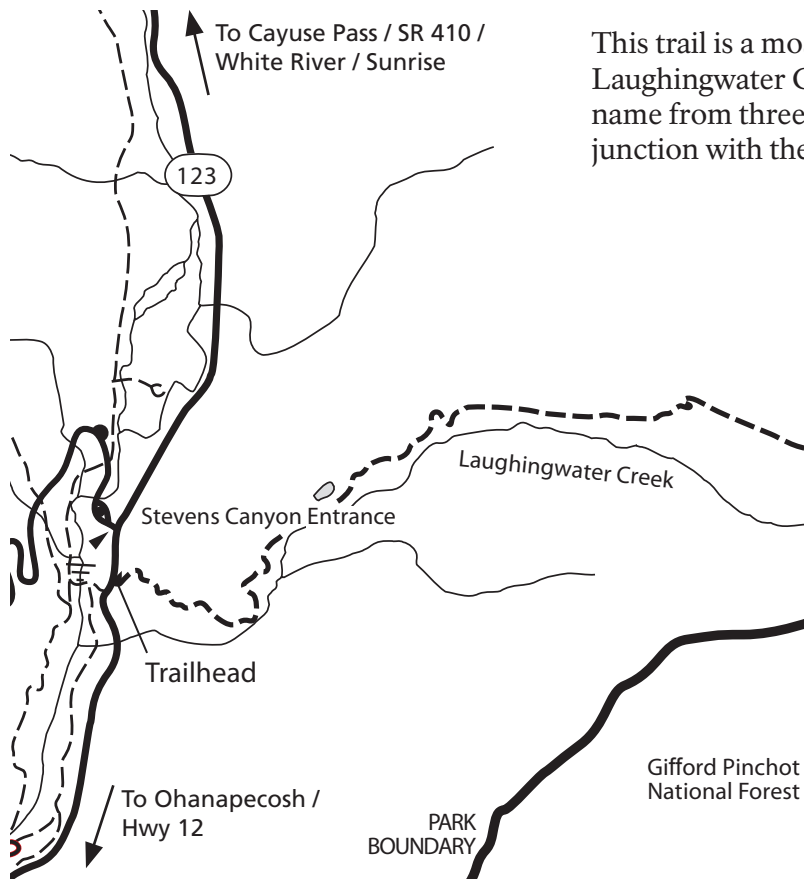




Three Lakes



This trail is a mostly forested hike following Laughingwater Creek. The trail gets its name from three mountain lakes near the junction with the Pacific Crest Trail.



Do not feed or approach wildlife. Pets and bicycles are not allowed on park trails.
Do not pick flowers or collect other park resources (rocks, wood, etc.).
Carry the "10 Essentials" and Leave No Trace of your visit.
Use a topographical map.
Permit required for wilderness camping.

Trail Description

Round-trip Distance:
12.2 miles (19.6 km)

Elevation Gain:
2,700 feet (823 m)

Hiking Time Round-trip:
6 hours

Difficulty Level:
Moderate

Wilderness Camp:
Three Lakes

Trailhead: Drive 1 mile (1.6 km) north of Ohanapecosh on SR 123. Park on the west side of the road at Laughingwater Creek. The trailhead is across the highway.

Along the Trail

The trail follows Laughingwater Creek as it leads hikers through the forest. Stop to enjoy the soothing sound of the creek from its bank. Atop the ridge, hikers will find three small mountain lakes. Mount Rainier can be seen by taking a short 0.5-mile (0.8 km) hike beyond the third lake and emerging from the forest into an open area.

Remember, the use of stock (horses, burros, llamas) is permitted on this trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. When approaching pack animals on the trail, give them the right of way. Step off to the side of the trail and stand quietly to give them room to safely pass.