



A PRECIOUS PRESERVE

The Mount Pickett Natural Area Preserve in the eastern section of the park is the central portion of the largest contiguous tract of naturally propagated, unlogged forest remaining in the Puget Sound Trough; access is open only to organized educational or scientific research programs. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the state Department of Natural Resources' Natural Heritage Council have designated such areas to preserve rare or vanishing flora and fauna as well as geological, natural, historical or similar features of scientific or educational value. Park trails run along the perimeter of the Mount Pickett Natural Area Preserve, but entry to the area is allowed only by permission of the park manager. No off-trail activities are permitted.

DAY-USE AREAS

The day-use areas include picnic areas, five kitchen shelters, two watercraft launches, boat rentals and a swimming beach. The picnic shelter along the shores of Cascade Lake may be reserved by calling (888) CAMPOUT. Moran State Park is a popular and affordable place to hold a family gathering or wedding reception.

Cascade and Mountain lakes are stocked with trout by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The park also rears thousands of Kokanee fry each year that are released into Cascade Lake. Fishing rules are posted at boat launches.

Boats are permitted on the lakes with electric trolling motors, but internal combustion engines are not allowed.

A concession store has a variety of items for sale, including local ice cream, espresso and sandwiches. Boats, kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddle boards also are available for rent. For information, call (360) 376-4665.

Day-use areas, including the park's 38 miles of trail, are open until 30 minutes after sunset.

OVERNIGHT STAYS

• **CAMPING:** The park has 124 standard campsites, six primitive (hiker and bicyclist)

campsites and one 60-person group campsite. Four of the park's eight restrooms have coin-operated hot showers. For reservations, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call (888) 226-7688.

• **RETREAT CENTER:** Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center (ELC) provides group accommodations in a rustic setting and is available for rent year round. The camp sleeps 144 guests in heated cabins with showers, near a propane-heated rustic lodge that's complete with a wood-burning stove and a fully equipped, commercial-size kitchen. The lodge also is available as a day-use rental. The camp offers an outdoor amphitheater with a fire circle, a volleyball and basketball area and its own swim beach on Cascade Lake. For information or to reserve Camp Moran, call (800) 360-4240 or the Washington Telecommunications Relay Service at (800) 833-6388.

• **GROUP CAMP:** Group Camp G1 at Mountain Lake can accommodate 56 people. The group camp has seven individual sites and can accommodate 14 vehicles. The site includes a rustic shelter, pedestal barbeques and a fire pit. Restrooms nearby are shared with park visitors during daylight hours. For more information or to reserve the group camp at Mountain Lake, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call (888) 226-7688.

• **VACATION HOUSE:** The vacation house at Camp Moran is available for overnight rental for up to eight guests (a double futon in the living room may be available for additional sleeping space). It has two bedrooms, one bathroom and a shower room. The living room has a TV with DVD and VCR, and the kitchen is equipped with pots, pans, dishes and utensils. Toilet paper, paper towels and basic cleaning items also are provided. Guests must bring their own towels and sleeping linens. Guests have access to their own dock, fire ring and swim beach at Cascade Lake. These areas are shared with Camp Moran guests, but not with the general public. For reservations, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call (888) 226-7688.

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WHILE YOU'RE IN THE ISLANDS

Orcas Island is the largest island in the San Juans, which include Lopez, Shaw and San Juan islands. The San Juans are home to three other state parks: Obstruction Pass on Orcas, which has campsites and the largest public saltwater beach on the island; Spencer Spit on Lopez Island, where camping is available; and Lime Kiln Point, open for day use on San Juan Island and best known for whale watching from shore. Several other small islands have state marine parks available for camping. These parks, accessible only by private or chartered boat, are on Blind, Burroughs, Clark, Doe, James, Jones, Matia, Patos, Posey, Stuart, Sucia and Turn islands.

Visitors to the San Juans are never lacking for fun things to do. You can take in gorgeous scenery from the ferry, and from May through September, you can try to spot a pod of Orca whales or porpoises, sea lions, harbor seals and puffin. The islands also are home to a large year-round population of bald eagles. Travelers may take ferries to four islands to explore villages and lush scenery. Charter a boat, bicycle the rolling hills, go scuba diving or take a scenic flight in a small plane. Sea kayak tours, whale watching, golf and horseback riding are other possible activities. Island residents stage many fairs and celebrations each year. For more information, call the Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce at (360) 376-2273 or visit their website at www.orcasislandchamber.com; or call the San Juan Islands Visitor Information Bureau at (888) 468-3701.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

• **PARK HOURS:** The park is open year round. From April 1 to Sept. 30, 6:30 am to dusk; and from Oct. 1 to March 31, 8 am to dusk.

• Reservations are advised between May 15 and Sept. 15. Call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688, or visit www.parks.state.wa.us. Campsites are

available on a first-come, first-served basis from Sept. 16 through May 14.

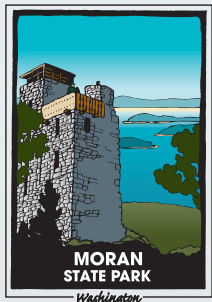
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than eight feet and under control at all times.
- Camping is allowed only in authorized areas. Fires are permitted in fire pits, which are available at each site.
- The park is a game refuge. Hunting is not permitted.
- Eight people are permitted to stay at each campsite. A maximum of two vehicles are allowed at each site. The first vehicle is included in the camping fee, while an additional fee is charged for the second vehicle.
- Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Raccoons, crows and deer are very efficient at robbing camps. Feeding animals is not permitted and is not healthy for them. Store food safely away from them.
- Proper trail etiquette calls for bicyclists to yield to hikers and all to yield to equestrians. Hike, bike or ride on established trails.
- For ferry schedule and fares, call 1-800-84-FERRY, or visit online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.

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Welcome to Moran State Park

Float, drive and hike to find treasure at one of the most beautiful spots in the Pacific Northwest – Moran State Park on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands.

The treasure hunt starts with a scenic ferry ride from Anacortes, north of Seattle. Go ashore at Orcas Island and travel along the main road (starts out as Orcas Road) for 13 miles while enjoying the lush forests, lovely hills and farmlands as you head to Moran State Park. Once settled in at your campsite, you can explore the quaint hamlets of Deer Harbor, Olga, Orcas and Westsound, visit the island's commercial center, Eastsound Village, or go right to enjoying the many activities offered at Moran State Park.

Here, in the 5,252-acre park, hikers may enjoy more than 38 miles of trails, from gentle forest loops to challenging ascents. The park has an abundance of wildlife, mountain and water views and activities, including camping, picnicking, bicycling, hiking, fishing and boating. For those who like a challenging hike, there are two mountains to scale, including Mount Constitution, which has a 2,409-foot summit – the highest point in the San Juans. At the summit stands a stone tower reminiscent of a castle. Climb the tower, and the treasure is yours. You'll find a stunning view that includes the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges. In the distance lay Mount Baker and Mount Rainier, while spread below on the water are the green, forested San Juan islands, Canadian Gulf islands and Vancouver Island.

THE MORAN LEGACY

Moran State Park sits on Orcas Island, the largest of the San Juan Archipelago. Orcas Island is within the accustomed territory of the Central Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi, Samish and Swinomish tribes.

The establishment of Moran State Park, the first "major" Washington state park, was largely owed to prominent shipbuilder and two-term Seattle Mayor, Robert Moran. In 1905

Moran began quietly buying up land on Orcas Island for his retirement. Though he proposed a state park as early as 1910, the idea took years to foment. In 1921 Moran donated more than 2,700 acres to the state for development of a park; he later donated over 1,000 additional acres for the park's expansion.

The next significant era in Moran State Park's history occurred with the advent of the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. A CCC camp opened at Moran in June 1933. Though most of the park's hallmark CCC-era buildings were constructed between 1933 and 1938, Moran was one of 25 camps nationwide to be active for the CCC's full lifespan, until 1941. Moran stands as an important example of a CCC park, including its signature 53-foot stone tower at the summit of Mount Constitution, designed by famed Seattle architect Ellsworth Storey, and completed in 1936.

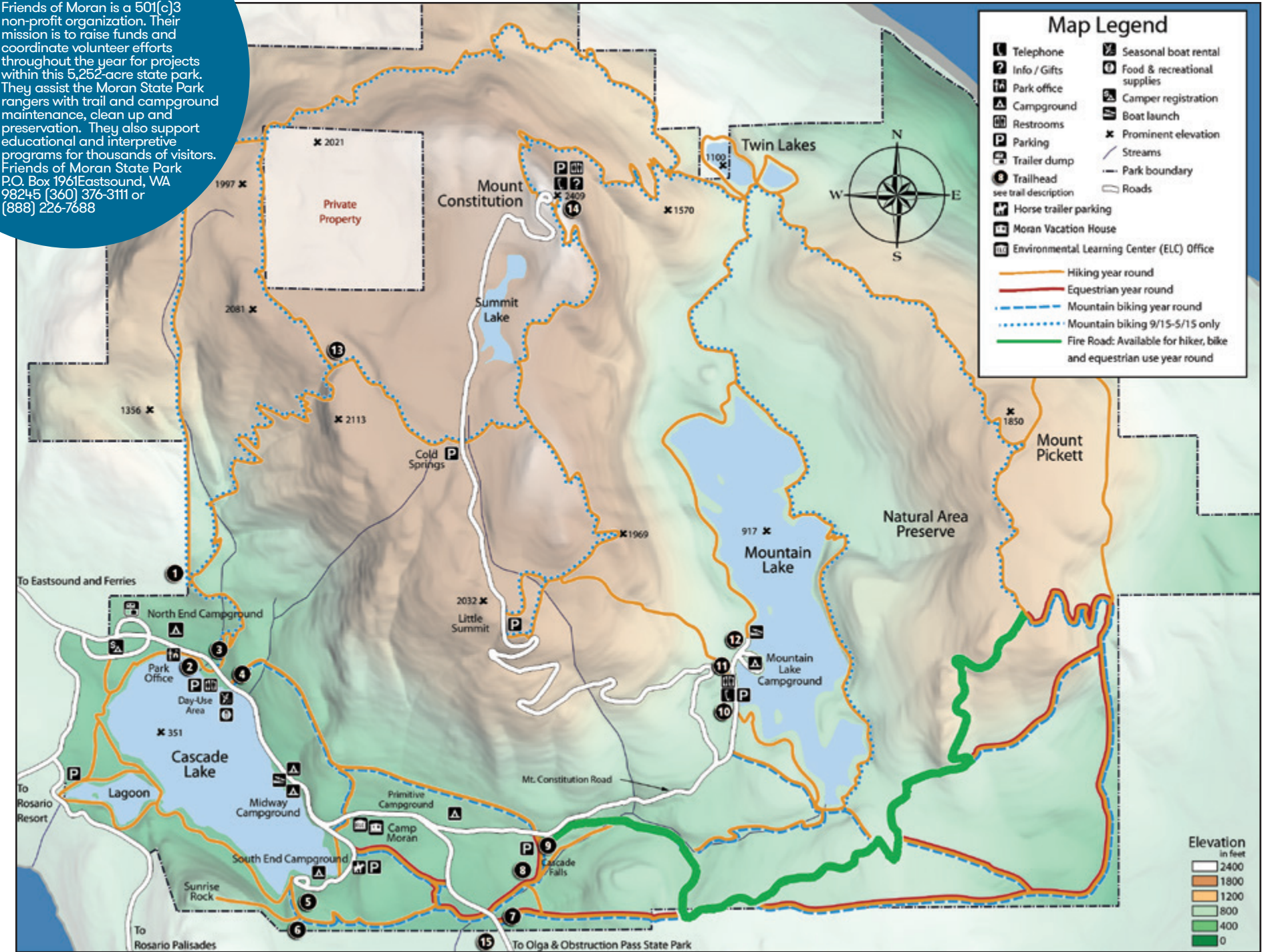
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Wildlife and plants are varied and abundant on Orcas Island. Blacktail deer, river otters, mink and raccoons are common in the park. Bald eagles, kingfishers and great blue herons can be seen year round. In the winter, trumpeter swans and a variety of ducks are found on Cascade Lake.

Several types of lilies, asters, stonecrop and grasses are found in the exposed balds (fields) on the south flank of Mount Constitution. The summit is forested by hardy stands of lodgepole pine; Western redcedar, Western hemlock and Douglas-fir dominate the forest at lower elevations. See our special handout titled "Common Trees at Moran State Park" for more detailed information.



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Please note: Trail designations are subject to change. Please check park bulletin boards or call the park for the most current information.

WILDERNESS ADVENTURES: TRAILS OF MORAN STATE PARK

MORAN STATE PARK has more than 38 miles of foot trails, most built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. They range from a fairly level 2.7-mile walk around Cascade Lake to the more demanding climb from Cascade Lake, at 351 feet, to the summit of Mount Constitution, at 2,409 feet – a gain of 2,058 feet in 4.3 miles.

Following are brief descriptions of some of the park's more popular trails. Trail mileages are one-way unless the trail is designated as a loop. Trail ratings for hikers and bicyclists are as follows: easy (flat terrain, gentle hills); challenging (moderate to strenuous); and difficult (dramatic elevation gains). The ratings are based on overall trail conditions, and some sections may be more difficult than others. Hikers may enjoy all trails with a minimum of equipment: sturdy shoes, a jacket for that unexpected shower, snacks and water. Caution: Creek and lake water may contain harmful bacteria.

Hikers, note: Hikers are advised to carry plenty of drinking water because there is no potable water at most trailheads. Water is available at the park office year round and in campgrounds during summer.

Bikers, note: Bicycle use is restricted on some park trails. Please see the map in this brochure and park bulletin boards to learn where and when bikes are permitted. Bikers may not push or carry bicycles on trails listed as closed to bicycles.

Equestrians, note: Horseback riding is restricted on most park trails. Please see the map in this brochure and park bulletin boards to learn where and when horses are permitted. Parking for horse trailers is limited to an area near the ELC beach. Owners must clean up after their horses in parking areas, on roads and at trailheads. Please check for current information at the park office. Horses are not permitted in any camping or day-use areas. Please keep them out of lakes and streams.

1. WEST BOUNDARY LOOP

Difficult, 5.6 miles, 1,620 feet elevation gain

The trail begins to the left of the picnic shelter across from the road from the Cascade Lake day-use area. After .5 mile at a sharp switchback go left on the West Boundary Trail. Climb up the short, steep trail to a service road and go right. This road climbs steeply under power lines for 1.7 miles to the junction with the North Boundary Loop trail. Turn right and hike one mile though the dense Lodgepole Pine forest to the junction with the Cold Springs Trail. Turn right and descend 2.4 miles back to Cascade Lake.

Hikers should use caution on the steep uphill West Boundary portion of the trail as it is heavily used by downhill, free-ride bicyclists.

2. CASCADE LAKE LOOP

Easy, 2.7 miles, slight elevation gain and loss

Start at the Cascade Lake day-use area, and follow the trail counterclockwise. After about .75 mile cross over the bridge that spans Cascade Lagoon. Continue left along the lake another .75 mile to the South End Campground. Follow the road through the campground and pick up the trail again near campsite #1. Cross the road above the Camp Moran beach following the Cascade Lake Loop sign. You will cross Olga Road, go uphill, and turn left at the Cascade Lake sign to reach the Day Use Area.

3. COLD SPRINGS TRAIL (CASCADE LAKE TO MOUNT CONSTITUTION)

Difficult, 4.3 miles, 2058 feet elevation gain

Start at Cascade Lake, across the county road from the day-use area. Take the trailhead to the left of the picnic shelter, passing by an interpretive exhibit that describes the powerful windstorm that hit the park in 1972. The trail switches back up steep slopes toward Cold Springs. At the top of the switchbacks (approximately 2.3 miles) you come to the junction with the North Boundary Loop trail; continue straight ahead to the Cold Springs shelter. From the Cold Springs shelter, cross Mount Constitution Road and follow the trail .3 mile to the intersection with the Little Summit Trail. Turn left and continue one mile to the stone tower at the summit of Mount Constitution.

4. CASCADE LAKE TO CASCADE FALLS

Easy, 1.5 miles, 200 feet elevation gain

The trailhead starts to the right of the restrooms across the road from the swim beach at the Cascade Lake day-use area. Follow the trail to the service road above Midway campground and turn right on the road. Take the next trail to the left and continue on, passing the primitive camp area on your right (restrooms available here). Cross Mount Constitution Road to the Cascade Falls parking area and follow the signs downhill to the falls.

5. CASCADE CREEK TRAIL

Easy to challenging, Cascade Lake to Cascade Falls 1.1 miles, 150 feet elevation gain; Cascade Falls to Mountain Lake picnic shelter, 1.9 miles, 420 feet elevation gain

Follow signs toward the South End Campground and park on the right across from the horse trailer parking. Walk the paved road and find the trailhead just past the campground restrooms. Start uphill and at the first intersection, follow the sign left to Cascade Falls. This trail passes through old growth forest along the south boundary of the park. At the paved county road, make a jog to the right and cross the county road just before the concrete bridge and arch. From here it is a short hike up to Cascade Falls, most impressive at times of high water. A hiker

only trail passes several smaller falls as it continues upstream. When the trail joins the service road to Mount Pickett, turn right following the road to the top of the next hill. The creek trail crosses left over Hidden Falls on a log foot bridge. Follow the trail upstream until you reach Mountain Lake Dam. Cross left over the stream on the bridge below the dam. Follow the shoreline for about .5 miles to the Mountain Lake Cabin and parking area.

6. SUNRISE ROCK

Challenging, .7 miles, 300 feet elevation gain

Follow the signs to the South End Campground and park on the right across from the horse trailer parking. Walk the paved road and find the trailhead just past the campground restrooms. Start uphill and at the first intersection follow the sign left to Cascade Falls. Turn right at the next junction to climb the short but steep Sunrise Rock trail. The breathtaking view from Sunrise Rock includes Cascade Lake and its surrounding scenery.

7. SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY LOOP TRAILS

Easy to challenging, 4-8 miles, most trails open to mountain bikes year-round

Access the southeast boundary trail from the trailhead on Olga Road, just outside the south arch. Follow the South boundary trail until it intersects with the Mount Pickett service road. The service road continues 2.3 miles to a gate and kiosk. Beyond this point the road is closed to bicycles May 15-September 15. To reach the summit of Mt. Pickett continue another .75 mile. All trails to the right of the service road descend to the southeast boundary trails. From the southeast boundary trails, all trails on your right return to the service road.

8. CASCADE FALLS TRAIL

Easy, .25 mile, 130 feet elevation loss

Drive up Mount Constitution Road about .4 mile to the Cascade Falls parking area and trailhead on the right. The trailhead divides into two trails. The steeper and more rugged left trail goes down to Rustic Falls where you can then turn right and continue to Cascade Falls. The right trail takes you to the Cascade Falls viewpoint and is a more gentle descent. The falls are most spectacular in spring and early summer.

9. CASCADE FALLS TO MOUNTAIN LAKE DAM

Challenging, 1.8 miles, 420 feet elevation gain

Drive up Mount Constitution Road .4 mile to the Cascade Falls trailhead parking on the right. Follow the service road behind the gate. This road is closed to vehicles but is good for beginning bikers. You will notice numerous trails intersecting the road. After 1.6 miles, the road forks. Take the left fork .2 mile to Mountain Lake Dam. [An alternate return route is down the Cascade Creek Trail to the service road].

10. MOUNTAIN LAKE LOOP

Easy, 3.9 miles with slight elevation gain and loss

Drive up Mount Constitution Road 1 mile to the Mountain Lake turnoff and parking area. Start at the trailhead across from the log cabin. Follow the trail to the south end of the lake and cross the bridge below the dam and turn left. Take the next trail to your left to continue around the lake to the junction with the Twin Lakes trail. Turn left and cross the footbridge and continue to the boat launch. Walk the road back to the parking area and log cabin. As you hike around the lake, view the broad summit ridge of Mount Constitution. Trout in this lake attract Kingfishers, Bald Eagles, and Osprey.

11. MOUNT CONSTITUTION LOOP

Difficult, 6.7 miles, 1,490 feet elevation gain and loss

This hike starts to the left of the picnic shelter at Mountain Lake. Hike a short but steep trail that began as a pathway for phone lines during the time crank telephones were used. Heavily forested, the trail passes through Western Hemlock and Douglas Fir. After 1.2 miles, you will reach the junction with the Little Summit trail. If you wish to see the view from Little Summit, turn left and hike .3 mile. To reach the summit of Mount Constitution directly, turn right and follow the signs 2 miles to the tower. Climb the tower stairs for a spectacular view. To continue the loop, cross the parking lot to the Twin Lakes trailhead. Descend 1.5 miles to Twin Lakes, then turn right toward Mountain Lake. Take the hikers only trail on the right to reach the Mountain Lake picnic shelter (1.2 miles) completing the loop.

12. MOUNT PICKETT LOOP

Easy to difficult, 7 miles, 900 feet elevation gain and loss

Drive up Mount Constitution Road 1 mile to the Mountain Lake turnoff and parking area. Walk the road to the boat launch. Take the Mountain Lake trail 1.2 miles until it crosses over the creek on a footbridge. Turn left at the Twin Lakes trail sign and follow the creek uphill for .8 mile. The trail levels off then opens onto Big Twin Lake. Optional loop trails lead you around Big (.6) and Little (.4) Twin Lakes. From Little Twin Lake take the Mt. Pickett trail and ascend 900 feet (1.5 miles) to the Mt. Pickett summit. Continue downhill on the road 2 miles passing four trails on your left to an intersection. Turn right and follow the road to Mountain Lake Dam. Cross the footbridge below the dam and hike .5 mile along the lake to complete the loop.

13. NORTH BOUNDARY LOOP

Challenging, 5 miles, 1200 ft. elevation gain

Drive up Mount Constitution Road 3.5 miles to the Cold Springs parking area on the left. Hike .5 mile on the Cold Springs Trail, passing the shelter and the Cold Springs well to the intersection with the North Boundary trail. Turn right. Hike one mile through the dense Lodgepole Pine forest to the intersection with the West Boundary Trail. Cross under the power lines and further on, across an old road. Continue through dense mixed stands of Douglas Fir, Red Cedar and Hemlock to the junction with the Mount Constitution Loop trail. Turn right and ascend 1.5 miles to the Mount Constitution summit. From the summit, hike the ridgeline down 1.3 miles turning right at the trail intersection to Cold Springs.

14. LITTLE SUMMIT TRAIL

Difficult, 2.2 miles, 430 feet elevation gain/loss

Drive up Mount Constitution road 3 miles to the Little Summit parking area on your right. If you wish to see the view from Little Summit, turn right off the trail and hike .1 mile to Little Summit. There are spectacular easterly views of Mount Baker and Mount Rainier in the Cascade Range, as well as several snowy peaks of the Olympic Mountains to the southwest. To reach the summit of Mount Constitution directly, follow the signs 2.2 miles to the tower. The last part of the trail goes along .5 mile of open ridgeline with excellent views of the Cascade Range to the east. The Little Summit trail winds through one of the largest Lodgepole Pine forests in Western Washington.

15. OBSTRUCTION PASS STATE PARK

Easy, 1.5 miles, 200 feet elevation loss/gain

Follow the county road through Moran State Park toward Olga. It is about four miles to Obstruction Pass State Park. Signs at each intersection direct visitors toward the park. This 80-acre park contains the largest public beach on Orcas Island (.6 mile from the parking area). The park also includes a small trail system and interpretive panels describing many of the park's features. The park is open year-round and has 10 primitive walk-in campsites available on a first come, first served basis. Restrooms are available at the parking area and campground.

