

Enchantment Valley Chalet



DESTINATION

Enchantment Valley. Olympic National Park via Duckabush and Dosewallips trails (split parties).

This is one of the most beautiful and dramatic valleys in the Olympics. Known as the valley of 10,000 waterfalls, the lush and peaceful Enchantment valley is a welcome reward to a multiday approach that ascends from 600 feet (at the trailheads) Anderson pass at 4600 feet.

Since this is a Wilderness Area, groups are limited to 12 people. We plan to split into two groups with one starting from the Duckabush trailhead and the other stating from the Dosewallips trailhead. The groups will converge at the top of Anderson pass or at the Enchantment Valley campsite. Adults shall exchange car keys and the return trips will be via the other group's inbound route.

Both inbound routes follow river valleys and climb to high country passes. These routes traverse the sub alpine zone to tree line elevations in lush old growth forests. Incredible vistas of shear mountains and cantilevered glaciers can be seen from Anderson pass.



PARTICIPATION

All scouts should review the 50 mile merit badge requirements to be sure you have everything covered. Parents: We need a merit badge councilor to assist. (see below) We do not have rules about who can go on long-term hikes like we do on canoe trips. Generally speaking, new boys, and boys who weigh less than 100 lbs should think twice about going, and be strong and in shape. Boys less than 12 and under 90 lbs should probably not go. Personal gear and a share of patrol gear will weigh 35 to 45 lbs. Each boy should attend 2-3 preparation hikes where his skills and endurance will be assessed. We may request that a scout wait for the next trip if his fitness and ability to carry the required load are not yet developed. This is important to the health and safety of everyone in the group. Starting now everyone (adults too, in fact, especially adults) should be going on short hikes – even in the city with a backpack full of weights. These long-term trips are one of the best things about Scouting.

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The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements.

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
2. Cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
3. During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours each of group work on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit's home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
4. Unit or tour leader must then file a 50-Miler Award application with the local council service center. This application gives additional details about planning the trip.

LEADERSHIP: SCOUTS: TBD based on sign up.
ADULT(s): TBD – parents are needed. See Steve Johnson

SERVICE PROJECT

As part of the 50 miler merit badge, a service project is required. We have requested a list of service projects from the NPS ranger that is in charge of this area. He will have a better idea of the needs of the area after the winter snowmelt. The service project is currently TBD.

PLANNING

There will be planning meetings on a schedule to be announced. Scout leadership is in charge of scheduling the planning meetings. The final budget will be available before we go so there may be an additional charge or a refund. We will be in a Wilderness Area so travel rules and group sizes will be in effect (12 per group). We will have at least two adult leaders per hiking group. There will be a required packing and gear checking meetings in July and preparatory hikes to get scouts ready for the distance and loads. These events will be important preparation for the trip.
PLAN TO ATTEND.

PREPATORY HIKES

Fitness and equipment prep are important to make your hike easier and more enjoyable. The Lena Lake outing should be attended by any scout thinking of completing the 50 miler. Additional training to improve fitness and get used to carrying a heavy pack are encouraged. Alternate urban training hikes may be scheduled to add additional preparation.

ITINERARY We expect to have two hiking groups. Group 1 will leave from the Duckabush trail head. Group 2 will leave from the Dosewallips trailhead. Both groups will meet at Enchantment Valley.

	Group 1 Duckabush		Group 2 Dosewallips
SAT 8-17	Assemble at church for dive to trailhead Hike to Five Mile Camp (6.8 miles)	SAT 8-17	Assemble at church for dive to trailhead Hike to trailhead (5 miles on road) Continue to Elkhorn Camp (apx 2 miles)
SUN 8-18	Five Mile Camp to Upper Duckabush (7.1 miles)	SUN 8-18	Elkhorn to Big Timber Camp(apx 6 miles) or Diamond Meadows (apx 7.5 miles)
MON 8-19	Upper Duckabush to Camp Siberia (8.1 miles)	MON 8-19	Hike to Honeymoon Meadows (apx 7 -9 miles) depending on start point.
TUE 8-20	Camp Siberia to Enchantment Valley (6.2 miles)	TUE 8-20	Honeymoon Meadows to Enchantment Valley (6.2 miles)
WED 8-21	Rest Day in Enchantment Valley	WED 8-21	Rest Day in Enchantment Valley
THU 8-22	Enchantment Valley to Honeymoon Meadows (6.2 miles) ADULTS EXCHANGE CAR KEYS	THU 8-22	Enchantment Valley to Camp Siberia (6.2 miles) ADULTS EXCHANGE CAR KEYS
FRI 8-23	Honeymoon Meadows to Dose Forks (7.1 miles)	FRI 8-23	Camp Siberia to Upper Duckabush (8.1 miles)
SAT 8-24	Dose Forks to Elkhorn (Apx 5 miles)	SAT 8-24	Upper Duckabush to Five Mile Camp (7.1 miles)
SUN 8-25	Elkhorn to vehicles – 5.5 miles past trailhead (apx 7 miles) Drive back to Church	SUN 8-25	Five Mile Camp to trailhead (6.8 miles)

Total mileage 54 miles

EQUIPMENT This trip is a long term backpacking hike of 55 miles. All scouts should pay special attention to footwear and be sure that boots are well broken in. Do not bring new boots. Break them in with prep hikes at least 5-8 times to be sure your fit is correct and you have no blistering. Foot problems are the #1 issue on long term hikes. Come prepared for Potential Temperatures in the 80 down to evenings in the 30s in the high camp. Be prepared for rain.

Topo maps will be provided. Please email Steve Johnson with any questions about equipment or if a Scout needs something. The troop has a wealth of equipment that can be borrowed for the trip.

Bring 10+ essentials including a 1) pocketknife, 2) first-aid kit, 3) extra clothing and rain gear for possible conditions, 4) extra food, 5) water bottle, 6) flashlight and batteries, 7) waterproof matches, 8) candles, 9) sun protection – sun glasses and sun screen, 10) **map and compass**, and necessary overnight camping gear including a warm sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tarp/ shelter. Try to pack light, because you will be carrying a share of food as well, and you will be hiking 8-14 miles per day. **YOU MUST BRING EXTRA SOCKS!** If you do not already have wool or "high tech" hiking socks and liner socks, buy some, because you will need them. Boots **MUST FIT PROPERLY**. The committee will provide topographic maps of the route. A full checklist will be provided. Camp fires are allowed in certain sections of the route. This can change based on forest conditions.

FOOD Each hiking group will eat as a Patrol, but the committee will buy food, and we will use one menu. Food will be worked out as a separate project. Breakfast and lunch are likely to be pocket-food like gorp, jerky, string cheese, etc. to conserve weight and fuel, and each hiker will buy and carry his own lunch and trail breakfasts. Each hiker must leave space in his bag for a share of dinner food, fuel, pots, etc. Leave room in your pack or you will leave some gear behind at the church. Packs should weigh less than 1/ 3 of your body weight, so smaller boys will carry less, and bigger boys will carry more gross weight. The hiking groups must plan on enough stoves, fuel, and water pumps to be safe and self-sufficient. Bears are present in the area and all food must be elevated away from camp.

FEE \$100 estimated as of 4-25-13 Subject to change once final budget is completed. Fee covers transportation, park permits and bulk food purchase (freeze dried). Bring some extra spending money for lunch on return in case your driver stops on the way back. Scholarships are available. Contact Bill Montgomery at least 5 days prior to the outing.

ROUTE Specific Route directions will be given to each Group.

RETURN

Expected return is late afternoon, Sunday August 25. Troop will call the phone tree contact on the way back.

SIGN-UP

Signed permission slips and \$100.00 CASH need to be turned in either by the June 10 Troop meeting, or to Steve Johnson.

PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:

Scout _____ has my permission to participate in the Enchantment Valley backpack trip sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 166.

Contact phone number for any unexpected circumstance: _____
This phone contact **must** be available from departure at parking lot to return.

Youth Protection Training completion Date: _____ **Mandatory to drive or accompany Scouts. Good for two years.**

YES NO I will provide transportation for this trip. My vehicle has seat belts for _____ passengers.

Auto Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____
Insurance Coverage: Liability Each Person \$ _____

Each Accident \$ _____ Property Damage \$ _____

Or initial if you meet or exceed Washington State Minimum Requirements _____

\$25,000 of bodily injury each person, \$50,000 of bodily injury each accident, \$10,000 property damage. -Amounts from WA. DOL 2006

Driver's License Number: _____

Vehicle make Vehicle Model Year Owner's Name License plate No. Seat Belts

YES NO I'm available to accompany the Scouts on the outing.

YES NO I have a Forest Service Trail park permit (extras may be available from the Troop)

I hereby give permission for any and all medical attention necessary to be administered to my child in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc., under the direction of the adults listed on this form or the adult leaders listed on the trip bulletin until such time as I may be contacted. This release is effective for the time during which my child is participating in a Troop 166 Boy Scout outing, including traveling to or from activities. I also hereby assume full responsibility for payment of any such treatment.

Parents' or Guardians' Names: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Health Insurance: _____ Policy Number: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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