



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Royal Creek Trail #832

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Recommended Season
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

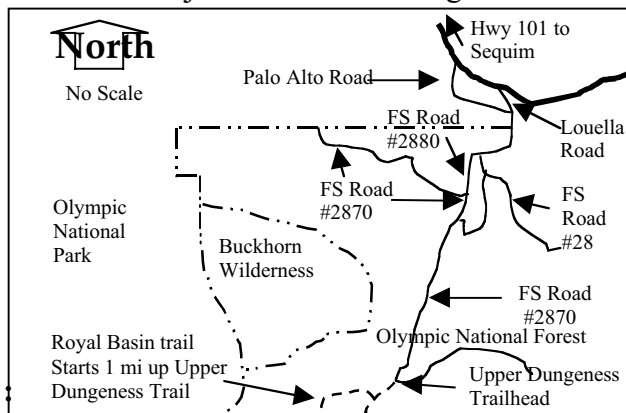


ACCESS: The Royal Basin Trail starts 1 mile up the Upper Dungeness Trail. Follow US Highway 101 north to Sequim Bay State park, turn left across from state park onto Louella Road. Follow Louella Road one mile to Palo Alto Road and turn left on Palo Alto Road for 1.1 mile to Forest Boundary. The Palo Alto Road becomes FS Road #28. Turn right onto FS Road #2880, drive past Dungeness Forks Campground for 1 mile, stay left onto FS Road #2870 for 8.7 miles to trailhead across Dungeness River bridge on right side of road.

OPPORTUNITIES: Camping is available along the trail and at Royal Creek. Opportunities for day hiking, fishing, backpacking, horseback riding, and viewing scenery. Royal Basin is in the Olympic National Park and is surrounded on three sides by rugged rock ridges. Water is available along route. Treat all water taken from streams before drinking. Pack out what you pack in. Please use existing campsites when possible and camp at least 100 feet from water sources. Practice LEAVE NO TRACE techniques during your trip.

FACILITIES: Large parking area. Vault toilet near trailhead just before road bridge on left.

CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are prohibited. No open campfires allowed above 3,500 feet inside Buckhorn Wilderness. Pets and firearms are prohibited in Park.



TOPO MAPS: Buckhorn Wilderness Custom Correct Map or Tyler Peak USGS Quad. 8/2004

SETTING: Dense forest-hike along Royal Creek. Meadows, wildflowers, waterfalls and a mountain-lake in Royal Basin.



Pacific rhododendron, Washington's State Flower.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Trail is a short 0.5 mile in the Forest before entering Olympic Park. Ascends gradual at first with some steep sections before arriving at Royal Basin in the Park.

PASS REQUIRED: A NW Forest Pass or a Golden Eagle Passport (Eagle, Age or Access) is required for each vehicle parked at trailhead. Day & Annual NW Passes are available at FS offices or vendors, but not at trailheads. Obtain a Park Wilderness permit at a Park Service office before entering the Park.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Upper Dungeness Trailhead	0.0	2,500'
Royal Basin Trail begins	1.0	2,800'
Olympic Nat. Park Boundary	1.5	3,150'
Royal Lake (ONP)	6.0	5,130'