winter

Gold Creek Trail #830

Hood Canal Ranger District – Quilcene Office 295142 Highway 101 S. P.O. Box 280 Quilcene, WA 98376 (360) 765-2200

ACCESS: Trailhead is 14.5 miles south of Sequim. Drive the Palo Alto Road, 2 miles north of Sequim Bay State Park on US Highway 101, to F.S. Road #28 and continue to the intersection with F.S. Road #2880. Turn onto FS Road #2880, drive past Dungenss Forks Campground and stay left onto Road #2870, then turn left onto Road #2870-230 and drive to trailhead at end of road.



FACILITIES: Small parking area along side of road. No trailhead toilet. Nearest toilet is at Dungeness Forks Campground.

SETTING: Conifer forest on steep mountain slopes in the Dungeness drainage. Nice view of Dungeness River near trailhead.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Trail is 6.2 miles in length and has some steep grades with sections exceeding 20%. First 0.4 mile is on old road bed.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead	0.0	1,000'
Gold Creek Shelter	0.6	1,100'
FS Road #2860 and	6.4	3,300'
Trailhead for Tubal Cain		
Trail #842 and Little		
Quilcene Trail #843.		

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, viewing scenery, and backpacking. Please use existing campsites when possible and camp at least 100 feet from water sources. Motorbikes, mountain bikes, and pack and saddle stock are permitted with need to ford at Gold Creek. The trail is heavily wooded with viewpoints. Pick-up can be made on FS Road #2870 opposite the Tubal Cain Trailhead. Pack and saddle stock, "street-legal" motorbike, and mountain bike users may want to make a long loop trip by traveling up the trail and returning on FS Rd. #2870. Water is scarce. Treat all water taken from streams before drinking. Please pack out what you pack in.

Practice LEAVE NO TRACE techniques during your trip.

CLOSURES: None.

TOPO MAPS: Tyler Peak USGS Quad or Buckhorn Wilderness Custom Correct Map.

PASS NOT REQUIRED: A NW Forest Pass or aGolden Passport (Eagle, Age or Access) is not required to park a vehicle at this trailhead.



Douglas Squirrel

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