

News from Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks  
from Washington's National Park Fund.



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"Everything a ranger knows he will tell you...except about himself."

*Stephen Mather, NPS Director 1917-1929*

Wow. What a time to be up in Mount Rainier (236,000 acres), North Cascades (684,000 acres), and Olympic National Parks (922,000 acres). While the parks celebrate record numbers of visitors, they manage to keep things in balance due in large part to their rangers, scientists, and park volunteers.

Lines at the entrances can be long, but once through, visitors can all find their own nooks to steal away to and find some solitude. With more than 1.8 million acres of pristine lands, it's not hard to find that special spot, even on the weekends.

Washington's National Park Fund is experiencing records of its own, thanks to you. The Spring Dinner and Auction raised more than ever; fundraising climb teams from REI and Microsoft are raising more; the grants program continues to experience ongoing growth; and monthly online donations continue to increase. And those national park license plates? Yep! More of them are on the roads in the great state of Washington today than ever!

You all obviously treasure these iconic public lands; thank you for stepping up and continuing to show your financial support. They absolutely need it now more than ever.

These parks belong to ALL of us; I sincerely hope you have many opportunities to soak up the beauty of the natural world during these wonderful days of summer.

**Thanks for all you do for YOUR national parks!!**

*Laurie Ward, Executive Director*

## **MOUNT RAINIER WINS HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

Thanks to all who voted, Mount Rainier National Park will receive a \$42,212 grant provided by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation this September.

Mount Rainier qualified for the grant as one of the top nine parks in the Partners in Preservation: National Parks campaign.

The grant will be applied toward restoring a historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) cabin in the Longmire Historic District. A total of \$218,000 in funding is needed to renovate the Rustic-style cabin to provide much-needed housing for volunteer search and rescue staff.



**More than 60,000 people took time to vote for Mount Rainier during the Partners in Preservation campaign. THANK YOU for supporting our hard-working search and rescue crews, who need and deserve housing in the park.**



DON'T MISS IT!

## **National Parks Adventure 3D at Pacific Science Center's IMAX Theater**

Narrated by Academy Award® winner Robert Redford, National Parks Adventure 3D takes audiences on the ultimate off-trail adventure into the nation's awe-inspiring great outdoors and untamed wilderness. Immersive IMAX® 3D

cinematography takes viewers soaring over red rock canyons, hurtling up craggy mountain peaks, and into other-worldly realms found within America's most legendary outdoor playgrounds, including Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Yosemite, and Arches.

[Ready to purchase your tickets? Click here, and use this discount code from Pacific Science Center good for 20% off: A: WANATPK](#)

(valid until the end of August)

## REI and Microsoft raise more than \$100,000 and counting

This summer, these two local partners have been working hard to raise much needed funding for Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks. REI has sent up two climbing teams to attempt to summit Mount Rainier. To generate the funds they've raised, they held special promotions, asked their families/friends to support Rainier, and even held bake sales...gotta love that! WNPF was the charity of choice for REI at this year's Campus Day.

Microsoft has sent climbing teams into all THREE parks this year to attempt to summit Mount Olympus, Mount Shuksan and Mount Rainier. Thanks to the strong relations WNPF has with our climbing partners, we get to pick the dates and always choose full moon dates. What a sight that moon is when you're high upon a mountainside!

NOTE: If you/your company would like to learn more about our climbing program, [please contact Laurie Ward](#).

## Registration opens this Friday!



Glenn Nelson photo

## Fall Fireside Circle Series for North Cascades, Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks

Here's a sneak peak at the fall Fireside Circle series. Registration will open this Friday,

July 22nd. Visit [www.wnpf.org](http://www.wnpf.org) for registration information, or contact Ashley Stokes, Community Engagement Manager, at [ashley@wnpf.org](mailto:ashley@wnpf.org) or (206) 623-2063.

### **A Weekend in Stehekin: October 7-9**

#### [Lodge at Stehekin](#)

Go on scenic interpretive hikes with park staff, take a nighttime photography tour with Andy Porter, and enjoy cider making at the Buckner Homestead's Annual Harvest Festival. Arrange to take the Lady of the Lake Ferry or fly in with Chelan Seaplanes.

### **Lake Quinault Mushroom Festival Weekend: October 21-23**

#### [Lake Quinault Lodge](#)

Hunt for mushrooms, take some cooking classes, and learn all about the various fungi that grow in the National Forest and nearby Olympic National Park.

### **Discovery Group Mount Rainier Weekend: October 28-30**

#### [National Park Inn](#)

As one of our new "Discovery Group" initiatives, this weekend will include some more strenuous hike options and volunteer group activities. Explore the nearby area around Longmire with WNPf Board, Staff, and representatives of Mount Rainier National Park.



### **"Wild Nearby" exhibit now open at the Burke Museum**

Based on the Mountaineers Books' *The North Cascades: Finding Beauty and Renewal in the Wild Nearby*. Get a close-up look at this wilderness at the heart of Washington State. [Art Wolfe photo.](#)

## **Become a Sustaining Donor**

### **Join our Monthly Giving Program!**

Maximize your gift to Washington's wonderful national parks by signing up to give monthly. Washington's National Park Fund makes it easy and secure. Just visit the **Individual Support** page at <http://wnpf.org/individual-support/> and click the **Support the Parks** button. Then select the amount, type of donation and frequency.



You can easily change your monthly giving amount at any time either online OR by calling us here at the Fund: 206-623-2063. **Your monthly or quarterly gift of any regularly recurring amount adds up over time for Mount Rainier, North Cascades,**

**and Olympic National Parks!**

**Please consider signing up today!**

**Thanks for showing your LOVE for our national parks!**

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