

# LOCAL HIKING INFORMATION

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## Waterfront Park / Blackbird Island / Enchantment Park

### (In-town hikes)

You can access the entire trail system from any of the three parks

- 1) WATERFRONT PARK - Once downtown, go all the way to the end of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. You will see a dirt road that goes down to the left. This is one of the entrances to the park system behind the downtown area.
- 2) BLACKBIRD ISLAND - The other way is go almost to the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and turn right at the STOP Sign. Or if you are on Commercial Street behind town you will simply go straight down the hill at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Commercial Intersection.
- 3) ENCHANTMENT PARK - On Highway 2, turn beside Howard Johnson motel and then take a left behind the motel. As you follow the road around behind HoJo you'll come to a Y in the road. Stay to the right until you see the Worldmark Sign. Turn there and you will see Enchantment Park Road. You'll drive or walk downhill into the park area.

The trail system behind town, if you enter it on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, starts out at Waterfront Park complete with sandy beaches, picnic tables and public restrooms. As you walk along the trail, you come to the bridge that connects the trails to Blackbird Island. After walking the trails on Blackbird Island, you are then connected to Enchantment Park which offers a children's playground, baseball fields and a Pump Park. There are public restrooms there also but they are not always unlocked.

Difficulty: EASY      Length Round Trip: 3 Miles      Approx. Hiking Time: 1 ½ Hours  
No Parking Permits Required      This is a DOG FRIENDLY hike.

Note: In the Winter, these trails are groomed as part of the Cross-Country Ski Trail System

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## Ski Hill Loop (In-town walk)

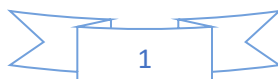
Turn on Ski Hill Drive off Highway 2 between Kristall's Restaurant and Wells Fargo Bank

If you walk the Ski Hill Loop (That is what the locals call it) it starts out at the Nazarene Church. It loops up and around for approximately 5 miles and comes out by the High School. Highway 2 is just a few blocks past the High School. It's just a big loop. This is a popular walk for locals.

Difficulty: EASY      Length Round Trip: 5 Miles      This is a walk along the road, NOT trails.

## Ski Hill Trails (In-town hike)

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At the top of Ski Hill Drive you will see the Ski Hill Lodge and rope tow area for local downhill skiing in the winter. This also is the start of the Ski Hill trail system. Walk on the various trails. For those that are energetic, walk up the old Bakke Hill Ski Jump. Walk the lower trails and find interpretive bird and plant tile identifiers created by our local Eagle Scouts.

No Parking Permit Required

This is a DOG FRIENDLY hike.

Note: In the Winter, the lower trails are groomed as part of the Cross-Country Ski Trail System. This trail system is 24-hour night lit with night time skiing in the winter.

## Icicle Ridge Trail Overlook

At the West end of town on Highway 2, turn on to Icicle Rd at the Gas Station. Stay on Icicle Road for 1.4 miles and go right at the Icicle Ridge Trail. (Shore Street will be opposite on the Left side of Icicle Road.) Take a quick left after turning off of icicle Road and you'll see a large parking area on your right. Trailhead starts in the parking lot. Upon arriving at the top, take a faint path headed Northeast. This will terminate to a point that will allow you vistas of the town of Leavenworth and the Upper Valley.

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult Length Round Trip: 4 Miles Approx. Hiking Time: 3 Hours

No Parking Permit Required

This is a DOG FRIENDLY hike.

## Penstock Trail (AKA Red Bridge Trail)

The Penstock, now on the National Historical Register, was a huge water pipe used to deliver water to a powerhouse located where the parking lot is now located. The electricity powered electrical engines which pulled trains through the Cascade Tunnel at Stevens Pass. Prior to this, the coal-fired engines caused problems with asphyxiation. In Chinook jargon, the word Tumwater means "rough water."

Please Note: This trail is sometimes flooded in the Spring due to the high volume of water in the river.

From Leavenworth, start you odometer after you pass the gas station at the Icicle Road intersection of Highway 2 going West. Drive 1.7 miles West on Highway 2. Turn left at a non-descript parking area, the trail begins just beyond the outhouse and continues over an old half pipe shaped bridge. After you walk over the bridge, follow the main trail to the right. Trail terminates in old tunnel.

Difficulty: EASY

Length Round Trip: 2 Miles

Approx. Hiking Time: 1 Hour

No Permits Required

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**The following hikes require a FOREST SERVICE PASS. They can be purchased at the Ranger Station on Highway 2 or at the gas station on the corner of Highway 2 and Icicle Rd.**

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## Snow Lakes / Nada Lake

From the Junction of Icicle Road and Highway 2, drive South on Icicle Road for 4.2 miles to the Snow Lakes Trailhead parking lot.

Difficulty: DIFFICULT    Length Round Trip: 14 miles    Approx. Hiking Time: 8 hours

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS

## 8 Mile Lake

Follow Icicle Road for 8.5 miles and go left to road 7601 (signs to Colchuck Lake). Follow this road for three miles to the trailhead. Park on the left side of the road.

Difficulty: EASY to MODERATE    Length Round Trip: 7 miles    Approx. Hiking Time: 4 hours

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS

## Stuart / Colchuck Lake

Follow Icicle Road for 8.5 miles and go left to road 7601 (signs to Colchuck Lake). Follow this road for four miles until it dead ends at the trailhead.

Difficulty: DIFFICULT    Length of Trip: 9 miles    Approx. Hiking Time: 6 hours

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS

## Icicle Gorge Trail

A gentle loop trail that traverses both banks of the Icicle River. A great trail for those that want to experience the magic of the Icicle Valley without having to grunt up and down significant elevation gains. Turn on Icicle Road and follow it approximately 16.6 miles (road eventually becomes forest service road #7600). Trailhead parking for the Icicle Gorge and View Trails is located approximately ½ mile past the Chatter Creek Guard Station on the left side of the road.

Difficulty: EASY    Length Round Trip: 3.5 miles    Approx. Hiking Time: 2 Hours

This is a DOG FRIENDLY hike.

## Alpine Lookout Trail

After you pass the Intersection of Highway 2 and Icicle Road going West start your odometer. Drive 17.1 miles on Highway 2 West and take a right onto Butcher Creek Road #6910 (If you pass the rest area you've gone too far). Go 2.5 miles on Butcher Creek Road #6910 (don't turn off on any of the Spur Roads) then turn right continuing on Road #6910 toward Round Mountain Trail. You will find the parking lot and trailhead for Round Mountain Trail shortly.

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Difficulty: DIFFICULT

Length Round Trip: 11 miles

Approx. Hiking Time: 7 Hours

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## Merrit Lake

After you pass the Intersection of Highway 2 and Icicle Road going West start your odometer. Drive 23.3 Miles West on Highway 2 and take a right on Road #657 (there is a sign marked Merrit Lake Trail) Follow Road #657 1.6 miles to the end of the road and the trailhead parking lot.

Difficulty: EASY – MODERATE

Length Round Trip: 6 miles

Approx. Hiking Time: 4 hours

This is a DOG FRIENDLY hike.

## Hidden Lake

After you pass the Intersection of Highway 2 and Icicle Road going West start your odometer. Drive 14.5 miles on Highway 2 West and take a right on #207 following signs to Lake Wenatchee/Fish Lake Recreation Area. Follow #207. At 3.6 miles turn left on Cedar Brae Road (follow signs to Nason Creek Campground). At 4 miles Cedar Brae Road turns left. Stay on Cedar Brae Road and at 9 miles you will come to Hidden Lake Trailhead on the right (the last 2 miles are on dirt road). Park Here.

Difficulty: EASY

Length Round Trip: 1.5 miles

Approx. Hiking Time: 1 Hour

This is a DOG FRIENDLY hike.

## Wenatchee River Ranger District - Leavenworth office

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## Wenatchee River Ranger District - Lake Wenatchee office

(509) 763-3103 (VOICE/TTY)

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9 miles north of the Coles Corner junction with State Hwy 2.

## Always Hike Responsibly!

Trails do close occasionally due to adverse conditions or fire danger. Always check with the Ranger Station before heading out for last minute updates. Always let someone know where you are going. Even if it's just the clerk at the Front Desk of your Hotel. Never Hike Alone.

**Never leave valuables in your car when parking at trailheads and parking lots for hiking.**