



# RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

## Olympic National Forest

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### Medium Trails near Quilcene

**Recommended Season**  
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



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The following “Medium Trails” are located on the northern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. These trails range from 3 to 7 miles in length and they provide opportunities for moderate day hikes or short overnight backpack trips.

A NORTHWEST FOREST PASS or a 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.

**TRAIL CLOSURES:** Motorized vehicles and mountain bicycles are prohibited on the following trails except for the Lower Big Quilcene Trail. Campfires are not allowed above 3,500 feet and groups consisting of more than 12 people are prohibited inside Buckhorn Wilderness. Treat all water before using. Pack-It-In & Pack-It-Out.

#### **DEER RIDGE TRAIL #846 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)**

**ACCESS:** 14 miles southwest of Sequim on Forest Service Road #2875.

**LENGTH:** 5.2 miles. **GRADE:** 35% maximum. **ELEVATION:** 2,540' to 5,230'.

**SETTING:** Trail goes through conifer forest with splendid views of Olympic Peaks at the higher elevations. Trail goes into National Park and ends at Deer Park.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, viewing scenery and viewing wildlife.

#### **LOWER BIG QUILCENE TRAIL #833 (Pass is REQUIRED at trailhead)**

**ACCESS:** 7 miles south of Quilcene on Forest Service Road 080.

**LENGTH:** 6.2 miles. **GRADE:** 10-15%. **ELEVATION:** 1,200' to 2,500'.

**SETTING:** Nice easy forested walk above and near Big Quilcene River. Several camping areas at Bark Shanty and Camp Jolley.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, trail bike riding, mountain biking and fishing.

#### **MT. TOWNSEND TRAIL #839 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)**

**ACCESS:** 15 miles west of Quilcene on FS Road #2760 and FS Road #190.

**LENGTH:** 5.3 mile to Mt. Townsend summit. **GRADE:** Up to 20%. **ELEVATION:** 2,850' to 6,200'.

**SETTING:** Forested hike opening into spectacular view of the Olympics. Wildflowers are abundant during summer months.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking, backpacking and horseback riding.

SLAB CAMP TRAIL #838 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

**ACCESS:** 12.5 miles south of Sequim on FS Road #2875.

**LENGTH:** 3.1 miles.      **GRADE:** 10-30%.      **ELEVATION:** 2,540' to 1,600'.

**SETTING:** Forested trail descending down to the Gray Wolf River.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, viewing scenery and viewing wildlife. Note: To connect to the Gray Wolf Trail #834 the Gray Wolf River must be forded.

TUNNEL CREEK TRAIL #841 (Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead)

**ACCESS:** 12 miles south of Quilcene on FS Road #2740.

**LENGTH:** 4.1 miles to Harrison Lake; 4.7 miles to ridgetop; and 7.9 miles to Dosewallips River Road.

**GRADE:** Up to 20%.      **ELEVATION:** 2,600' at trailhead to 5,050' at ridgetop  
and then dropping to 500' to the Dosewallips River Road.

**SETTING:** Trail extends along a small stream in a conifer forest leading to Harrison and Karnes lakes and the ridgetop. Views of Mt. Constance.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, fishing, backpacking, viewing scenery and viewing wildlife.



*Viewing wildlife is a very popular activity in the Olympic Mountains.*

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