

News about the impact WNPF has on Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.



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"We enjoy a very strong relationship with the Washington's National Park Fund...the positive impact this funding has on our staff and ultimately our park visitors is greatly appreciated."

*Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Superintendent
North Cascades National Park*

While I often hear these types of comments from the parks' superintendents AND staff, you deserve to hear it as well.

It all starts with you.

It's peak season in the parks, that's for sure! It's also the time of year when many of the parks' projects that you have supported change from hopes and dreams to reality.

Volunteer Citizen Scientists are engaged in the Cascades Butterfly Project in North Cascades National Park. Youth from the Boys and Girls Clubs are having some BIG adventures in the "Big Backyard" of Olympic National Park. Meadow Rover and RAVEN (emergency roadside assistance) volunteers are extremely busy at Mount Rainier National Park.

None of these efforts would move forward without philanthropic support from donors like you. Your donations to support these gorgeous parks through Washington's National Park Fund fuel many projects throughout the year. Your support makes a tremendous, tangible difference. It's especially obvious in these beautiful summer months.

Thanks for all you do for YOUR national parks!! In my humble opinion, they deserve it now more than ever.

Work is underway - thanks to you!

[Click here to watch video](#)



Laurel Mundy photo

The Cascade Butterfly Project, and many other important science and research projects, cannot be funded through existing budgets. They happen only because private donors care about these wild places.

[Click here to watch: https://vimeo.com/164303776](https://vimeo.com/164303776)

A Day With The Butterflies

Richard Page, WNPB Board Member

At the Spring Dinner and Auction, Alinda and I, along with two of our friends at the table, successfully bid on and won a day with the North Cascades biologist, Regina Rochefort, to see butterflies! On August 19th, we went on a short hike with Regina and two of her ranger colleagues, Salvador ("Eddie") and Jenny. All seven of us had a wonderful experience. The three rangers were helpful, expert,

patient, and fun to be with. And each one of us captured a butterfly to observe and release.

Jenny, a young experienced butterfly expert, was pleased and impressed to learn about WNPF. She was especially pleased to know that the Fund's donors support science and research, such as the Butterflies Project. When she joined the National Park Service, she thought preserving endangered species, supporting science, and protecting the natural wild areas would be a federal priority. But she quickly realized that the numbers and growth in public use of the Parks requires NPS to put most of its limited resources into trails, toilets, and visitor services, often crowding out science and research and wilderness protection. So, she is glad that WNPF donors are there!

"Thanks for your continued support of our parks and in particular of our project."

Regina M. Rochefort, Ph.D.

Science Advisor,

North Cascades National Park Service Complex



**HELP RESTORE A HISTORIC CABIN AT
MOUNT RAINIER TO PROVIDE
HOUSING FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE**

VOLUNTEERS

\$218,000 is needed to restore a historic cabin in Mount Rainier's Longmire Historic District to provide housing for search and rescue crews.

More than half of the funds have been raised:

- * \$42,412 secured through a Partners in Preservation award

- * \$72,000 donated by REI's Rainier climbing teams

- * \$25,000 from Washington's National Park Fund Board members which will match gifts of \$100+ up to \$25,000 through September 30th.



THANK YOU for supporting our hard-working search and rescue crews, who need and deserve housing in the park.

Your donation of \$100 or more will be matched through September 30th!

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Check out WNPf's Discovery Group September 14th, Georgetown Ballroom in Seattle

The third meet-up in our series of the WNPf Discovery Group is September 14 at the Georgetown Ballroom. Rub elbows with rangers and staff from Washington state's three national parks as they discuss their park's priority projects.

Enjoy delicious appetizers, cold brews provided by our friends at Two Beers Brewing Co., and a selection of red and white wines. There is no fee to attend, and you must be 21+ years of age.

We're looking forward to conversations with you - our guests! Let's chat about science and research in our parks, talk about the visitor experience and discuss volunteer programs. Feedback is key and we want to hear how we can best connect with our fellow park enthusiasts!

Find out more about the Discovery Group's upcoming outdoor activities including a hike into Stehekin in October, and a group volunteer project at Mount Rainier in October.

We're looking forward to a great evening all about our parks!

Contact Ashley Stokes, Community Engagement Manager for Washington's National Park Fund with any questions about the WNPf Discovery Group, or our monthly meet-

Lodge & learn about your parks (in great company!)



Glenn Nelson photo

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

If you haven't yet made it to a Fireside Circle event, check your calendar and consider joining us this fall. With hiking opportunities, ranger talks, comfortable lodging, and gorgeous surroundings - not to mention delicious food and great company - you'll have a wonderful time! Did we mention? these are NOT fundraising events.

Registration is open. Visit www.wnpf.org or contact Ashley Stokes, Community Engagement Manager, at 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.



RAMROD Gives Back Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day

Bill Pence photo

RAMROD: up to 3,000 riders, 200+ volunteers, a 150-mile course with 10,000 foot gain around our beloved Mount Rainier, all within about 12 hours.

"The real magic begins when you enter the park," said Joe Matthews, Redmond Cycling Club Board President. "The trees, the wildflowers and, most importantly, the enthusiastic volunteers completely spur on the riders at various stops throughout the course."

After the 2006 floods severely damaged roads in Mount Rainier and caused RAMROD to re-route their event, they wanted to find a way to give back to the park. By auctioning off tickets (winners get to bypass the lottery), RAMROD has generously contributed nearly \$140,000 to Mount Rainier National Park via the Fund in the past decade!

[Click here to view photos and read more of Kelly's interview with Joe Matthews on our blog, To The Parks!](#)

[Click here to view the 2016 RAMROD video](#)

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