



# RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

## Olympic National Forest

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### Mt. Townsend Trail #839

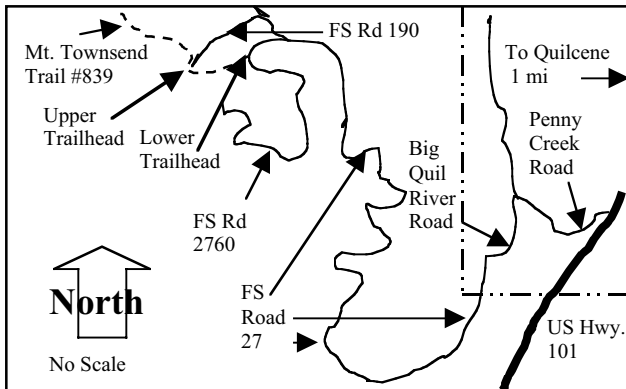
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**Recommended Season**  
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



**ACCESS:** Mt. Townsend trail #839 starts 15 miles northwest of Quilcene on Forest Service Road #2760 or 17 miles at FS Road #190. One mile south of Quilcene, turn right onto Penny Creek Road for 1.4 miles staying left at the “Y”, continue on to the FS boundary and paved FS Road #27. Proceed on FS #27 another 10.6 miles to FS Road #2760. Follow #2760 for 0.7 mile to the lower trailhead. To go to the upper trailhead stay on #27 one more mile and turn left onto Road #190. Follow #190 one mile to the small trailhead parking lot at the end of the road.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead (F.S. Road #2760)	0.0	2,850'
Sink Lake	0.5	2,950'
Upper Mt. Townsend Trailhead (Road #190)	1.2	3,250'
Camp Windy	3.8	5,300'
Silver Lakes Trail Junction	4.2	5,500'
Summit of Mt. Townsend	5.3	6,200'
Junction with Little Quilcene Trail	6.7	5,250'



**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, horseback riding, backpacking, viewing wildflowers and scenery. This trail is heavily wooded the first few miles and opens up to meadows and spectacular mountain views. Campsites are located at Windy Lakes and Silver Lakes. Please use existing campsites when possible and camp at least 100 feet from water sources. Treat all water before drinking. Please pack out what you pack in.

Practice LEAVE NO TRACE techniques during your trip.

**FACILITIES:** Small parking area both trailheads, limited turn around on upper trailhead for horse trailer, not recommended. Three-sided trail shelter at Sink Lake. No toilets.

**CLOSURES:** Motorized vehicles and mountain bicycles are prohibited. No open campfires permitted above 3,500 feet in the Buckhorn Wilderness, stoves only.

**SETTING:** Conifer forest, wildflowers, meadows, and spectacular mountain views.

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

**TRAIL INFORMATION:** 6.7 miles in length (4.1 miles from Road #190 or 5.3 miles from Road #2760 to top). Grade is 20% first 3 miles to within 0.5 mile of summit. Mt. Townsend is a long broad summit. The trail along the summit ranges from flat up to 8% grades.

**PASS NOT REQUIRED:** A Northwest Forest Pass or a Golden Passport (Eagle, Access or Age) is not required for parking at this trailhead.