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# Mount Rainier National Park

## Nisqually to Paradise Road Construction Update

### Wayside Notes

The historic Nisqually to Paradise Road is the most common entry to Mount Rainier National Park. Like most roads that you travel, it too, requires maintenance and periodic repairs. Due to adverse winter weather road work must occur during the busy summer season.

*This year the majority of work will occur between Longmire and Paradise with some work taking place between Nisqually Entrance and Longmire.*

The road continually endures impacts from thousands of cars, buses, and RVs. It sustains damage from freezing, thawing, and rain. The road is also impacted by fallen trees and the river meandering too close.

Improvements to the road will preserve its integrity as a popular scenic drive and provide continued safe access for years to come.

### Just the Facts: Road Trivia

*1890* James Longmire assisted in building the first road towards the mountain.
*1911* President Taft's auto is one of the first to reach Paradise but could not make it all the way so it was pulled by mules.
*1914* Women are allowed to drive on park roads.
*1915* Road to Paradise completed. It is the first road in America to reach a glacier.

### What to Expect

- ***Paving*** *is underway between Nisqually Entrance and Longmire.*
- ***Construction Activity*** *is heavy at Nisqually Entrance.*
- ***Trenching*** *continues below Paradise on the Nisqually-Paradise Road.*
- **Know Before You Go.** Expect delays during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. *Currently no work is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday.*
- **Be Prepared.** Expect delays up to 15 minutes at one stop. *Total construction delays should not exceed 30 minutes between Nisqually Entrance and Paradise.*
- **Plan Ahead.** Restroom facilities are located at Kautz Creek, Longmire, Narada Falls, and Paradise.
- **Drive Cautiously.** The road by design is narrow and winding with very little shoulder. Expect uneven surfaces, holes, and bumps.

***For more information go to:***
http://www.nps.gov/mora/parkmgmt/nisqually-paradise-road.htm