



The Olympic Wilderness

Upper Lena Lake Wilderness Destination

Official web site: www.nps.gov/olymp

Olympic National Park is one of the wildest places left in the contiguous United States. In 1988, Congress designated 95% of Olympic as wilderness to further protect the wild areas of the park from development. Congress defines Wilderness as "...an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammled by man, where man himself is a visitor and does not remain." These areas "shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness..." Learn more about your National Wilderness Preservation System at www.wilderness.net.

Each year, nearly 40,000 people camp in the Olympic Wilderness. Because of the large number of people, each of us should take the time to consider what effect our actions have on wildlife, plants, other visitors and the overall wildness of Olympic.

Campsites

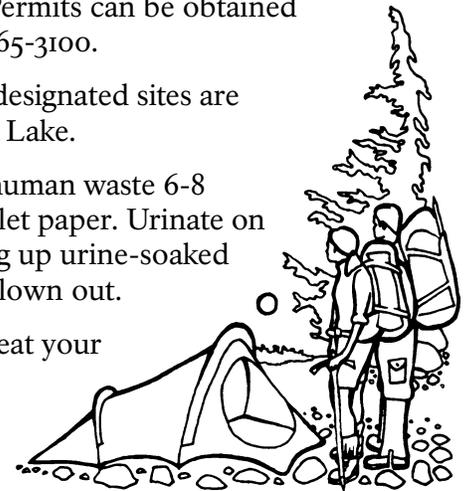
Permits: A Wilderness Camping Permit is required for all overnight trips. Permits can be obtained through the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) in Port Angeles (360) 565-3100.

Campsites: A few very small sites are located above Lower Lena Lake and designated sites are located at Upper Lena Lake. Camping is prohibited within 1/4 mile of Scout Lake.

Toilets: A vault toilet is available at Upper Lena Lake. Elsewhere, bury all human waste 6-8 inches deep and 200 feet from a campsite or water. Please pack out your toilet paper. Urinate on trails or rocks 200 feet from campsites or water to prevent deer from pulling up urine-soaked vegetation and to keep vaults from filling so quickly. The vaults have to be flown out.

Water Sources: Upper Lena Lake and Lena Creek - Always boil, filter or treat your water.

Stock: Closed to stock.



Special Concerns

Leave No Trace: Camping is allowed in designated sites only at Upper Lena Lake. Camping or walking on vegetation will destroy it. Please stay on trails, rock or on snow. Subalpine vegetation is very fragile.

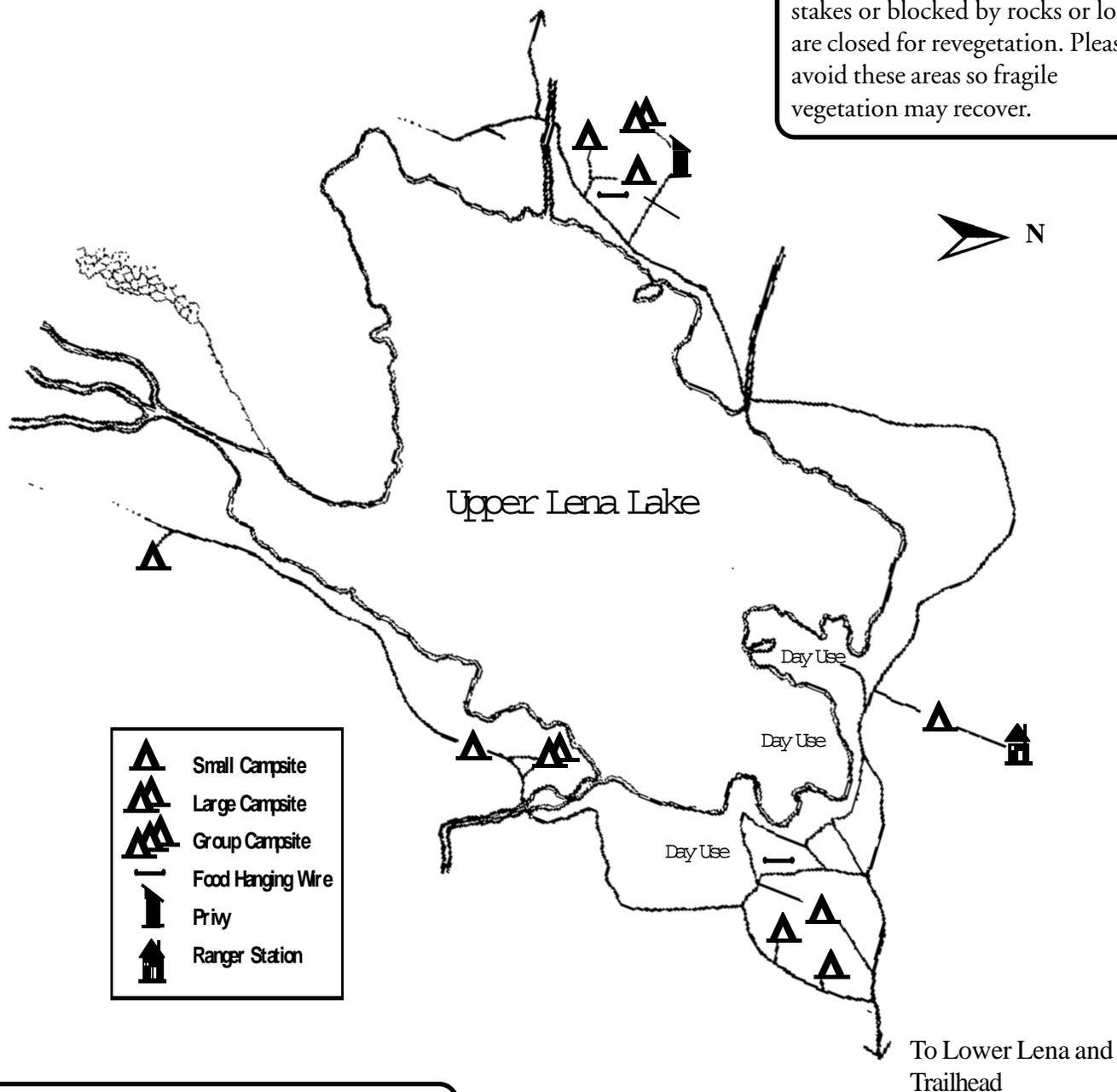
Fires: Subalpine forests and meadows need dead and decaying wood for nutrients. Because of the general lack of dead wood, **no fires are allowed at Upper Lena Lake** or elsewhere above 3,500 feet.

Wildlife: Always store all food, garbage and scented items in Animal-Resistant Food Canisters (ARFC) or hang from bear wires at Upper Lena Lake 24 hours a day. Never store your food in your tent or pack. If you do not secure your food you may be endangering yourself, your gear, other campers, bears and other wildlife. A \$50 fine may be assessed and food may be confiscated if improperly stored.

Safety: The trail between Lena Lake and Upper Lena Lake is very steep and challenging in places. Use caution.



Areas or trails marked with closed stakes or blocked by rocks or logs are closed for revegetation. Please avoid these areas so fragile vegetation may recover.



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- **No campfires!**
- **Use toilet except when urinating. Urinate on rocks or trails 200 ft. from campsites or water.**
- **Walking or camping on vegetation destroys it. Please stay on trails.**

