Welcome to Moran State Park

Float, drive and hike to find treasure and spectacular views in the Pacific Northwest - Moran State Park on Orcas Island, Washington.

The treasure hunt starts with a scenic ferry ride from Anacortes, north of Seattle. Go on Orcas Island, travel along the main road [starts out as Orcas Road] for 13 miles to the Cascades and visit the park.

The first major the park affectionately called the "park of parks," was created on Orcas Island. The park has over 20 miles of trails on Orcas Island to explore.

The next significant era in the park's history was following the Civil War, when the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the Great Depression. A CCC camp opened at Moran in June 1938. From the top of the park, you can see the San Juan Islands. The San Juans are home to three other marine parks available for camping. These parks offer a variety of activities offered at Moran State Park.

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**Wilderness Adventures: Trails of Moran State Park**

**MORAN STATE PARK** has more than 38 miles of foot trails, most built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. They range from a fairly level 2.7-mile walk around Cascade Lake to the more demanding climb from Cascade Lake, at 351 feet, to the summit of Mount Constitution, at 2,409 feet – a gain of 2,058 feet in 4.3 miles.

Following are brief descriptions of some of the park’s more popular trails. Trail mileages are one-way unless the trail is designated as a loop. Trail ratings for hikers and bicyclists are as follows: easy (flat terrain, gentle hills); challenging (moderate to strenuous); and difficult (strenuous elevation gains). The ratings are based on overall trail conditions, and some sections may be more difficult than others. Hikers may enjoy all trails with a minimum of equipment: sturdy shoes, a jacket for that unexpected shower, snacks and water. Caution: Creek and lake water may contain harmful bacteria.

Hikers, note: Hikers are asked to carry plenty of drinking water because there is no potable water at most trailheads. Water is available at the park office year round and in campgrounds during summer.

Bicyclists, note: Bicycle use is restricted on some park trails. Please see the map in this brochure and park bulletin boards to learn where and when bikes are permitted. Bikers may not push or carry bicycles on trails listed as closed to bicycles.

Equestrians, note: Horseback riding is restricted on most park trails. Please see the map in this brochure and park bulletin boards to learn where and when horses are permitted. Parking for horse trailers is limited to an area near the Southend beach (the beach is now open to the public). Owners must clean up after their horses in parking areas, on roads and at trailheads. Please check for current information at the park office. Horses are not permitted in any camping or day-use areas. Please keep them out of lakes and streams.

**1. WEST BOUNDARY LOOP**
- **Difficult**, 5.6 miles, 1,620 feet elevation gain
  - The trail begins to the left of the picnic shelter across from the road from the Cascade Lake day-use area. After 5 miles at a sharp switchback go left on the West Bounding Trail. Climbing up the steep, switchback trail to a service road and go right. This road climbs steeply under power lines for 1.7 miles to the junction with the North Boundary Loop Trail. Turn right and hike 1.5 miles through the dense lodgepole pine forest to the junction with the Cold Springs Trail. Turn right and descend 2.4 miles back to Cascade Lake. Hikers should use caution on the steep uphill West Bounding portion of the trail as it is heavily used by downhill, free-ride bicyclists.

**2. CASCADE LAKE LOOP**
- **Easy**, 2.7 miles, slight elevation gain and loss
  - Start at the Cascade Lake day-use area, and follow the trail counterclockwise. After about 0.75 miles cross over the bridge that spans Cascade Lagoon. Continue left along the lake another 0.75 miles to the South End Campground. Follow the road through the campground and pick up the trail again near campsite #1. Cross the road above the Camp Moran shelter. From the Cold Springs shelter, cross Mount Constitution Road and follow the trail 0.3 mile to the junction with the North Boundary Loop Trail. Turn left and continue straight ahead to the Cold Springs shelter. From the Cold Springs shelter, cross Mount Constitution Road and follow the trail to the junction with the Little Summit Trail. Turn left and continue 1 mile to the stone tower at the summit of Mount Constitution.

**3. COLD SPRINGS TRAIL (CASCADE LAKE TO MOUNT CONSTITUTION)**
- **Difficult**, 4.3 miles, 2,058 feet elevation gain
  - Start at Cascade Lake, across the county road from the day-use area, and hike up steep slopes toward Cold Springs. At the top of the switchbacks (approximate 2.3 miles) you come to the junction with the North Boundary Loop Trail, continue straight ahead to the Cold Springs shelter. From the Cold Springs shelter, cross Mount Constitution Road and follow the trail 2.3 miles to the intersection with the Little Summit Trail. Turn left and continue 1 mile to the stone tower at the summit of Mount Constitution.

**4. CASCADE LAKE TO CASCADE FALLS**
- **Easy**, 1.7 miles, 200 feet elevation gain
  - The trailhead starts to the right of the restrooms across the road from the swim beach at the Cascade Lake day-use area. Follow the trail to the service road above Midway campground and turn right right on the road. Take the next trail to the left and continue on, passing the primitive camp area on your right (restrooms available here). Cross Mount Constitution Road to the Cascade Falls parking area and follow the signs downhill to the falls.

**5. CASCADE CREEK TRAIL**
- **Easy**, 1.7 miles, 150 feet elevation gain
  - Cascade Falls to Mountain Lake picnic shelter, 1.9 miles, 420 feet elevation gain

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