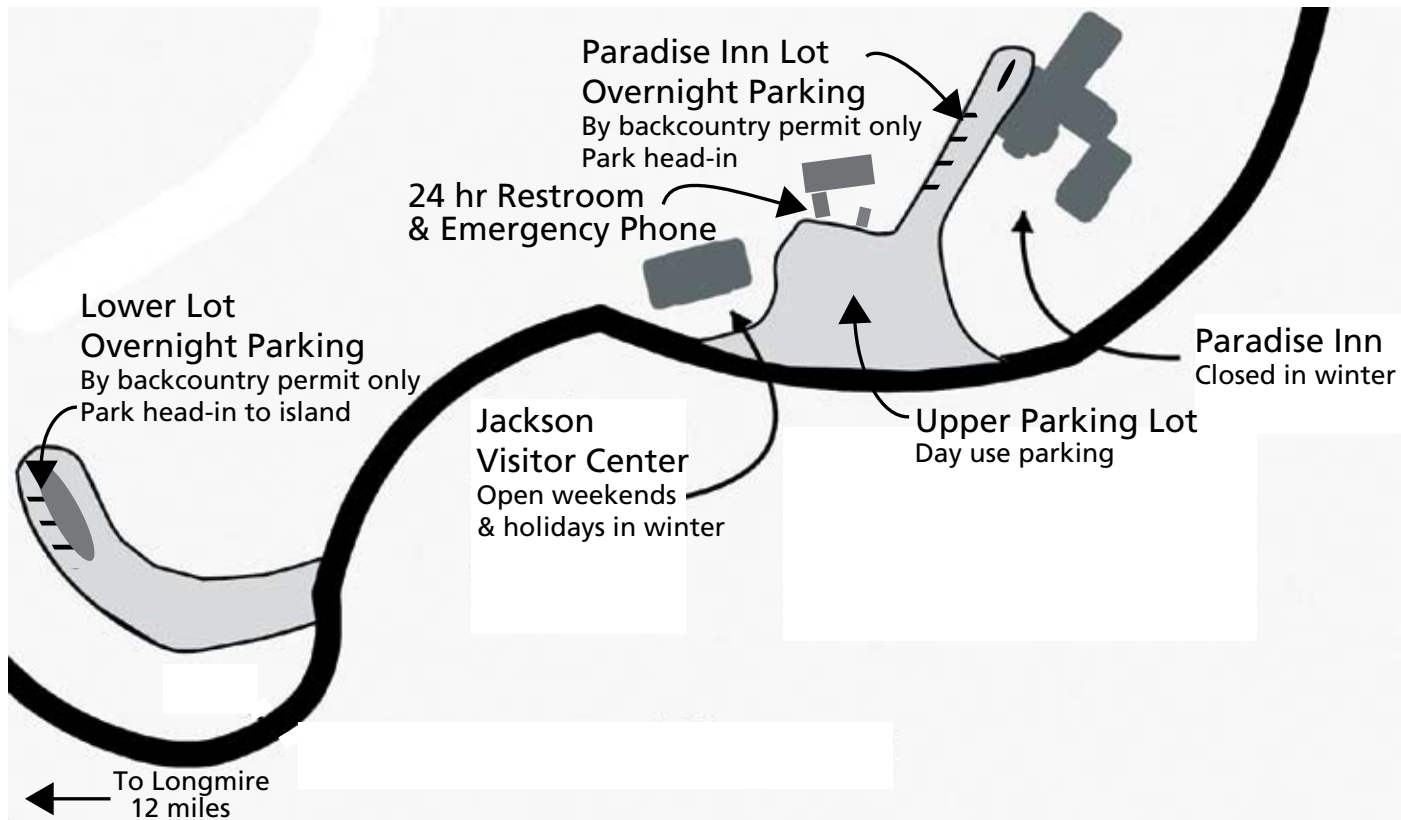




# Winter Camping



Camping on snow is allowed almost anywhere in the park once snow depth has reached 5’ at Paradise and 2’ elsewhere in the park. A snow depth of 8 feet is recommended before constructing snow caves at Paradise. In selecting your campsite, choose a location that is a minimum of 300’ from plowed roads and parking areas (to avoid being buried by snowplows), marked routes, trails, and buildings and at least 100’ from water. Maximum group size is up to 12 people.

## Group Campsites

Groups of more than 12 people can snow camp only at Paradise. Groups must camp in the designated group camping areas are required to use restrooms to dispose of human waste. Maximum group size is 80. Because of limited group sites in winter it is required that groups of 13 or more make reservations. To make a reservation call 360-569-2211 ext. 6003, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Make reservations at least two weeks in advance. Reserved group site permits can be picked up at the Longmire Museum by 4 p.m.

on the day of arrival.

Blue bags, for human waste, can be obtained from the ranger station or visitor center. Using blue bags keeps water clean, protects fragile vegetation from digging and allows more people to use the area without leaving impacts. A blue bag barrel is available in the tunnel to the restrooms in the upper parking lot for disposal of used blue bags. Please dispose of bags properly.

## Camping in the Backcountry

Backcountry permits are required year round. If you plan to winter camp in the backcountry permits are available daily at the Longmire Museum. On weekends and holidays permits can also be obtained at the Jackson Visitor

Center at Paradise. In selecting your campsite choose a location this is a minimum of 300’ from plowed roads and parking areas, marked routes, trails and buildings and at least 100’ from water.

## Regulations

Pets are allowed only on plowed parking lots and sidewalks and must always be on a leash.

Remember to pack out all trash. Trash left behind melts out in early summer.

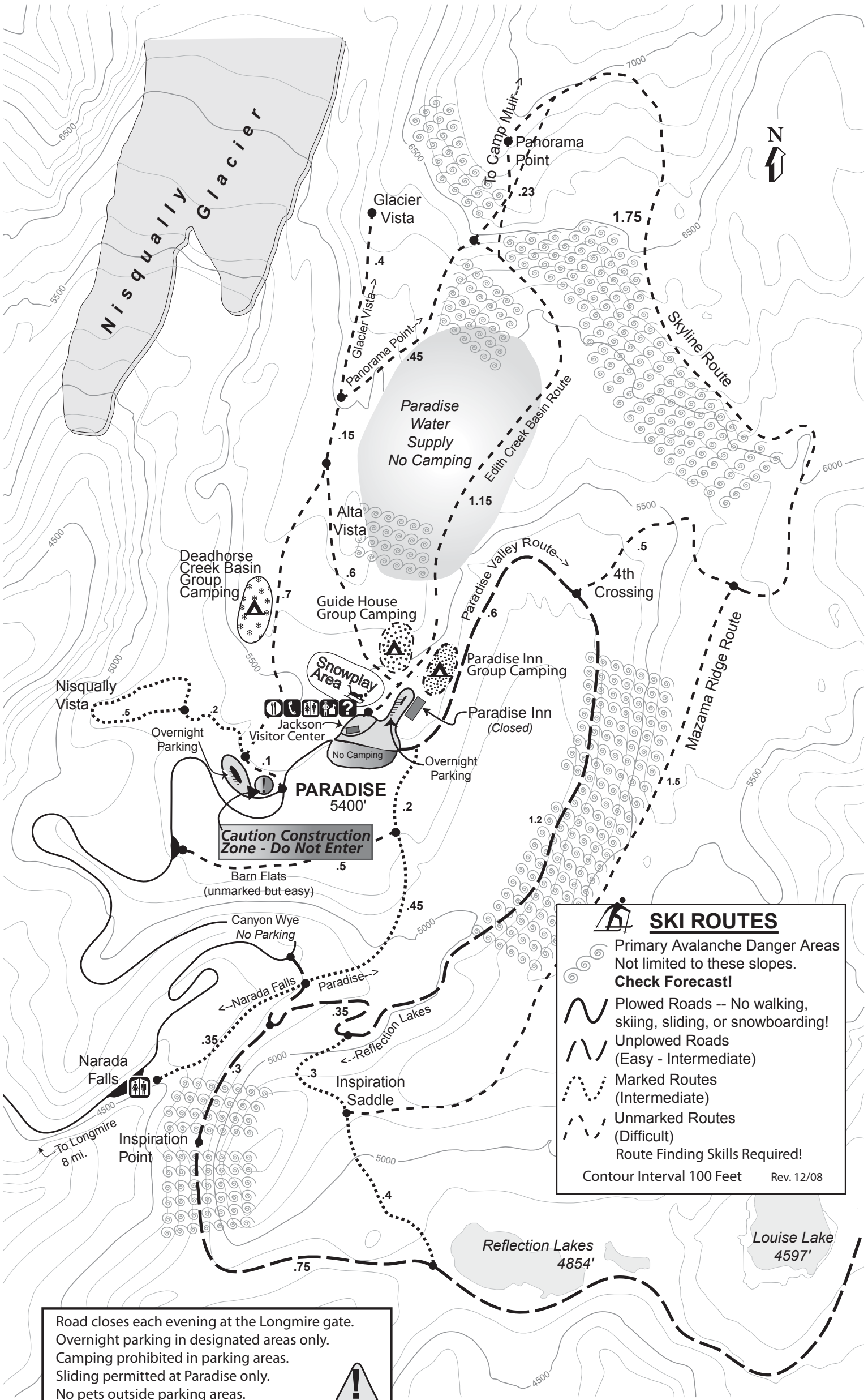
The following are prohibited to preserve Mount Rainier’s scenery and splendor:

1. Cutting vegetation (e.g., tree boughs).
2. Campfires of any type. Stoves are permitted.
3. Drying clothing and gear in restrooms or the visitor center.
4. Camping or cooking in any building or in the restroom tunnel.
5. Collecting or gathering of wood, rocks, plants or other park resources.

## Parking for Winter Camping

Vehicles must be parked in the overnight parking areas at Paradise, Narada Falls or Longmire. If designated areas are full contact a park ranger. Parking outside these areas

impedes snow removal operations. Avoid setting your parking brake if possible - it may freeze.



**SKI ROUTES**

Primary Avalanche Danger Areas  
Not limited to these slopes.  
**Check Forecast!**

Plowed Roads -- No walking, skiing, sliding, or snowboarding!

Unplowed Roads (Easy - Intermediate)

Marked Routes (Intermediate)

Unmarked Routes (Difficult)  
Route Finding Skills Required!

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Road closes each evening at the Longmire gate.  
Overnight parking in designated areas only.  
Camping prohibited in parking areas.  
Sliding permitted at Paradise only.  
No pets outside parking areas.  
Permit required for camping.  
An emergency phone is located in the hallway to the restrooms in the upper parking lot.

