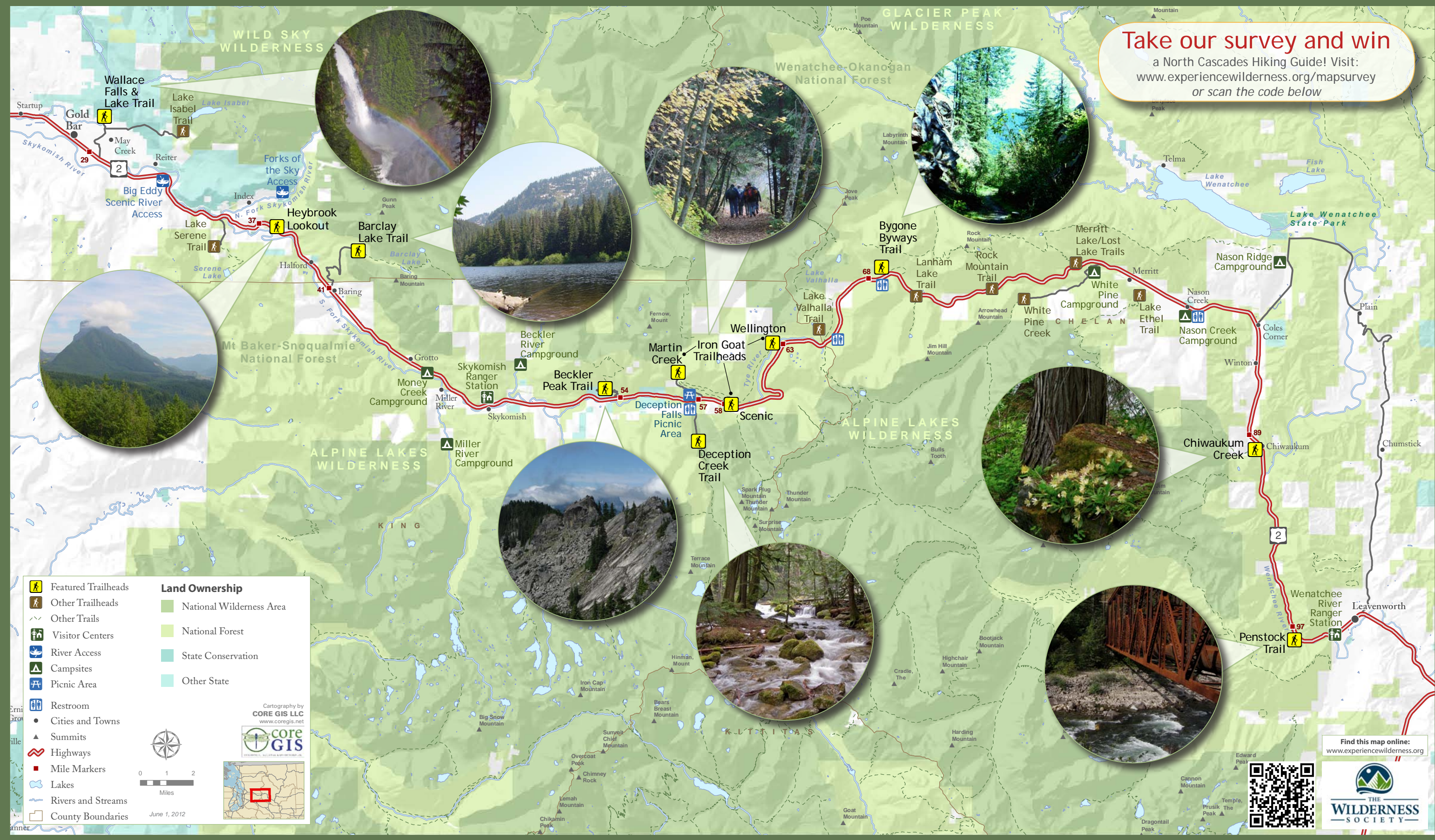


# Experience the North Cascades: Highway 2 Hikes and Sights





# Highway 2 Featured Hikes & Sights



Photo: Michael Bohlander

## Wallace Falls & Lake Trail

- Experience the popular and stunning Wallace Falls on this 2.5-mile trail (one-way). Continue past the falls for a longer hike to quiet Wallace Lake.
- In the town of Gold Bar, follow the signs two miles northeast to Wallace Falls State Park. The trail leaves from the limited parking area. Discover Pass required.

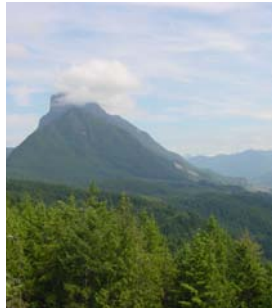


Photo: North Cascades National Park

## Heybrook Lookout

- Take this 1.3-mile (one-way) steep, forested trail to Heybrook Lookout, a 67-foot-tall restored fire lookout tower that provides scenic views of the Skykomish Valley, Mount Baring, and Mount Index.
- The trailhead is located north of Highway 2 near milepost 37, just east of the “Entering Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest” sign.

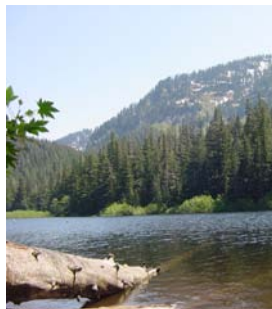


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## Barclay Lake Trail

- Travel a gentle and easy 2.2-mile trail (one-way) through old and new forest to Barclay Lake. The lake is nestled between imposing Merchant Peak and Baring Mountain and sits at the edge of the Wild Sky Wilderness.
- In the town of Baring near milepost 41, turn north from Highway 2 onto Forest Road 6024 and continue 4.5 miles to the trailhead. Northwest Forest Pass required.



Photo: USFS

## Beckler Peak Trail

- Explore the newly built 3.6-mile trail (one-way) to Beckler Peak through new and old-growth forest to spectacular views of the peaks and valleys of Wild Sky, Alpine Lakes, and Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas.
- Near milepost 54, turn north onto Forest Road 6066; follow the road for 6.7 miles to the trailhead.

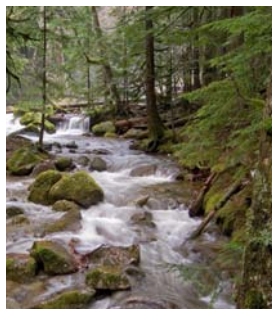


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## Deception Creek Trail

- Explore magnificent old-growth forests of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness along this quiet trail and cross tumbling Deception Creek on a beautiful foot bridge. For a longer hike, continue beyond Deception Creek to Sawyer Creek and Tonga Ridge.
- Near milepost 58, turn south onto Forest Road 6088; the turn off is 0.25 mile east of the Deception Falls Picnic Area. Follow Forest Road 6088 for 0.4 mile to its end at the trailhead.



Photo: USFS

## Iron Goat Trail

- Take in mountain views and learn about the history of the Great Northern Railroad along this historic rail line, now a nine-mile trail with multiple trailheads.
- To access the Martin Creek Trailhead, turn north on the Old Cascade Highway (Forest Road 67) near milepost 55 and proceed 2.3 miles to the junction with Forest Road 6710, then turn left onto Forest Road 6710 and proceed 1.4 miles.
- To access the Scenic trailhead, turn north near milepost 58 to access the parking area which also serves as an interpretive site with a real caboose.
- To access the Wellington trailhead, turn north about 0.25 mile west of the summit of Stevens Pass onto the Old Cascade Highway, proceed three miles then turn right onto Forest Road 050.
- Restrooms available at all trailheads. Northwest Forest Pass required at the Martin Creek and Wellington trailheads.



Photo: Volunteers for Outdoor Washington

## Bygone Byways Trail

- Stretch your legs on this one-mile loop trail and learn about the history of rail and road transportation on Stevens Pass. Listen for noisy Nason Creek below.
- Going westbound, turn north into the parking area near milepost 68; the trail is not easily accessible going eastbound on Highway 2. No parking pass is required. Wheelchair accessible.



Photo: B. Sladek

## Chiwaukum Creek

- Hike along chattering Chiwaukum Creek through cedar, cottonwood, and ponderosa pine groves into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. At 2.5 miles, a creekside campsite provides a good resting stop and turnaround point.
- Between mileposts 88 and 89, turn south onto Chiwaukum Creek Road for 0.2 miles to the trailhead. Restroom available. Northwest Forest Pass required.



Photo: Peter Prehn

## Penstock Trail (also known as Tumwater Pipeline)

- Explore this 1.2-mile historic pipeline trail in scenic Tumwater Canyon along the Wenatchee River. A steel bridge, big boulders, and nice sandy beaches are popular features along the way. The swift river current makes this area unsafe for swimming.
- Between mileposts 97 and 98, turn onto a short road leading to the river's edge. Restroom available.



Photo: Sean Munson

# Resources



## Cascade Loop Scenic Highway

[www.cascadeloop.com](http://www.cascadeloop.com), (509) 662-3888

Cascade Loop Scenic Highway provides visitor information for communities along the 440-mile Cascade Loop Scenic Highway. Contact the Chambers of Commerce in Sky Valley (360) 793-0983 and Leavenworth (509) 548-5807 for more local tourist information.

## Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

[www.fs.usda.gov/mbs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs), (360) 677-2414 (Skykomish Ranger District) The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the most visited forests in the country, located east of Seattle, Washington on the west side of the Cascades between the Canadian border and Mt. Rainier National Park. The Skykomish Ranger District serves the westside of Highway 2; the ranger station is located in the town of Skykomish.

## Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

[www.fs.usda.gov/okawen](http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen), (509) 548-2550 (Wenatchee River Ranger District)

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest stretches north to south from the Canadian border to the base of Mt. Rainier, and east of the Cascade Crest to the Okanogan highlands. The Wenatchee River Ranger District serves the eastside of Highway 2; the ranger station is located in the town of Leavenworth.

## REI Guidepost

[www.rei.com/guidepost](http://www.rei.com/guidepost)

REI is a national outdoor retail co-op dedicated to inspiring, educating, and outfitting its members and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship. The REI Guidepost provides detailed information and an interactive map of recreational activities for areas such as the North Cascades.

## The Wilderness Society

[www.experiencewilderness.org](http://www.experiencewilderness.org), (206) 624-6430

The Wilderness Society (TWS) aims to protect and enhance the wild lands and waters of the North Cascades and inspire communities to care for our public lands. TWS works with a variety of partners to protect wild lands and waters, expand recreational opportunities, and steward our natural resources.

## Washington Trails Association

[www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org), (206) 625-1367

Washington Trails Association's (WTA) mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities through collaboration, education, advocacy, and volunteer trail maintenance. Visit WTA's website to access a wealth of hiking resources and learn about volunteer opportunities.

## Map and Permit Information

This map is intended to help you access easier, rewarding hikes in the North Cascades. Green Trails Maps are recommended for navigational purposes on hiking trails. You can purchase Green Trails Maps online at [www.greentrails.com](http://www.greentrails.com) or at a local vendor. Many recreation destinations require a pass:

**Discover Pass:** \$35 annual, \$11.50 daily. Required at Washington state-managed recreation lands. Available at [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov), in person from any hunting or fishing license vendor, and by phone: (866) 320-9933.

**National Forest Recreation Day Pass:** \$5. Required at all Forest Service day use or entrance fee sites in Washington or Oregon. Available at National Forest offices and visitor centers, via private vendors, or [www.discovernw.org](http://www.discovernw.org).

**Northwest Forest Pass:** \$30. Annual pass honored at all Forest Service day use or entrance fee sites in Washington or Oregon. Available at National Forest offices and visitor centers, via private vendors or [www.discovernw.org](http://www.discovernw.org).

**Interagency Annual Pass:** \$80. Annual pass honored at all federal recreation sites charging day use or entrance fees. Available at National Forest offices or [www.discovernw.org](http://www.discovernw.org).

**Interagency Senior Pass:** \$10. Lifetime pass for those 62 and older honored at all federal recreation sites charging day use or entrance fees. Passes issued in person; available at National Forest offices.

**Interagency Military Pass, Interagency Access Pass:** Free. Passes for active duty military and their dependents as well as individuals with a permanent disability honored at all federal sites charging day use or entrance fees. Passes issued in person; available at National Forest offices.