

Mount Rainier National Park

Accommodations Guide

Editor's Note

This Accommodations Guide is here to help you find somewhere to stay on your trip to Mount Rainier National Park.

This is not an exhaustive list, but instead is a curated selection with several options in Packwood and Ashford and the other nearby towns/ areas for different budgets. It also includes all the accommodation options inside the park.

If you stay somewhere not mentioned here and love it, feel free to email me and let me know, as I am always updating this list.

Note that some of these places are only open May - September/ October.

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INSIDE THE PARK

There are two lodges/ inns and four campgrounds inside Mount Rainier National Park. They are scattered throughout the park. The campgrounds are a mix of reservable and first come first served - see below for details.

PARADISE | LONGMIRE

Cougar Rock Campground



OPEN: Late-May – Mid-October

First Come First Served late May to late June and early September - mid-October. Reservable late June to early September. Blocks are released as follows:

- D and E loop campsites can be reserved 6 months in advance.
- B and C loop campsites can be reserved 1 week in advance.
- A and R loop can be reserved 1 day in advance.

Cougar Rock Campground is in the Paradise section of the park, inside the area where timed entry is required for the busy summer months. Cougar Rock Campground reservations can be used instead of a timed entry reservation to enter the Paradise Corridor after 1:00PM the first day of your reservation and at anytime during the remainder of your stay. First-come, first-served camping permits can also be used in lieu of a timed entry permit.

There are 173 individual sites plus 5 group sites.

Maximum size for RVs is 35 feet and for trailers 27 feet.

- There are picnic tables and fire rings
- Flush toilets plus spigots for dishwashing
- No showers or laundry
- No hookups There is a dump station but it's closed some years.

Check [the NPS website](#) for current conditions.

Paradise Inn



OPEN: May – September

Paradise Inn is inside the area of the Paradise corridor where timed entry is required for the busy summer months. Paradise Inn reservations can be used instead of a timed entry reservation to enter the Paradise Corridor after 1:00PM the first day of your reservation and at anytime during the remainder of your stay.

Dating from 1917, this is one of the classic national park inns, and is



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PARADISE | LONGMIRE



Paradise Inn

designated as one of the “Great Lodges of the West”.

The Paradise Inn consists of two primary buildings: The Main Lodge and The Annex Building. The Main Lodge has two floors and the Annex Building has four floors. There is no elevator, so rooms on the second floor and above are accessible by stairs only.

There are 121 rooms. Like most national park inns and lodges, rooms are basic and do not include modern amenities such as Internet, phone, and TV. 91 rooms have a private bath while 30 rooms have shared bathrooms. Rooms sleep a maximum of one to four people depending on the size and number of beds.

There’s also a gift shop, café, and dining room.

National Park Inn



OPEN: All year

Located in Longmire, National Park Inn is also inside the area of the Paradise corridor where timed entry is required for the busy summer months. National Park Inn reservations can be used instead of a timed entry reservation to enter the Paradise Corridor after 1:00 pm the first day of your reservation and at anytime during the remainder of your stay.

The inn dates from 1916. There are 25 rooms. Like most national park inns and lodges, rooms are basic and do not include modern amenities such as Internet, phone, and TV. All but two rooms are on the second floor. There is no elevator, so most rooms are accessible by stairs only. There are two ADA-accessible rooms on the first floor. There are rooms with private bath, shared bath, and some rooms have two bedrooms.

There’s a restaurant and an adjacent General Store that sells gifts, basic groceries, firewood in the summer, and rents snowshoes in the winter. The front porch is a great place to relax and enjoy the view of Mount Rainier.



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SUNRISE | OHANAPECOSH

White River Campground

OPEN: Late-May – Late-September

First Come First Served



White River Campground is in the Sunrise section of the park, inside the area where timed entry is required for the busy summer months. So to get your First Come First Served booking, you need to either enter before the timed entry starts for the day OR have a timed entry permit for the first day of your stay. After you get your White River Campground reservation, if you're staying multiple days, you can enter the Sunrise Corridor anytime during the remainder of your stay without needing a timed entry permit for those subsequent days.

There are 88 individual sites. Maximum size for RVs is 27 feet and for trailers 18 feet.

- There are picnic tables and fire rings
- Flush toilets plus spigots for dishwashing
- No showers or laundry
- No hookups or dump station



Ohanapecosh Campground

OPEN: Late-May – Early-October

First Come First Served late May to late June and early September - early-October. Reservable late June to early September 6 months in advance on a rolling basis.

Ohanapecosh Campground is outside the Paradise and Sunrise corridors that require timed entry reservations in the busy months, so a reservation cannot be used as a substitute for a timed entry permit to Sunrise or Paradise.

The campground is set among beautiful old growth forest, with the Ohanapecosh River flowing through it. It's the starting point for the Silver Falls Trail.



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Ohanapecosh Campground

There are 179 individual sites plus 2 group sites around 8 loops. Maximum size for RVs is 32 feet and for trailers 27 feet.

- There are picnic tables and fire rings
- Flush toilets plus spigots for dishwashing
- No showers or laundry
- No hookups or dump station

MOWICH LAKE



Mowich Lake Campground

OPEN: Early July to early October

This is not a convenient place to stay for most of this itinerary, but you could stay here at the end of the 3-day itinerary. It's a primitive campground located near the lovely Mowich Lake. There are 13 walk-in sites for tents (no RV sites). Staying here requires a [Wilderness Permit](#).

- Vault toilets
- No potable water
- No showers or laundry
- Fires are prohibited



OUTSIDE THE PARK

The two main gateway towns are **Packwood** (closest to Ohanapecosh and Sunrise) and **Ashford** (closest to Paradise and Longmire).

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I have made some specific recommendations for places to stay outside the park, but you can see more options here:

HOTELS: [Click here to see hotels available near Mt Rainier](#)

VACATION RENTALS: [Click here to see vacation rentals available near Mt Rainier](#)

CAMPING: [CampSpot](#)

PACKWOOD

There are no luxury accommodation options in Packwood.



MID-RANGE OPTION: Packwood Lodge and Cabins

They have a large range of options. These include standard rooms with one King bed, two Queen beds, and two Double beds. There are also King Suites with one king bed and one double bed and an electric fireplace; and a Two Bedroom Suite with one room with a queen bed and one room with two queen beds and a full kitchen. There are two types of cabins: A Standard Cabin with one queen bed with jetted tub, kitchen with 2-burner stove, a sitting area, an electric fireplace, barbecue and picnic table; and a Deluxe Cabin with one queen bed and one double bed, a jetted tub, a kitchen with 2-burner stove, an electric fireplace, and a barbecue and picnic table. .

Rooms have free WiFi, a mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker, flat screen TV , and heat and air conditioning. Dogs are allowed.



MID-RANGE OPTION: Cowlitz River Lodge

There are 32 air-conditioned rooms with private bathrooms. Rooms have 2 Queen beds or one King bed. There's also one Executive Suite Studio with multiple beds. Rooms have a fridge and a microwave. There's free WiFi and parking. Laundry facilities are available. Dogs are allowed.



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PACKWOOD



BUDGET OPTION: Historic Hotel Packwood

This is a charming historic hotel dating from 1912 in the heart of Packwood. There are 9 unique rooms, including double or queen rooms with shared bathroom and queen rooms with private bathroom. There's free WiFi and free private parking. They have a lovely sitting room. Food isn't permitted in the rooms, but there's a dining room with a communal microwave and fridge for basic self-catering. The wide front porch is a lovely place to relax.

ASHFORD

There's not of lot of options in Ashford - almost everything is in the mid-range price bracket.



UPPER MID-RANGE OPTION: Nisqually Lodge

This is a nice option with more comfort than most. There's a lovely lodge-style sitting room with a fireplace. Rooms have one King bed, one Queen bed, two Double beds, two Queen beds, or four Double beds. The King rooms come with a balcony. All rooms have a private bathroom, cable TV and air conditioning. Some rooms have a microwave and a fridge. There's free WiFi and parking. Laundry facilities are available. Some rooms are pet friendly.



MID-RANGE OPTION: Paradise Village Lodge

This is in a quiet area just outside of Ashford proper. There are several types of rooms: Family room with 2 Queen beds and one sofa bed; One Queen bed and one sofa bed; 2 Queen beds; 2 Queen beds and one sofa bed; one King bed and one sofa bed; a tiny cabin with one Queen bed; and a cabin with one King bed. All rooms have free WiFi, an air heater, cable TV, and a mini-fridge. There's free parking. Some rooms have a fireplace.

They also have an on-site Ukrainian restaurant and a bakery. A highlight is their Cannibal hot tub - heated by a wood fire.



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ASHFORD

BUDGET OPTION: Gateway Inn and Cottages



This is an eight-minute drive from Ashford (but is literally just outside the Nisqually entrance of Mount Rainier National Park). There's a main inn building and separate cottages. Rooms in the inn are motel-style rooms with 2 Double beds and a private bathroom. The cottages have a microwave and mini-fridge. There are three types: Standard Cottage with one Queen bed; Deluxe Cottage with two Double beds; and Premium Cottage with two Queen beds.



They also have RV sites with both full and partial hook-ups up to 40 feet in length. There's an on-site mini mart and gift shop.

CARBON RIVER | MOWICH LAKE

MID-RANGE B&B: Carbon Country Shady Rest



Located in Carbonado, a 20-minute drive to Carbon River and a one-hour drive to Mowich Lake. There are only three rooms, each unique, but all with one Queen bed and a private bathroom. Breakfast is included.

BUDGET OPTION: Buckley Inn



Located in Buckley, a 30-minute drive to Carbon River and a one-hour and 10-minute drive to Mowich Lake.

This is a basic motel-style inn. All rooms have two Double beds and a private bathroom. Rooms have a fridge, a microwave, a coffee machine, AC, and free WiFi and free parking. Some rooms have a mountain view.