

2023 Impact Report

WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND





Note from our Board Chair

Friends of the Fund:

According to Merriam Webster, the first listed definition of restore is to “give back” or “return.” Here at Washington’s National Park Fund, restoring the parks is a theme that comes up a lot.

We feel that having access to wild places like Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks is a gift, and it’s our responsibility – and our opportunity – to give back so these places can remain pristine for future generations.

Thanks to thousands of dedicated supporters, we’re able to do just that.

This year, we’re providing Washington’s national parks with an awe-inspiring (and record-setting) \$990,000 in grants for annual projects and an additional \$540,000 for future projects in the parks.

That’s \$1.5 million in support we’ve made available to the parks for 2024 – a new record!

From the rocky shores of the Pacific coast in Olympic all the way up to the summit of Mount Rainier and the highest glaciated peaks of the North Cascades, the impact of philanthropy is powerful.

Whether you’ve bestowed a gift, mapped out a park pilgrimage, or helped spread the word about the significance of these parks, you are helping change the course of their future.

As we come together to raise more – and to do more – for Washington’s national parks every year, know that we couldn’t embark on this transformative journey without you.

Thank you for stepping up to make a difference
#ForTheParks.

With my sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Hoskins', followed by a horizontal line.

Tony Hoskins
Chair of the Board

Your Impact at a Glance

Our mission is to raise funds to preserve and enhance the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and recreational opportunities of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks so that they remain vibrant, thriving ecosystems and cherished destinations for future generations.

With your help, we support dozens of transformative projects every year. Below are just a few of the amazing things you made possible in 2023.

North Cascades National Park by Sheena Shahangian.

Mount Rainier National Park



69,000 hours contributed through the park's donor-funded volunteer programs



274 miles of trails maintained including clearing drainages and replacing trail bridges



156 eDNA samples collected at streams and lakes for fish and amphibian research



2 youth trail crews organized, bringing underrepresented groups into the park

North Cascades National Park



5,900 engagements with visitors by bear education rangers



1,500 hours of data collection contributed by volunteer butterfly surveyors since 2022



1,000 carnivore scat samples underwent DNA sequencing to identify species and diet



57 students in an underserved gateway community experienced park programs

Olympic National Park



1,700 visitors participated in Night Sky visitor programs, including 170 youth



1,300 hours contributed to the Native Plant Center by 110 volunteers and students



400 marmot sites surveyed through community science, providing the park with data



210 8th graders enjoyed science field trips, collecting data for a science investigation



For a complete list of all the projects donors have funded this year, scan the QR code or visit wnpf.org/funded-projects.

How it works

At the beginning of each fiscal year in October, the superintendents of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Park work with their leadership teams to identify top priorities that would go unfunded if not for support from Washington's National Park Fund. We then turn to our community of passionate park supporters to raise funds for those projects. Projects are categorized into four core areas:



Science and Research

Understanding the changing ecosystems and protecting and preserving precious native plants and wildlife through research and community science.



Visitors' Experiences

Improving the visitor experience, from cleaning up and maintaining trails to wayfinding signage and search and rescue efforts.



Volunteerism and Stewardship

Offering volunteer programs that provide thousands of hours of volunteer service each year by dedicated volunteers and creating life-long land stewards.



Embracing Inclusion

Creating opportunities for people from all backgrounds to have experiences in – and learn to care for – these parks.

Together FOR THE PARKS

Spotlight on Restoring Paradise

An Investment in the Visitor Experience at Mount Rainier National Park



Mount Rainier National Park is a significant natural and cultural landmark beloved for its dramatic natural beauty, biodiverse ecosystems, abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, and scientific and historic value. As such, Washington's National Park Fund is supporting a critical and visionary project in Mount Rainier's most visited destination, Paradise, as part of our multi-year Together for the Parks campaign.

Restoring Paradise is a bold, \$2 million plan that includes the restoration of the Paradise Meadows, rehabilitation of a main portion of the popular Skyline Trail, construction of a new 1.2-mile connecting trail from the lower parking lot and picnic area up to the Jackson Visitor Center, and rehabilitation of the historic Slate Comfort Station just off the Paradise parking area.



NPS photo of the historic Comfort Station at Paradise, taken in 1929.

We're excited to report that passionate donors have already stepped up to invest in this key park priority. In 2023, early donation dollars helped secure a contract with an architecture and engineering group to produce schematic design documents for the Comfort Station rehabilitation.

Following completion of the schematic design, construction is tentatively planned for 2025. Read about all the improvements we're excited to provide for the historic Comfort Station at wnpf.org/paradise.

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

Between October 2022 and September 2023, Washington's National Park Fund raised funds for **42 projects** in Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. These projects, mostly taking place in summer 2024, would not be possible without your support.

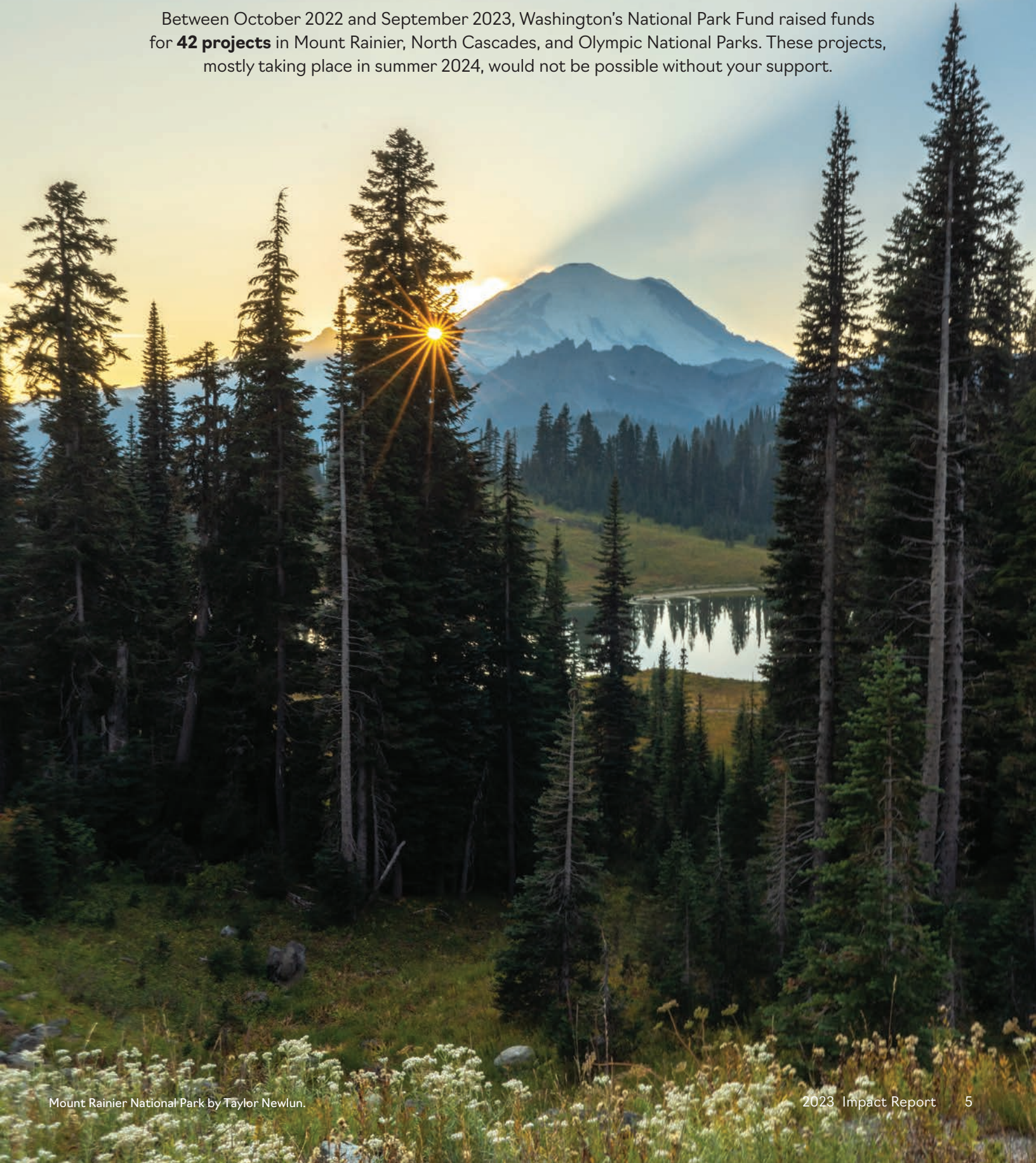




Photo by Mitch Pittman

Mount Rainier National Park

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Restoring Mount Rainier's Wildflower Wonders

Mount Rainier National Park is one of the most beautiful and scenic areas in the United States, boasting incredible views and a rich variety of flora and fauna that are unique to the area. However, the natural beauty and ecological diversity are under threat from human activities, which continue to damage the fragile ecosystem. This is especially true in the alpine and subalpine zones, where the growing season is short due to lingering snow long into the summer months, and during which far too many unknowing visitors hike off trail and trample the meadows.

To mitigate this problem, the park has established an ecological restoration program that seeks to restore the meadows to their original condition, planting between 40,000 and 50,000 meadow plants every year. And Washington's National Park Fund donors make it possible. See how your donation helps at wnpf.org/meadows.

"We rely a lot on volunteers to help us plant, and funding from Washington's National Park Fund helps us facilitate those volunteer groups, it helps us get certain groups up to the park and helps us work those extra hours – and it has supplied us with the tools we need for this job."

-KIM POPEK, ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR AT MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

Wonderland Trail Work – \$200,000

This funding supports trail workers in developing skills while correcting deficiencies along the 93-mile Wonderland Trail. Trail grading, brushing, drainage system maintenance, bridge replacement and repairs will be completed with assistance from youth corps crews. Last year, this funding fully supported seven trail maintenance workers.

Meadow Rover Volunteer Program – \$64,000

Protecting Mount Rainier’s fragile subalpine meadows while providing a safe and memorable visitor experience requires a balance of vigilance and education. The more than 200 volunteer Meadow Rovers are integral, interacting with nearly 200,000 visitors annually. Funding supports supplies and seasonal program leads at Paradise and Sunrise.

Volunteer Program – \$60,000

Through Mount Rainier’s volunteer program, roughly 2,000 volunteers donate nearly 70,000 hours annually, providing an estimated \$2 million in value to the park. Funding will help cover the cost of supplies, housing, uniforms, and vehicles, as well as the interns that coordinate this key program.

WTA Trails Partnership and Crew Lead – \$50,000

WNPF and the Washington Trails Association (WTA) partner together year after year. This year, the park will hire a WTA crew leader to guide volunteers working on trail improvements in the White River and Sunrise areas. Crews will include single-identity youth teams to provide experiences in the park for volunteers from similar backgrounds.

Access for All: Evaluating Trail Accessibility and Creating a Digital Trails Guide – \$37,000

In year one, donor funds enabled the purchase of a High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process tool (HETAP) to measure trail distance, grade, and substrate. Now in its second year, funding will support a seasonal ranger and provide a vehicle so they can photograph trails and facilities for development of the online accessibility guide.

Restoring Paradise (Together for the Parks Special Project) – \$35,600

Initial project funding will allow the park to begin work on one aspect of the “Restoring Paradise” project: rehabilitating the historic Slate Comfort Station. With the funds, the park will retain an architecture and engineering group to produce schematic design documents for the rehabilitation with construction anticipated to begin in 2024.

Alpine Gardens Protection Team – \$30,400

When visitors step off trails to avoid puddles or snow patches in early summer, significant damage can occur to the fragile plants just beginning to emerge. Funding will provide a staff member to serve as project lead in the Meadow Rover program and to coordinate volunteers to install and maintain the guide ropes to protect the meadows.

Visitor Benches at Paradise – \$25,000

Benches make hiking Paradise’s steep trails more pleasurable and prevent visitors from seeking large rocks in the meadows to rest on. The park’s trail crew aims to build 15-20 rustic log benches. Funding will provide for three trails employees for five weeks of material gathering and fabrication, vehicles, and the supplies needed.

Serving Diverse Communities through Bilingual Rangers – \$20,000

This funding will expand the park’s efforts to welcome all visitors, including Spanish speaking visitors, by supporting one of four new bilingual park rangers. This seasonal ranger will be stationed at the park’s busiest location, Paradise, from May to October where they will interact with an estimated 30,000 visitors.

“Skiing History of Mount Rainier” Exhibit – \$10,000

Paradise’s skiing history includes the very first U.S. National Downhill and Slalom championships and the ski trials for the 1936 Winter Olympics – the first for women. Funding will help preserve the Olympic skis and poles in the park’s museum collection, and design and fabrication of a temporary exhibit to keep this piece of the past alive.



Photo by Scott Shopman

 **Emergency Roadside Assistance Volunteers – \$16,000**

On top of helping stranded motorists, the Roadside Assistance Volunteer Network (RAVeNs) help with traffic control in emergency situations and during Search & Rescue incidents, freeing up first responders for the most critical calls. Funding provides housing and transportation for five volunteers stationed throughout the park.

 **Meadow Restoration and Stewardship in Paradise – \$800**

Off-trail hiking and historic uses of the meadows at Paradise have left areas bare. Volunteers, community groups, and Northwest Youth Corps crews aim to restore 10,000 square feet of disturbed meadow by planting 40,000 native plants. Funding supports restoration tools, seedling propagation, and staff to coordinate volunteer efforts.

 **Honorarium for Tribal Representatives to Conduct Training for Park Staff – \$3,400**

The land within Mount Rainier National Park holds much historical, cultural, and spiritual significance to local tribes who were the original caretakers and stewards. This funding supported a cultural training event for park staff and volunteers that was conducted by the Nisqually Tribe, including honorariums for three trainers.



North Cascades National Park

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Butterfly Nets and Data Sets in the Cascades

The Cascades Butterfly Project has been benefiting Washington's national parks for over a decade, having launched in 2011 to monitor butterfly abundance and plant phenology at ten survey sites in Mount Rainier and North Cascades National Parks and in the two adjacent national forests.

High-elevation ecosystems are especially vulnerable to warming climates since the plants and animals that call those ecosystems home are adapted to long winters and short summers with mild temperatures, and this project, made possible through donations to Washington's National Park Fund, helps provide the parks with data to understand the impact. See how your donation helps at wnpf.org/butterflies.

"We try to get the word out that the park does science, and we want to protect the ecosystem. When visitors see you with the butterfly net and talk to you, that's a great time to show them the butterfly in the jar – especially kids."


-REGINA ROCHEFORT, PH.D., ECOLOGIST AND CASCADES BUTTERFLY PROJECT LEAD

 **Bear Essentials Safety Program – \$50,600**

Funding for the third year of this program will enable two “bear rangers” to use the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service educational bear trailer to teach visitors about proper food storage and bear stewardship. Last year they hosted 77 campground programs and had 5,900 one-on-one interactions, helping keep people safe and bears alive in the park.

 **Wilderness Internships – \$39,600**

Each year, the growing popularity of backcountry recreation in the North Cascades strains National Park Service resources. This project aims to alleviate pressure by funding two interns and providing housing, so they can support Wilderness and Climbing Rangers during the busy summer and help improve the visitor experience.

 **Produce Carts for the Sauk-Suiattle Community – \$13,600**

Part of the innovative five-year Food Sustainability and Native Plant Education project, this funding will help support food sovereignty for North Cascades National Park’s neighbors in the Sauk-Suiattle community by building produce stands, a wagon for transport, greenhouse supplies, and internships for local tribal youth assisting in the garden.

 **Wilderness Characteristics Mapping Tool – \$12,500**

The park will create a dynamic mapping tool to illustrate wilderness character qualities across the Stephen Mather Wilderness and enhance planning and decision-making, helping the park to explore future management alternatives for wilderness stewardship. Funding will support the labor and equipment needed to develop the tool.

 **Volunteer Project Trailer – \$12,500**

In 2022, North Cascades National Park volunteers dedicated over 8,700 hours to trail maintenance, campground operations, interpretation, and search and rescue. To ease their efforts, this funding will provide for a dedicated volunteer project trailer, ensuring mobile access to tools, safety equipment, and supplies.

 **Cascades Butterfly Project – \$10,000**

Community science volunteers have dedicated thousands of hours surveying high mountain meadows to record butterfly species, flight periods, and host plant bloom dates, providing crucial data for long-term climate change impact analysis. Funding ensures project continuity, supporting volunteers in their surveys and visitor education.

 **Studying Rare Carnivores – \$10,000**

Rare carnivores, such as wolverine, Canada lynx, and Cascade red fox, are slowly recovering in the North Cascades, but face uncertainty in a rapidly changing climate. Funding will support the collection of diet data to better understand how these species coexist, and how vulnerable they are due to climate impacts on their prey species.

 **Search and Rescue Trainings – \$4,500**

In this remote park where stunning landscapes pose challenges, North Cascades National Park aims to enhance search and rescue capabilities. Funding will support swiftwater rescue and technical rope response training for mountaineering rescues and motor vehicle accidents, expanding the qualified team of staff, interns, and volunteers.

 **Wilderness Forensics – \$3,500**

One important way scientists monitor the park’s wildlife is by performing necropsies on animals that are found dead within the park. Funds will support laboratory analysis of these samples to reveal emerging diseases, detect the presence of environmental contamination such as microplastics, PCBs, and lead, and identify rare species.

 **Supporting Incident Responders – \$2,500**

Search and rescue teams handled 100+ incidents in the North Cascades in 2022. Dedicated park staff and volunteers, often responding during personal time, deserve support. Funds provide sustenance and supplies, acknowledging their resilience in highly stressful situations and enabling them to provide support to others.



Community Resilience through Food Sustainability and Native Plant Education – \$2,000

This education project provides outdoor experiences, place-based learning, and native plant and food sustainability education for 160 youth each year through park partnerships. Funding supports field trips and programs that allow participants to grow and transplant native plants to park and tribal lands.

Wilderness Photography: Providing Public Access to Historical Photographs – \$300

Funding supports the park in recruiting archival interns through the National Council for Preservation Education to catalog, digitize, add searchable metadata, and make publicly available some of the thousands of photographs in the North Cascades National Park Service Complex Museum collection that document wilderness impacts.

Honorarium for Nlaka'pamux First Nation Leader to Advise Park Leadership – \$400

The Native people of the North Cascades are deeply connected to the natural environment and vulnerable to changes in the abundance or scarcity of natural resources. Funding provided an honorarium for a member of the Nlaka'pamux First Nation to conduct a cultural survey on the footprint of a proposed park project on Ross Lake.



Olympic National Park

Photo by Ken & Mary Campbell

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Protecting Olympic's Iconic Roosevelt Elk

Like many wildlife populations, the iconic Roosevelt elk, named for President Theodore Roosevelt, face an uncertain future. Climate change, habitat loss, and disease threaten their numbers. That's why Olympic National Park, with support from Washington's National Park Fund, has launched an innovative new project to better understand and monitor populations of the iconic creatures that helped pave the way for the park's creation.

The brainchild of now retired Wildlife Branch Chief Patti Happe, the new model uses a network of more advanced, strategically placed cameras to capture images of elk and other wildlife. Unlike traditional motion-triggered cameras, these cameras take photos at regular intervals, providing the ability to estimate population trends and a more comprehensive understanding of how animals use the landscape and interact with each other. See how your donation helps at wnpf.org/elk.

"The support of donors allowed the park to purchase and install cameras, download and analyze data, and ultimately gain a better understanding of these magnificent creatures."

-SCOTT GREMEL, WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AT OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK



Engaging Tribal Youth in Co-Development of Native Conservation Corps Program – \$27,200

The park, in cooperation with the Northwest Youth Corp (NYC), will recruit youth interns from the Quileute Tribe to work with an interpretive park ranger to develop a Native Conservation Corps program at the park. Funding will support intern stipends, uniforms, NYC mentoring, and staff time for program oversight.



Native Plant Nursery Volunteer Program – \$25,000

Each year, volunteers dedicate more than 40,000 hours planting seedlings in Matt Albright Native Plant Center's nursery and transporting plants into the park for revegetation efforts. Funding will support a volunteer coordinator to help incorporate groups like the Northwest Youth Corps' LGBTQ and deaf/hard-of-hearing programs.



Terminus Glacier Memorial Project – \$25,000

In Olympic, fewer than 164 glaciers remain down from 266 in 1982 and more will disappear in our lifetime. This Artist-in-Residence program recruited 40 artists to make unique artistic tributes to an assigned glacier, compiled in an online storymap gallery and showcased for public gallery viewing and in-person live performances.



Night Sky Interpretation – \$23,300

This project helps the park bring the skies to the people by funding one intermittent and one full-time seasonal "dark ranger" who will focus entirely on educating visitors and sharing a love for the skies above. Moonlight walks at Hurricane Ridge, dark skies education and other interpretive programs will be offered all summer long.



Adventures in Your Big Backyard Youth Program – \$22,200

Park rangers from Olympic National Park will host a series of recreational and self-reflection experiences for youth in the Boys and Girls Clubs' summer camp programs, from hikes in the three main ecosystems of the park to canoeing, tidepooling, and more. Funding supports staffing needs and transportation for the young participants.




Supporting the Kalaloch Ranger Station – \$22,200

This ongoing project funds a seasonal ranger at the Kalaloch Information Station. The knowledgeable naturalist who serves in this role provides information on area ecology and attractions like bird watching, tidal pools and sea mammals, as well as disseminating crucial information about tides and tsunami safety.



Makah Youth Cultural Resource Monitoring – \$20,000

Several archaeological sites containing petroglyphs and the remains of seasonal villages are accessible from park trails, including the Ozette Triangle Loop. Funding supports stipends for three interns from the Makah Tribe to assist in the stewardship of these cultural resources by monitoring and documenting vandalism and natural erosion.



Scientists in the Park Internship Program – \$19,300

This project supports two paid intern scientists in the park, who assist with interpretation programs in and around Kalaloch, the Elwha, and Port Angeles. Interns focus on interpreting climate change and its impacts on the coastal ecosystem and interpret the ongoing story of the Elwha River Restoration project.



Wilderness Volunteer Program – \$18,500

The wilderness volunteer program will engage participants in diverse backcountry operations, such as aiding visitors, search and rescue, collecting data, trail maintenance, camp upkeep, and conducting backcountry patrols within Olympic National Park. Funds will support intern supplies and housing.



Tracking Disappearing Glaciers – \$16,300

A decade of WNPF funded data reveals accelerated glacier decline in Olympic National Park, possibly due to lower elevations and coastal influences. This project will enable a year-long study, funding helicopter teams to measure summer glacial ice changes, informing models for streamflow, and educating visitors on climate change.



Photo by Andy Porter



Elwha River Restoration Project: Access to the Upper Elwha – \$12,600

Funding will provide the Olympic National Park fisheries crew four electric mountain bikes to enhance access to the upper Elwha River Valley. This aids ongoing environmental monitoring and supports various park activities, saving time and effort for research and operations.



Archives Backlog Assessment and Processing – \$8,300

Olympic National Park's rich history, stored in museum archives, faces challenges due to recent office moves and retirements, causing space constraints. This project funds a six-week effort to assess, declutter, and organize archives, ensuring preservation and accessibility for park staff, researchers, and the public.



Middle School Science Program – \$11,200

These science field trips give students who may not otherwise experience a national park the chance to step into the shoes of a real-life scientist for a day. Funding supports park staff and transportation, allowing students to collect data and see first-hand how changing snowpack due to climate change will impact park ecosystems.



Aviation Training for Rangers – \$9,200

Olympic National Park conducts around 80 search and rescues annually, often relying on helicopters for remote missions. This project supports staff development in critical aviation skills, funding training and equipment for a helicopter that is shared with other parks, ensuring qualified response for lifesaving missions.



Elk Monitoring – \$10,000

To better understand dynamics of deer and elk, a key indicator of the overall health of the park, biologists have deployed a grid of game cameras in the Hoh River drainage in this multiyear project. This funding will support researchers in using a new method of data analysis to estimate populations and track trends over time.



Restoring Hurricane Ridge Webcams through the Fire Relief Fund – \$3,200

Following the fire at Olympic National Park that destroyed the historic Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge, Washington's National Park Fund launched a Fire Relief Fund to help the park respond to the fire. Funds have allowed the park to restore both popular Hurricane Ridge webcams, essential tools for winter trip planning and weather watching.

LOOKING BACK AT 2023

Reflections from our Chief Operating Officer

In Fiscal Year 2023, Washington's National Park Fund achieved remarkable fundraising success, securing nearly \$3.4 million despite prevailing economic uncertainties. Through the unwavering dedication of our donors, and the tireless leadership of our board members and staff, we propelled forward, making a substantial impact for the parks. Despite the escalating challenges facing the parks, WNPF was able to continue being the steadfast, reliable partner the parks have come to depend on so much and this year echoed our past triumphs, with expenses once again maintained below budget.



- INDIVIDUALS: **\$1,817,413** - 54%
- INDIVIDUALS - LICENSE PLATES: **\$310,058** - 9%
- EVENTS: **\$498,390** - 15%
- FOUNDATIONS: **\$490,759** - 15%
- CORPORATE SUPPORT: **\$110,027** - 3%
- IN-PARK PROGRAMS: **\$100,578** - 3%
- IN-KIND SERVICES & INVESTMENTS: **\$32,599** - 1%

- GRANTS & PROGRAM SERVICES: **\$1,784,359** - 72%
- FUNDRAISING: **\$427,492** - 17%
- ADMINISTRATIVE: **\$261,714** - 11%

Endowment Balances

As of September 30, 2023

Mount Rainier National Park	\$602,763
North Cascades National Park	\$364,623
Olympic National Park	\$370,271
Total:	\$1,337,657

Assets and Liabilities

Assets as of September 30, 2023

Current assets	\$1,978,368
Contributions and grants receivable (net of current portion)	\$48,000
Investments held for endowment	\$1,730,806
Deposits	\$3,448
Total Assets:	\$3,760,622

Liabilities as of September 30, 2023

Grants Payable	\$681,536
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$109,077
Total Liabilities:	\$790,613

Our Team

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Served during Fiscal Year 2023
(October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

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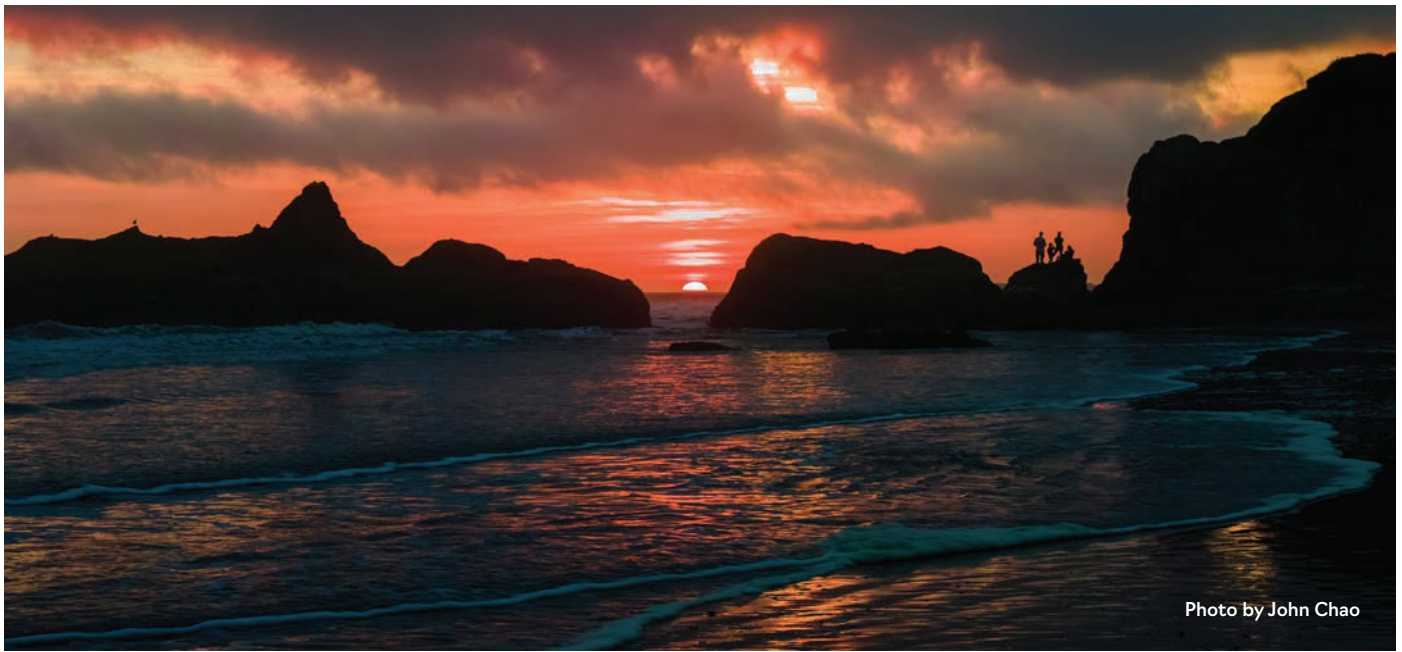


Photo by John Chao

Making a Difference Together

There are many ways for donors to support the parks. Three groups of generous individuals go above and beyond, helping the parks thrive with unrestricted, sustaining, and legacy gifts.

- Our **Over the Top Society**, launched in 2016, now boasts 125 members pledging \$1,200 or more annually in gifts not restricted to a specific project. This flexible support allows us to fund partially funded projects at the end of each fiscal year.
- Sustaining supporters in **Parks for All Seasons** provide crucial ongoing support through recurring gifts, helping us to weather unforeseen challenges like the recent pandemic.
- The **Parks Everlasting Society** ensures a lasting impact, as supporters leave a legacy through estate plans.

And dozens of park lovers give the gift of time and talent: our dedicated committee volunteers and Creative Partners play a vital role in making our mission a reality. Explore our Creative Partners' contributions at wnpf.org/creatives.

Park-Loving Partners Have Impact

Our work is possible thanks in part to our long list of corporate sponsors, partners, and friends – you are instrumental in providing the support Washington's national parks need. View a complete list of our cherished partners at wnpf.org/partners.

Washington's National Park Fund receives grants from charitable foundations across the state and beyond who are committed to supporting Washington's national parks. We are especially grateful to the **James M. Lea Foundation, Olson Foundation, The Norcliffe Foundation, Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation, Thomas O. Brown Foundation, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Olympic Park Advocates, Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation, Puget Sound Energy Foundation, Skagit Community Foundation, Albert Haller Foundation, Charlotte Martin Foundation, and Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Foundation.**

Our concessionaire partners are also critical in our efforts, providing support through programming and sales in the parks – special thanks to **Rainier Guest Services** and **Guest Services, Inc.** at Mount Rainier, **Guest Services, Inc.** at North Cascades, and **Aramark** and **Delaware North** at Olympic National Park. When you stay at these park lodges, you are supporting our work.

Our event partners also have a huge impact, hosting incredible community-building events that also give back through contributions to Washington's National Park Fund. Here's to our good friends behind **Pacific Runderland**, the **Redmond Cycling Club** team that hosts RAMROD, the **Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce** which hosts Ride the Hurricane, and the teams behind **Dick's-A-Thon** and **Nightfall Orphanage.**



Coming Together to Restore the Magic

Photo by Matt Oliphant

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support of Washington's National Park Fund. In the past year, your contributions have enabled us to achieve significant milestones in our mission to safeguard the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Washington's national parks. From critical restoration projects to educational initiatives that inspire the next generation of environmental stewards, your philanthropic partnership has made a lasting impact.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share our vision for the coming year. With your continued support, we plan to intensify our efforts to restore Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic, focusing on areas that require urgent attention. Your generosity will directly contribute to the preservation of delicate ecosystems, ensuring that these natural wonders thrive for years to come.

And we will support the parks in expanding their educational programs to reach more communities and schools. We believe that by fostering a deep connection between people and the parks in their backyard, we can cultivate a sense of responsibility for their preservation. Your ongoing support empowers us to deepen our impact on the lives of those who will inherit these treasures.

As the Director of Philanthropy, I am humbled by the passion of our supporters whose continued philanthropy is a vital investment in the future of Washington's national parks. Together, we are not only preserving the pristine landscapes and historical sites that define our nation – we are creating a legacy for future generations.

Thank you for being a part of this work.

Susan Nebel
Director of Philanthropy



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