

Travel the historic trail and visit state parks along the way



Through the Snoqualmie Tunnel

Look for the speck of light at the end of this 2.3-mile tunnel under Snoqualmie Pass — the nation's longest tunnel open to nonmotorized traffic. The Milwaukee Road built this tunnel in 1914 to improve the grade over the pass.

Tunnel gear — The tunnel is dark, cold and damp. Bring a jacket with hood to keep warm and dry, and a flashlight or headlamp to see and be seen.

West tunnel entrance — From I-90, take exit 38 and park in the Twin Falls Natural Area parking lot (see directions for Twin Falls Trailhead); only foot traffic may continue forward on the Olallie trail. Or take exit 42 and park in the McClellan Butte Trail parking lot or exit 47 and park in the Annette Lake Trail parking lot. Bicyclists may use only the McClellan Butte and Annette Lake trails to gain access to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail; U.S. Forest Service trail pass required.

East tunnel entrance — From I-90 in either direction, take exit 54 (Hyak/Gold Creek). Head south off the freeway to the stop sign. Turn left (east) on Route 906, which parallels the freeway. Follow signs to the Snoqualmie Tunnel.

Inside tunnel right of way — Hikers yield to equestrians. Bicyclists yield to hikers and equestrians.



Washington State Parks

Your guide to
The John Wayne Pioneer Trail
at

Iron Horse State Park
for hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and cross-country skiers

Iron Horse State Park is a 1,613-acre park that includes the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

With more than 100 miles of trail extending from Cedar Falls in the Cascade Mountains to the Columbia River in central Washington, the John Wayne Pioneer Trail is perfect for long or short trips. The trail leads travelers past high trestles with spectacular views of the valley below, mountainous terrain, sagebrush desert, arid scrublands and charming countryside farmlands of the Columbia Basin.

Hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, wagoners, cross-country skiers, snowshoers and dog sledgers can discover the rugged beauty of the Pacific Northwest by trekking this unique trail that follows the path of the old Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul-Pacific Railroad, also known as the Milwaukee Road. The family-friendly trail has a light gravel surface, a gentle and easy-to-negotiate grade and camping along the way.

Day-use parks offer fun adventures

▶ Olallie State Park (Exit 38)

Five miles southeast of North Bend. The park includes Twin Falls Natural Area.

Visitors can walk a .25-mile interpretive trail and enjoy viewpoints of Weeks Falls and fishing opportunities. The three-mile Twin Falls Trail (hikers only) passes between two waterfalls on a 75-foot, free-span bridge, climbs to a ridge with excellent views of the waterfalls and follows the South Fork Snoqualmie River.

▶ Olmstead Place State Park (Exit 115)

A short side trip to Kittitas County takes travelers to this charming, rustic, 217-acre day-use park. The park features a working pioneer farm and offers public tours of a log cabin built in 1875, a farmhouse and antique farm implements in action. Enjoy a picnic or short walk along the Altapes Creek interpretive trail.

Tour reservations: (509) 925-1943

Stay overnight at state parks

Vacationers may use state parks as base camps for day excursions or stop and camp after a long-day's hike or ride.

▶ Lake Easton State Park* (Exit 70)

95 standard campsites, 45 utility sites with full hookup (some accommodate RVs up to 60 feet).

Set in a glacial valley 16 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass. A freshwater shoreline and a stretch along the Yakima River make this park a pleasant spot for boating, fishing and picnicking. The park has a watercraft launch and dock; there is a 10-horsepower limit. In winter, 37 miles of trail are open to cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and dog sledding; snowmobilers may use the trail from Stampede Pass Road to Cabin Creek.

Reservations: May 15-Sept. 15
(888) CAMPOUT, (888) 226-7688
or at www.parks.wa.gov

For more information on state parks along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, please visit www.parks.wa.gov

▶ Iron Horse State Park (first come, first served)

Four campgrounds along the trail, each with three to four campsites, one picnic table and a vault toilet. Back-country camping fee; see trailhead kiosk for registration information. At milepost 2109 at Roaring Creek, milepost 2113 at Cold Creek, milepost 2123 at Carter Creek and milepost 2127 at Alice Creek.

Additional campsites are planned for the trail located east of Cle Elum. Visit www.parks.wa.gov for more information.

▶ Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park/Wanapum Recreational Area* (Exit 136)

50 utility sites with full hookup at Wanapum (some accommodate RVs up to 60 feet).

Three miles of hiking trails wind through the sagebrush landscape, where deer and elk roam. Double-lane watercraft launch at Wanapum. Interpretive center open early April through late October. Visitors can view exposed petrified wood along a short interpretive trail. This is one of only a few petrified ginkgo wood sites in the world.

Group tour reservations: (509) 856-2700



John Wayne Pioneer Trail, Keechelus Lake, east of Snoqualmie Pass

Lake Easton State Park

Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park/Wanapum Recreational Area

Iron Horse State Park



Legacy of a trail

From railroad to long-distance trail

The John Wayne Pioneer Trail isn't just an ordinary abandoned rail-way line. Visitors can travel leisurely across much of Washington state on the gentle grade of the former Milwaukee Road right of way — once a trail of western expansion and a vital connection linking the industrial Midwest to Seattle.

Operating a railroad through the rugged western mountains posed a challenge nearly a century ago. Winters brought heavy snow and avalanches, and the danger of forest fires plagued summers. To remedy severe conditions, the Milwaukee Road took a truly revolutionary step — it electrified its line through the Rocky Mountains in 1915 and through the Cascades two years later.

This was an amazing feat — and a first in transcontinental rail-road history. Not only did electrification solve problems caused by severe mountain weather, it also proved to be more efficient than using steam or diesel. Because it was so innovative in its technology, the Milwaukee Road soon became the nation's model for rail-way electrification.

Changing paths

In the 1970s, the company abandoned many of its western lines due to financial problems; the last Milwaukee Road train passed through the Cascades in 1980. Washington state began acquiring the right of way in 1981 and opened the first segment of recreational trail in 1984. Interpretive panels are situated at key locations along the trail.

Eventually, visitors will be able to travel on the trail across the entire state of Washington. Iron Horse State Park will link up with regional trails in King and Snohomish counties, the Columbia Plateau Trail from Pasco to Spokane, and the Spokane River Centennial Trail, which connects to Idaho's trail system.



More historic areas nearby

▶ Roslyn (Exit 80)

Former mining town that served as a backdrop for the TV series *Northern Exposure*.

▶ South Cle Elum (Exit 84)

Pass the old depot and substation and look south to glimpse the 1909 bunkhouse* built for Milwaukee Road crews.

▶ Thorp Mill (Exit 101)

This 1883 old grist mill is now a museum.* Open for tours during summer. Call (509) 964-9640 for information.

▶ Ellensburg (Exits 106 and 109)

A historic downtown district* with well-preserved examples of late-19th-century brick commercial buildings.

▶ Kittitas (Exit 115)

An old railroad depot* from 1909 is one of two intact depots remaining on the Milwaukee Road line in Washington.

* Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Notes:

- Cover photo: Hall Creek Trestle, west of Snoqualmie Pass, east of Cedar Falls
- Sections of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail are closed. Call (509) 656-2230 for current trail conditions.
- When using state park trails, please respect private property and stay on the trail.
- Vault toilets are available along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, and restroom facilities are available at state parks.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Please properly dispose of garbage at home or at a designated disposal site.
- Other contact numbers:
Iron Horse - Easton: (509) 656-2586
Iron Horse - Kittitas: (509) 856-2700



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State Parks information: (360) 902-8844
www.parks.wa.gov

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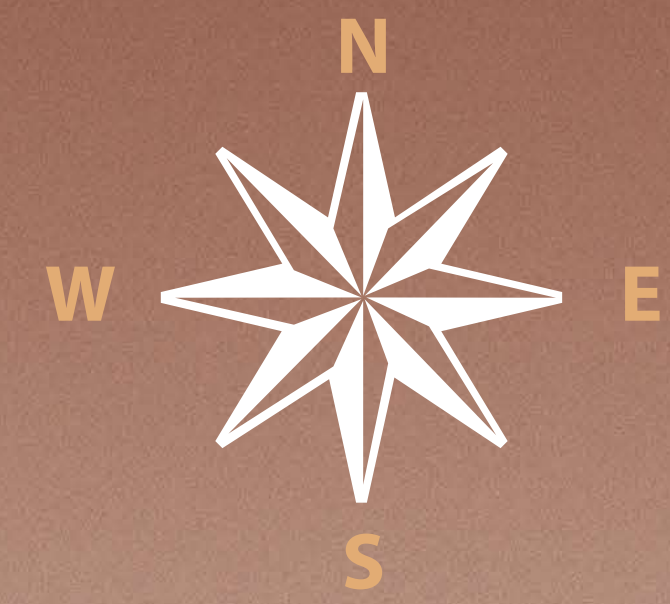
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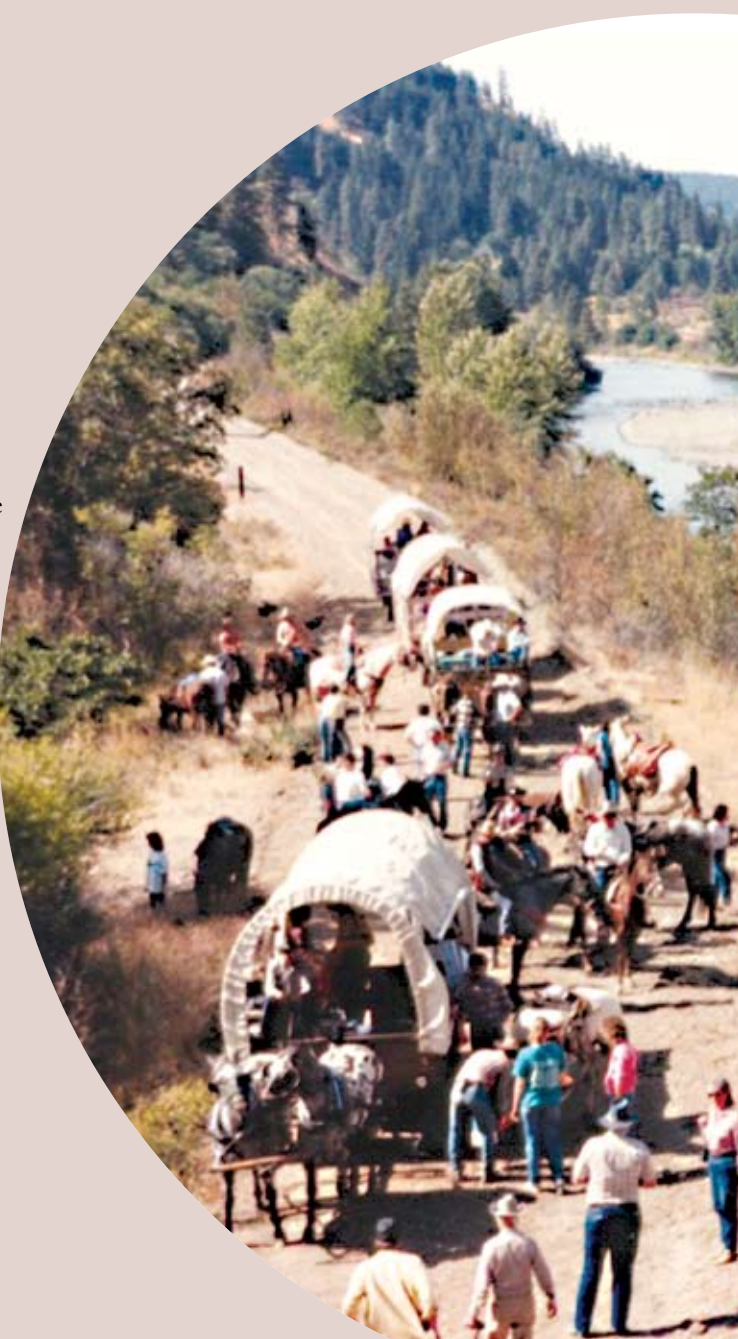
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	Interstate		U.S. Highway		State Route		Interstate Exit		Restroom		Tunnel		Camping
	Trailhead	A.-E.	Intersecting Trailheads		State Park		John Wayne Pioneer Trail		Hiking Trail		Waterways		Picnic Area

Trailheads

- ▶ **Cedar Falls (Exit 32)**
Head south on Cedar Falls Road for 3.5 miles. After passing the Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area entrance, go left to the Iron Horse State Park parking lot (60 parking spaces). A trailhead leads to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. This is the western terminus of the trail; you can head only east from here.
- ▶ **Twin Falls (Exit 38)**
Eastbound traffic: Go right off the exit, cross the river and park in the lot marked Twin Falls Natural Area.
Westbound I-90 traffic: Go left off the exit for approximately two miles and park in the second parking lot on your left marked Twin Falls Natural Area. You can go both east and west from this trailhead.
- ▶ **Hyak (Exit 54)**
Head south off the freeway to the stop sign. Turn left (east) on the road that parallels the freeway (Route 906). Follow signs to Snoqualmie Tunnel. Sno-Park permits are required in winter. Purchase annual and day Sno-Park passes at the U.S. Forest Service Information Center on Snoqualmie Pass or from concessionaires on Edgewick Road, east of North Bend. Head westbound into the 2.3-mile Snoqualmie Tunnel (open May 1 to Oct. 31) or eastbound past Lake Keechelus to Lake Easton State Park. To continue east, detour on roads to the town of Easton to re-enter the trail.
- ▶ **Easton (Exit 71)**
From the freeway, follow signs to Easton. Drive through town and cross the railroad tracks. Go left onto the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as it crosses the road. Drive about .25 mile east on the trail to the parking lot. An alternate route through Lake Easton is signed and provides access to camping, swimming and other amenities.
- ▶ **South Cle Elum (Exit 84)**
Follow the signs to South Cle Elum, then to Iron Horse State Park. You can go east or west on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail from this trailhead. The historic South Cle Elum Depot is along this section of the trail.

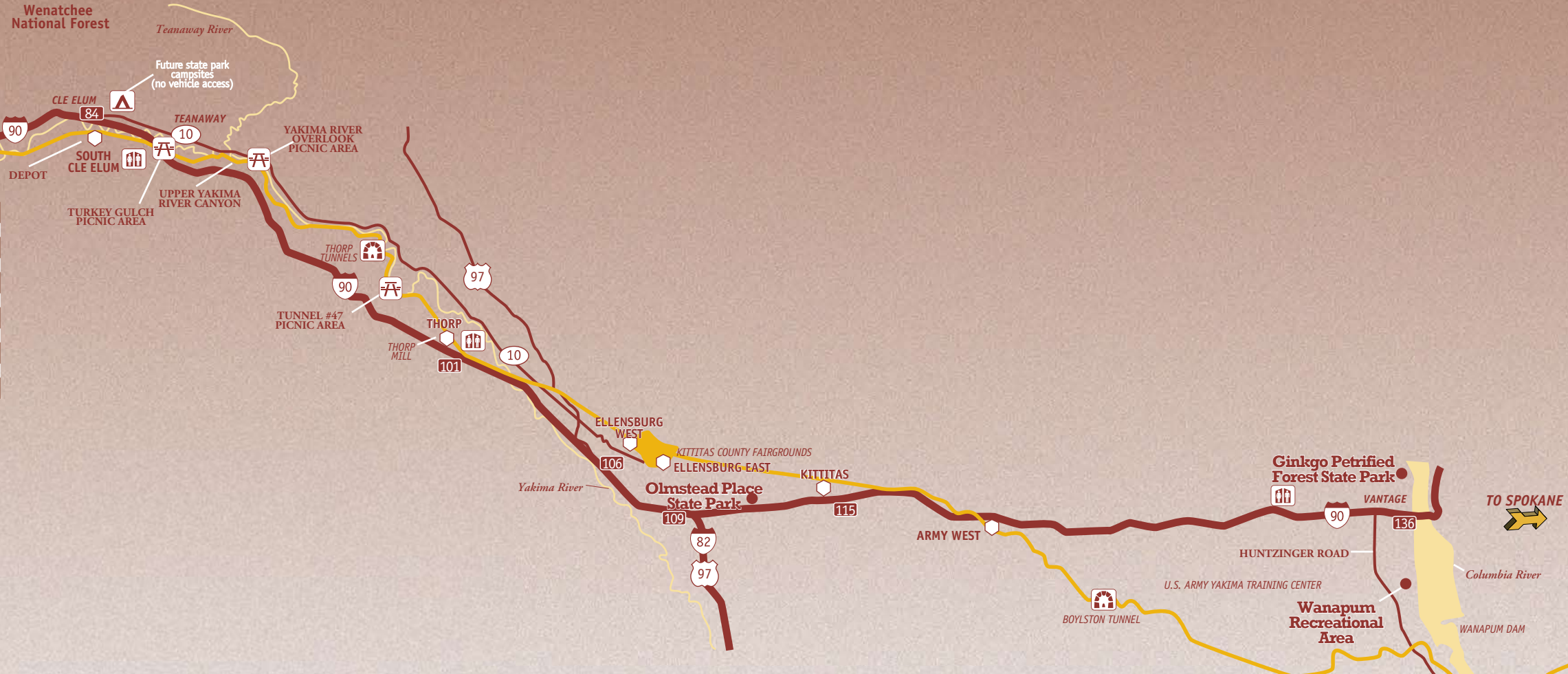
- ▶ **Thorp (Exit 101)**
From the freeway, go north on Thorp Highway .25 mile. Turn left on Thorp Depot Road and continue another .25 mile to trail crossing. Park in the parking lot south of the trail. You can go east or west on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail from this trailhead.
- ▶ **Ellensburg West (Exit 106)
Ellensburg East (Exit 109)**
Hikers and bicyclists can follow signs to the campus of Central Washington University, north of I-90, to get to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail on Water Street or Kittitas County Fairgrounds. You may enter and exit the trail either at the fairgrounds (east of campus) or at Water Street near Kiwanis Park (west of campus). To go through Ellensburg, you must travel on city streets.
- ▶ **Kittitas (Exit 115)**
Head north from the freeway into the town of Kittitas. Turn left onto the trail and park near the depot. You can go east or west on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail from this trailhead. To continue east through the U.S. Army Yakima Training Center to the Columbia River, you will need a free permit - available at both Army trailheads.
- ▶ **Army West (Exit 115)**
Head north on Main Street past the Kittitas Trailhead to First Street. Turn right. First becomes Parke Creek Road and parallels the trail for 2.5 miles. Turn right on Prater Road, cross over the freeway, then take a left and proceed alongside the freeway for 3.4 miles to a T-intersection with Stevens Road. The trailhead is on the right. Register at the kiosk for your free trail permit.
- ▶ **Army East (Exit 136)**
From the freeway, travel south on Huntzinger Road past Wanapum Recreational Area. Cross the trail. After approximately 300 feet, turn right onto the Yakima Training Center access road. Go 2.5 miles to the trailhead parking. Register at the kiosk for your free trail permit.
- ▶ **To the Idaho border and beyond**
To travel on the trail east of the Columbia River, call (509) 925-8510 for a trail permit. Area managed by Washington State Department of Natural Resources.



D i s t a n c e

Cedar Falls — Twin Falls	4.5 miles/7.2 km
Twin Falls — Hyak	16 miles/26.4 km
Hyak — Easton	18 miles/29 km
Easton — South Cle Elum	11.5 miles/18.3 km
South Cle Elum — Thorp	18.5 miles/29.9 km
Thorp — Ellensburg West	7 miles/10.9 km
Ellensburg West — Ellensburg East	1.6 miles/2.6 km
Ellensburg East — Kittitas	4.9 miles/7.9 km
Kittitas — Army West	6 miles/9.7 km
Army West — Army East	20.6 miles/33.2 km

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Public campgrounds near trails

- Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**
Lake Easton State Park (Exit 70)
Wanapum Recreational Area (Exit 136)
Iron Horse State Park (first come, first served)
Camping along the trail for hikers, bikers, horseback riders at Alice, Carter, Cold and Roaring creeks campgrounds.
\$6 backcountry permit fee
\$5 fee per night at campsites
Reservations: May 15-Sept. 15
(888) CAMPOUT, (888) 226-7688
or at www.parks.wa.gov
- U.S. Forest Service**
Tinkham Campground (Exit 42)
Denny Creek Campground (Exit 47)
Information: (425) 888-1421

Lake Kachess Campground (Exit 62, north of I-90)
Crystal Springs Campground (Exit 62, south of I-90)
Information: (509) 674-4411
- Kittitas County Fairgrounds (Exit 109)**
Reservations: (509) 962-7639 or (800) 426-5340

Hiking Trails*

that intersect John Wayne Pioneer Trail (see map)

- A. Rattlesnake Ledge (Exit 32)**
1.25 miles, one way, 1,175 feet elevation gain.
This trail continues another 2.75 miles to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain (four miles from trailhead) and on to the old Snoqualmie Winery (12 miles from trailhead).
 - B. Snoqualmie Valley (Exit 32)**
7.2 miles, one way to North Bend.
Following the former Everett branch of the Milwaukee Road, this trail is open to pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians.
 - C. Twin Falls (Exit 34)**
Three miles, one way.
Hikers can gain access to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail near the end of this trail, which begins in the Twin Falls Natural Area.
 - D. McClellan Butte (Exit 42)**
Nine miles round trip, 3,700 feet elevation gain.
Bicyclists and equestrians may use McClellan Butte Trail up to and on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. Foot access only beyond this point.
 - E. Annette Lake (Exit 47)**
7.25 miles round trip, 1,400 feet elevation gain.
Bicyclists and equestrians may use Annette Lake trail up to and on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. Foot access only beyond this point.
- * U.S. Forest Service trail passes required.

