

# Mount Rainier National Park

## Dining Guide

### Editor's Note

This Dining Guide will help you find somewhere to eat all your meals on your trip to Mount Rainier National Park.

This guide includes places inside and outside the national park. I've also included some supermarkets so you can get supplies for a picnic or stock up if your accommodation has cooking facilities.

While I haven't been to every single one of these places, those that I haven't tried personally, I've researched in detail before including them here.

If you try somewhere else and love it, feel free to email me and let me know, as I am always updating this list.

Note that many of the places in and around Mount Rainier are only open for the main season May - September.

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# INSIDE THE PARK

## PARADISE

### Paradise Inn Dining Room

This is a beautiful classic national park dining room with a large fireplace. A pretty standard American cuisine menu. Their meat loaf is their specialty. Open late May – September for buffet breakfast (7:00AM - 9:30AM), lunch (12:00PM – 2:00PM), and dinner (5:00PM - 8:00/ 8:30PM).

### Tatoosh Cafe

Also located inside Paradise Inn, Tatoosh Café is a casual coffee shop offering a variety of grab n' go sandwiches, pastries, ice cream, snacks, and drinks, including beer and wine. Open late May – September 6:00AM - 9:00PM.

### Paradise Camp Deli

Inside the main Jackson Memorial Visitor Center, this is a basic café with typical fast food like pizza and hot dogs, sandwiches, soups, ice cream, and drinks. It's usually open daily from May through early October and weekends and holidays in the winter.

## LONGMIRE

### National Park Inn Dining Room

A somewhat basic restaurant that serves standard burgers, salads, pasta, meat loaf, pot roast, trout, etc. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They have a small grab n' go section in a fridge near reception. This is the only dining facility inside the park that's open all year. Eat on the front porch (with Rainier views) if you can.

### Longmire General Store

Adjacent to the National Park Inn, they offer a limited selection of groceries and camping supplies, as well as gifts and souvenirs. You'll be able to find enough for a basic picnic. They're open year round. Hours vary but are typically 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday-Thursday and 8:30AM - 6:00PM Fridays, Saturdays and holidays September - mid-June and 9:00AM - 7:00PM mid-June - August.

## SUNRISE

### Sunrise Day Lodge

There's a snack bar with sandwiches, ice cream, snacks and drinks. It's usually open from July through mid-September, 11:00AM - 5:00PM.



# OUTSIDE THE PARK

## PACKWOOD

### **Zest Srithai**

This is a food truck serving Thai food. There's limited seating and they sell out at busy times, but the food is good and a welcome change from burgers and pizza. Open Thursday - Sunday.

### **Nachos Restaurant**

A decent - not great, but decent - Mexican place with standard Mexican fare. Good sized servings. Open for lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays.

### **Cliff Droppers**

A nice burger joint with a vintage, small town vibe. The burgers are good! They have indoor and outdoor seating. Open for lunch and early dinner. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

### **Cruisers Pizza**

There aren't a whole heap of options in Packwood, but there has to be a pizza place, of course. The decor is uninspiring and the service can be slow, but the pizzas are really good. Skip their burgers and stick to the pizzas. Open daily 9:00AM - 8:00PM.

### **Mountain Goat Coffee**

A great bakery and coffee shop perfect for breakfast if you've decided to get a late start or lunch. Open daily 7:00AM - 5:00PM.

### **Blanton's Market**

A good sized supermarket on the main street through town. They have everything you need for a picnic or if you're self-catering. Open daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.



# OUTSIDE THE PARK

## CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN

### Summit House Restaurant

Sitting on the outside deck having lunch and a drink while enjoying the views of Mount Rainier is one of my favorite things to do. It's 6,872 feet in the air at the top of the Rainier Gondola at the Crystal Mountain Resort. They also have an indoor section. Mostly serving burgers, salads and soups. Open daily. No reservations.

### Tower 16

Located directly beneath the top of the gondola, Tower 16 offers grab n' go food and drinks. Grab a bite and sit in one of the deck chairs facing Mount Rainier.

## ASHFORD

### Wildberry Restaurant

This is a couple of miles out of town (towards Mount Rainier), but is worth the short trip. They have two menus - an American Mountain menu (burgers, sandwiches, soups, marionberry pies) and a Sherpa-Himalayan menu (curries, dumplings, samosas, Himalayan stew, etc.). It's a great option if you're with a group with varied tastes. There's indoor and outdoor seating. Check out the the owner's exhibit of mountain climbing gear. Open 12:00PM - 8:00PM (7:30PM Monday). Closed Tuesday. Open seasonally, usually from May.

### Copper Creek Inn Restaurant

This is the oldest continuously operating restaurant in Washington State. The menu is the standard burgers, sandwiches and soups. But don't miss their blackberry pie a la mode. They have indoor and some outdoor seating. Open for breakfast, lunch and (early) dinner year round. Open 10:00AM - 6:00PM Monday and Friday and 8:00AM - 6:00PM Saturday and Sunday. Closed Tuesday - Thursday (this can vary).

### Rainier Base Camp & Grill

Not really a bar or a grill. Beer and wine only and the menu is mostly pizza, with burgers, hot sandwiches, and soups. But it's good. They have indoor and some outdoor seating. Open for lunch and (early) dinner year round, 12:00PM - 7:00PM.





# OUTSIDE THE PARK

## ASHFORD

### **Ashford General Store**

Located on the main street, this is a good place to find picnic supplies, food for self-catering, beer/ wine and firewood.

## CARBONADO | BUCKLEY

### **Blue Rooster**

A cute place with a relaxed vibe. Their flatbreads are delicious. They also have charcuterie boards and pastries. There's an indoor and outdoor seating area. The staff are friendly (though service can be a bit slow when they're busy). Relax with a coffee or wine while waiting. Open 9:00AM - 6:00PM (7:00PM Friday-Saturday). Closed Sundays.

### **The Carlson Block**

A casual place for delicious pizzas and salads. There are tables, booths, and bar seating. Try the ice cream too! Open Thursday - Sunday 3:00PM - 8:00PM.

### **Main Street Bistro Buckley**

A casual family-owned restaurant with food and drinks, plus pool and table games. They serve hot and cold sandwiches, pizzas, salads and appetizers. Open for lunch and early dinner Tuesday-Thursday; late breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; and late breakfast and lunch Sunday. Closed Monday.

### **Rainer Fresh Country Store**

A small grocery store in Buckley that sells fresh fruit and vegetables as well as basic groceries. A good place to stock up for a picnic or for self-catering.