

North Cascades National Park Complex

Stephen Mather Wilderness

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An Enduring Legacy of Wilderness

“[I]t is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.” — Wilderness Act, 1964

The North Cascades National Park Complex includes 684,000 acres in three units: North Cascades National Park, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, and Ross Lake National Recreation Area. Congress has designated 94% of the Complex as the Stephen Mather Wilderness.

Today, as in the past, wilderness is an important part of every American's story. People seek out wilderness for a variety of reasons: physical or mental challenge; solitude, renewal, or a respite from modern life; or as a place to find inspiration and to explore our heritage. What draws you to visit wilderness?

The Stephen Mather Wilderness is at the heart of over two million acres of some of the wildest lands remaining, a place “where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man....” Untrammelled (meaning “free of restraint,” “unconfined”) captures the essence of wilderness: a place where the natural processes of the land prevail, and the developments of modern technological society are substantially unnoticeable. Here, we are visitors, but we also come home—to our natural heritage. It is a place to experience our past, and a place to find future respite. This is the enduring legacy of wilderness.



Backcountry Camp Information

Campfires not allowed				
Camp contains group site (9-12 people)				
Canisters are mandatory Jun 1-Nov 15				
Camp	Toilet	Food Storage	Sites	Max. Size
Copper Ridge / Chilliwack / Brush Creek Trails				
Bear Creek	Pit	Hang	1	4
Boundary	Pit	Box	3	12
Copper Creek	Pit	Hang	5	12
Copper Lake	Composter	Box	3	12
Egg Lake	Composter	Box	3	12
Graybeal	Pit	Hang	3	12
Graybeal Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Indian Creek	Pit	Hang	3	12
Little Chilliwack	Pit	Hang	3	12
Slesia	Composter	Box	2	8
U.S. Cabin	Pit	Hang	4	12
U.S. Cabin Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Whitcomb	Composter	Hang/Canister	3	12
Thunder / Fourth of July / Fisher / Park Creek Trails				
Cosho	Pit	Hang	3	12
Fisher	Pit	Canister	3	12
Five Mile Stock	Pit	Hang	2	12
Fourth of July	Pit	Hang	3	12
Junction	Pit	Hang	3	12
Junction Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
McAlister	Pit	Hang	5	12
McAlister Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Nave	Pit	Hang	3	12
Panther	Pit	Hang	2	12
Skagit Queen	Pit	Hang	2	12
Thunder	Pit	Hang	3	12
Thunder Basin	Composter	Canister	2	8
Thunder Basin Stock	None	Hang	1	4
Tricouni	Pit	Hang	2	8
Two Mile	Pit	Hang	1	6
Big and Little Beaver Trails				
39 Mile	Pit	Hang	3	12
39 Mile Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Boundary	Vault	Box	3	12
Buster Brown	Vault	Box	3	12
Cat Island	Vault	Box	4	12
Cougar Lake	Vault	Box	2	12
Deerlick Stock	Pit	Hang	2	12
Desolation	Pit	Canister	1	8
Devil's Creek	Pit	Hang	3	12
Devil's Creek Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Devil's Junction	Vault	Box	1	8
Dry Creek	Pit	Box	4	12
Green Point	Vault	Box	5	12
Hidden Cove	Vault	Box	1	4
Hidden Hand	Pit	Hang	1	12
Hidden Hand Stock	Pit	Hang	1	8
Hozomeen Lake	Pit	Hang	3	12
Lightning Creek	Vault	Box	5	12
Lightning Creek Stock	Vault	Box	2	12
Little Beaver	Vault	Box	5	12
Lodgepole	Vault	Box	3	12
May Creek	Vault	Box	1	6
May Creek Stock	Pit	Hang	1	8
McMillan	Vault	Box	3	12
Nightmare	Pit	Hang	1	12
Ponderosa	Vault	Box	2	12
Rainbow Point	Vault	Box	3	12
Roland Point	Pit	Hang	3	12
Ruby Pasture	Pit	Hang	1	6
Silver Creek	Vault	Box	2	12
Spencer's	Vault	Box	2	12
Ten Mile Island	Vault	Box	3	12
Thunder Point	Vault	Box	3	12
Willow Lake	Pit	Hang	1	4
Bridge Creek / North Fork / Twisp Pass / McAlister / Rainbow Lake and Creek / McGregor				
Bench Creek	Pit	Hang	3	12
Bowan	Pit	Hang	2	8
Dagger Lake	Pit	Wire	1	12
Dagger Lake Stock	Pit	Wire	1	12
Dan's	Pit	Hang	1	4
Fireweed	Pit	Wire	2	12
Fireweed Stock	Pit	Wire	2	12
Grizzly Creek	Pit	Wire	3	12
Grizzly Creek Stock	Pit	Hang/Canister	1	12
Hidden Meadows	Pit	Hang	1	12
Hidden Meadows Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
McAlister Lake	Pit	Wire	1	4
McAlister Lake Stock	Pit	Wire	2	12
North Fork	Pit	Wire	2	12
Rainbow Bridge	Pit	Hang	2	8
Rainbow Ford	Pit	Hang	1	4
Rainbow Meadows	Pit	Hang	2	8
Rainbow Meadows Group	Pit	Hang	1	8
Rainbow Meadows Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Six Mile	Pit	Wire	1	12
South Fork	Pit	Wire	2	8
South Fork Stock	Pit	Wire	1	12
Walker Park Stock	Pit	Wire	1	12
Basin Creek / Sahale Arm Trails				
Basin Creek	Pit	Box	3	12
Johnsburg	Pit	Box	3	12
Palton Basin	Composter	Box	4	8
Sahale Glacier	Composter	Canister	6	12
Trapper Inlet	None	Canister	1	4
Trapper Outlet	None	Canister/ Hang	2	8
Upper Stehakin Valley Trail / Stehakin Road				
Bridge Creek	Vault	Box	6	12
Bridge Creek Group	Vault	Box	2	8
Bridge Creek Stock	Vault	Box	1	8
Cottonwood	Pit	Box	3	12
Flat Creek	Pit	Box	2	12
Harlequin	Vault	Box	6	12
Harlequin Group	Vault	Box	1	24
High Bridge	Vault	Box	2	12
Park Creek	Flush	Box	2	8
Purple Point	Flush	Box	6	8
Lakeview	Flush	Box	2	12
Lakeview Group	Vault	Box	1	8
Turnwater	Vault	Box	2	12
Boulder / War Creek / Chelan Summit Trails				
Hoodie	Pit	Canister	1	4
Juanita Lake	Composter	Hang	2	8
Juanita Lake Stock	Pit	Hang	1	12
Lakeview	Pit	Wire	1	4
Rennie	Pit	Hang	1	4
Reynolds Stock	Pit	Wire	1	12

NOTE: This map is for general planning purposes and is NOT intended for navigational purposes. Locations and distances are approximate and may vary. Cross country zone boundaries as indicated are approximate. Backcountry travelers should carry and know how to use topographic maps. Due to the dynamic nature of wilderness landscapes, camp information is subject to change.

* Food canisters required Jun 1 - Nov 15 in Hidden Lake & Tapto Lakes zones and in portions of Boston Basin, Eldorado, and Sulphide Glacier cross-country zones

** Stock are allowed in the Dee Dee Lakes, Rainbow Ridge, Rennie, Purple, and Triple Lakes cross-country zones (total party size limit of 6)