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Short Trails near Hoodspport

Recommended Season
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



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The following “Short Trails” are located on the southern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. They are less than 3 miles in length and provide opportunities for short day hikes.

A NORTHWEST FOREST PASS or Golden Passport (Eagle, Age or Access) is required for parking at some of these trailheads. Passes are available at all FS offices and at some businesses. The NW Forest DAY Pass is \$5 and the ANNUAL Pass is \$30. The Annual Pass is good for one year from date of purchase. Golden Passports are available at FS offices and may be placed on vehicle's dashboard or hung from rearview mirror.

RANGER HOLE TRAIL #824 (Pass is REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101, drive to FS Road #2510 in the Duckabush Recreation Area (22 miles north of Hoodspport). Drive 4 miles on FS Road #2510 to end of pavement. Trail is on the left side of road near the Interrorem Cabin. **NOTE:** The Interrorem Cabin is available for rent through the Forest Service Cabin Rental program. Contact the Hood Canal Ranger Station for further information. Please respect the privacy of the renters.

LENGTH: 0.8 mile. **GRADE:** Mostly flat but steep last 500 feet down to the river.

ELEVATION: 319’ dropping to 200’ at the river.

SETTING: Forest and river.

OPPORTUNITIES: Fishing, scenic forest, 1907 historic Interrorem Cabin and river views. (Interrorem Nature Trail starts from the upper portion of this trail. See directions below.) Trail meanders through forest until the last 500' where it descends steeply to the river. The trail follows above the river for a short distance, then emerges above the Ranger Hole, so named because rangers stationed at the guard station used to fish there. Views of falls can be seen from the Ranger Hole. **HAZARD WARNING:** River contains swift water, rapids, and waterfalls. This river is not floatable. Use extreme caution near the river.

INTERROREM NATURE TRAIL #804 (Pass is REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: Travel 100' on the Ranger Hole Trail #824 to junction with the nature trail. Trail starts and ends on Ranger Hole Trail. See Ranger Hole Trail #824 for access directions.

LENGTH: 0.25 mile. **GRADE:** Flat. **ELEVATION:** Approximately 320’.

SETTING: Second-growth forest with giant stumps from early day timber harvesting.

OPPORTUNITIES: Take a step back in time to the early 1900's when Forest ranger Emery Finch brought his bride to live in the Duckabush Area. Interpretive loop trail winds through

large second-growth trees growing among giant stumps of cedars and firs from yesteryear. Rain forest atmosphere with lots of ferns and moss.

MURHUT FALLS TRAIL #828 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101, drive to the Duckabush Recreation Area - 22 miles north of Hoodspport. Drive 6.2 miles on FS Road #2510 to FS Road #2530. Turn and drive 1.3 miles to trailhead.

LENGTH: 0.8 mile. **GRADE:** Moderate. **ELEVATION:** Approximately 1,600' to 1,700'.

SETTING: Forest and waterfall.

OPPORTUNITIES: Good place for camera shots of the high, picturesque waterfall and peek-a-boo views of Jupiter Ridge. **NOTE:** Stay on trail. Hazards exist off trail.

LIVING LEGACY NATURE TRAIL #802 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101, drive 6 miles on FS Road #25 (Hamma Hamma Road - 14 miles north of Hoodspport) to the Hamma Hamma Campground. Trail starts at bulletin board far side of campground loop. **NOTE:** Hamma Hamma Cabin is available for rent through the Forest Service Cabin rental program. Contact the Hood Canal Ranger Station for further information. **Please respect the privacy of renters.**

LENGTH: 1.5 mile loop. **GRADE:** Flat to moderate. **ELEVATION:** 650'.

SETTING: River, creek and second-growth forest.

OPPORTUNITIES: Wheelchair accessible for 0.25 miles along river. Nature Trail with signs interpreting the 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps which worked in the area fighting fires, planting trees, and building roads, trails, and the Hamma Hamma Cabin.

HAMMA HAMMA BEAVER POND #815 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101, drive 10 miles on FS Road #25 (Hamma Hamma Road - 14 miles north of Hoodspport). Trailhead is on the left side of the road.

LENGTH: 0.5 mile. **GRADE:** Rolling. **NOTE:** Trail is steep from road to pond.

ELEVATION: 1,040'.

SETTING: Wetland pond.

OPPORTUNITIES: Wildlife viewing and habitat viewing. (Bench overlooking pond.)

JEFFERSON RIDGE TRAIL #808 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to FS Road #25 (Hamma Hamma Recreation Area) 14 miles north of Hoodspport. Follow FS Road #25 for 6.3 miles. Turn left on FS Road #2480 and drive 0.2 mile. to FS Road #2421. Turn right and follow this road for 3.3 miles to the trailhead or continue on road another 0.8 mile to gate the walk 1,000' up road to trailhead. **NOTE:** Road is steep and rocky. Need heavy vehicle for traction. 4x4 vehicle is best.

LENGTH: 1.6 mile from first trailhead. 1.1 miles from gate.

GRADE: Steep to moderate. **ELEVATION:** 3,000' to 3,850'.

SETTING: Forested ridgetop with views.

OPPORTUNITIES: Scenic views of Puget Sound, Olympics Mountains. Opportunity to view Pacific rhododendrons (Washington State Flower) in bloom from mid-May to early June.

ELK LAKE TRAIL #805 (Pass is **REQUIRED** at lower trailhead (one with toilet))

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to FS Road #24 (Jorsted Creek Rd. - 11 miles north of Hoodspport). Drive 1.25 miles on FS Road #24 to FS Road #2480. Turn right follow FS Road #2480 5.5 miles to FS Road #2401. Travel 2.5 miles to spur road and trailhead.

LENGTH: 1.1 miles. **GRADE:** Flat to rolling. **ELEVATION:** 1,100' to 1,200'.

SETTING: Forest and lake.

OPPORTUNITIES: Fishing, day-hiking, wildlife observation, bird watching and camping.

NOTE: There is a small parking area and toilet at trailhead. There are also several small campsites scattered around the lake.

JEFFERSON PASS TRAIL #800 (Pass is **NOT REQUIRED** at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101 in Hoodspport drive 9.0 miles on State Route #119 (Lake Cushman Road) to junction with FS Road #24. Turn right and travel 1.6 mile to FS Road #2419 (Big Creek Road). Travel 7.0 miles to trailhead.

LENGTH: 1.1 miles. **GRADE:** Moderate. **ELEVATION:** 3,000' to 3,850'.

SETTING: Forested area.

OPPORTUNITIES: Climbing and scenery. **NOTE:** Climbing route beyond the end of the trail is a difficult Class 4 climbing route.

BIG CREEK LOOP TRAIL #827 (Pass is **REQUIRED** at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101 in Hoodspport, drive 9 miles on State Highway #119 (Lake Cushman Road) to "T" intersection with FS Road #24 (Jorsted Creek Road). Turn left and travel 100' and go into Big Creek Campground. The trailhead is located 200' inside the gate on the main campground road. (When day-hiking, park in the trailhead parking lot. Regular camping fees are charged when parked in a camping spur.)

LENGTH: 1.1 miles. **GRADE:** Flat. **ELEVATION:** 950'.

SETTING: Forest with trail crossing Big Creek as it follows the perimeter of the campground.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day-hiking, fishing, wildlife observation, bird watching and camping. This is a good trail for jogging. Picnic shelter in campground for small and large groups.

DRY CREEK TRAIL #872 (Pass is **NOT REQUIRED** at trailhead)

ACCESS: From US Highway 101 in Hoodspport, drive 9 miles on State Highway #119 (Lake Cushman Road) to "T" intersection with FS Road #24 (Jorsted Creek Road). Turn left and drive 6 miles to bridge across head of Lake Cushman. Drive across bridge and trailhead is about 100 yards from bridge on left side of road. **NOTE:** Do not park in front of gate (beginning of trail is on private property). There is a large area on side of road for parking.

LENGTH: 1.4 miles. **GRADE:** Flat. **ELEVATION:** 750'.

SETTING: Forest and lakeshore.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, scenery, photography, wildlife observation, and views of Lake Cushman. **NOTE:** Mount Rose can be seen from a viewpoint at 1.4 miles just before the trail turns and begins to climb.

BROWN CREEK NATURE TRAIL #877 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: Drive on US Highway 101 to Skokomish Valley Road (7 miles south of Hoodport). Drive 5 miles on Skokomish Valley Road from the George Adams State Fish Hatchery on corner and continue on this county road to FS Road #23. Turn right on FS Road #23. Drive 9.0 miles to FS Road #2353 and drive approximately 3/4 mile to South Fork Skokomish River bridge. Cross bridge and make a sharp right turn onto FS Road #2340. Brown Creek Campground is located 1/4 mile beyond this point. **NOTE:** Trail begins at the well in Brown Creek Campground.

LENGTH: 0.8 mile. **GRADE:** Flat to rolling. **ELEVATION:** Approximately 800'.

SETTING: Wetland and beaver pond.

OPPORTUNITIES: Wildlife viewing with active beaver community.

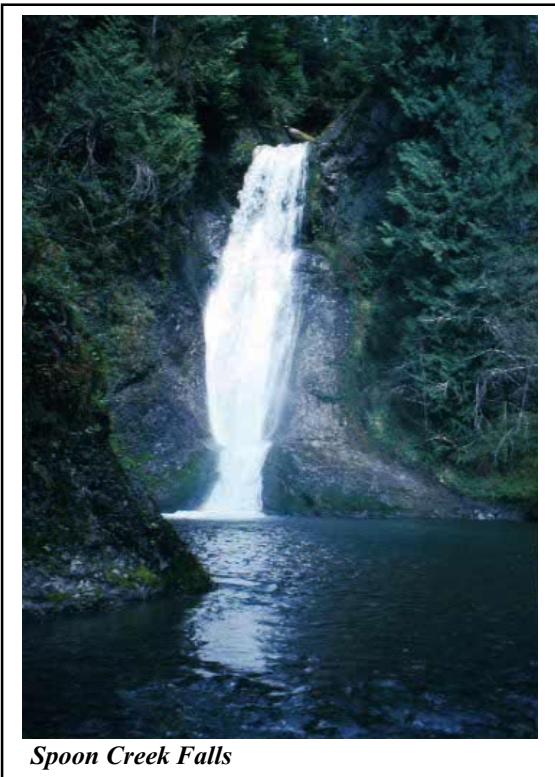
SPOON CREEK FALLS TRAIL #885 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

ACCESS: Travel U.S. Route #12 to one mile west of Montesano. Turn north on Wynoochee Valley Road (Devonshire Road which becomes FS Road #22). Drive for 34 miles on this road to F.S. Road #23. Turn and travel 3 miles on FS Road #23 to trailhead, just past Spoon Creek.

LENGTH: 0.3 mile. **GRADE:** Steep to base of falls. **ELEVATION:** 900' at upper viewpoint and 800' at the lower viewpoint.

SETTING: Forest and small stream with 60 foot waterfall.

OPPORTUNITIES: These falls are a good subject for photography from either the top or bottom viewpoints.



Contact the Hood Canal District, Quilcene Office at (360) 765-2200 for current road and trail conditions.