

Visitor Center and Headquarters Area

Discover Olympic National Park

Olympic National Park is a national treasure waiting to be discovered. Whether your journey takes you to forests, mountains or coast, a good way to begin is to visit the Olympic National Park Visitor Center. The exhibits, Discovery Room, and nearby trails can help you discover why this place is so special. For longer adventures, the Wilderness Information Center (WIC), at the Visitor Center, can help you safely explore a special place in the 95 percent of the park that is designated wilderness. Clues to the park's richness are everywhere. Many people find treasure in Olympic National Park. Come and discover yours.

That slug is as long as my hand!

I counted 46 shades of green in the forest.

That canoe was carved by hand?



Use Common Senses

Use your senses to explore the Visitor Center. Listen for a Roosevelt elk bugling in an old-growth forest. Feel the imprint of a cougar track. Envision the cedar canoe dancing in pursuit of a seal. View the orientation program. Talk with a ranger. The staff, exhibits and program all help reveal the natural and cultural treasures in Olympic National Park.

Just Kidding Around

Step into the Discovery Room and enter a world of natural exploration and intrigue. Interactive displays provoke inquisitive minds of all ages. Ask at the front desk for the key to unlock the fun-filled Discovery Drawers. Search the murals for creatures that call Olympic home.

Teachers!

The orientation program, exhibits, Discovery Room and Visitor Center scavenger hunt are great ways to learn more about Olympic National Park. Nearby trails provide access to a living classroom. To plan a class visit or rent a traveling trunk full of park-related materials and activities, call the park's education coordinator at (360) 565-3146. Depending on availability, a park ranger may be able to assist with your visit.

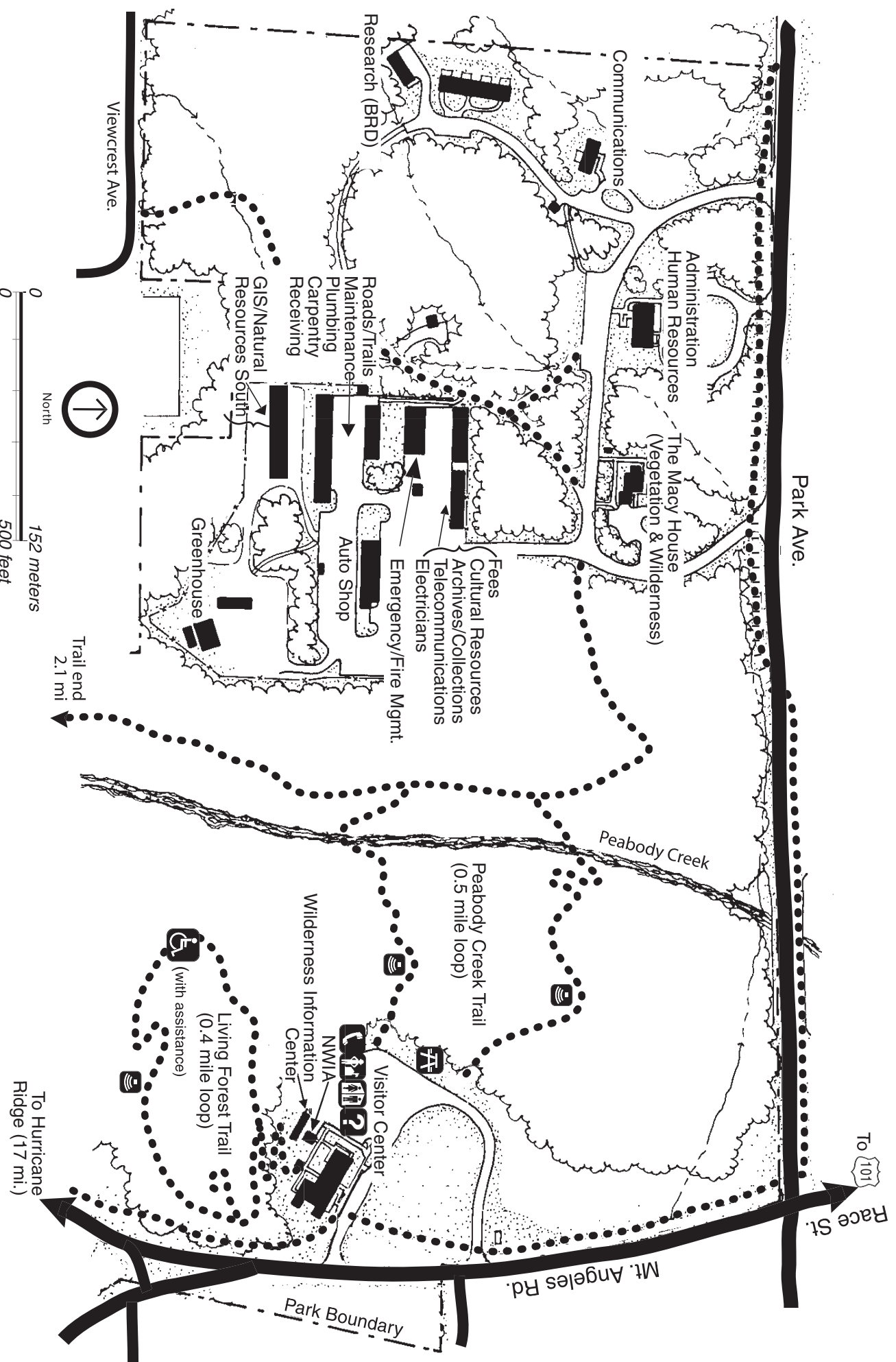


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Taking a Hike?

The Living Forest and Peabody Creek trails offer short forest walks from the Visitor Center. Visit the WIC to obtain a wilderness camping permit (required for all overnight backpacking), check conditions on the 600 miles of park trails, and learn about safe food storage options. Have fun wherever your visit takes you. Whether your treasure is a mountain vista, the song of a winter wren or a quiet moment in verdant forest, with your help it will forever be preserved in Olympic National Park.





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152 meters
500 feet



Trail end
2.1 mi

To Hurricane
Ridge (17 mi.)

To 101

Race St.

Mt. Angeles Rd.

Park Boundary

Park Ave.

Viewcrest Ave.

Research (BRD)

Communications

Administration
Human Resources

The Macy House
(Vegetation & Wilderness)

GIS/Natural
Resources South

Maintenance
Plumbing
Carpentry
Receiving

Emergency/Fire Mgmt.

Telecommunications
Electricians

Auto Shop

Archives/Collections

Cultural Resources

Fees

Greenhouse

Peabody Creek Trail
(0.5 mile loop)

Living Forest Trail
(0.4 mile loop)
(with assistance)

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