

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 river erosion.

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

Just the Facts: Nisqually River Bridges

The current bridge over the Nisqually River is a hundred feet high and well constructed. The first bridge had to be replaced in 1925 due to pest damage. The next two bridges were taken out by floods. The 1932 flood sent water, ice, and boulders down river in 50 mph surges. In 1955 the bridge was sent down river nine miles.

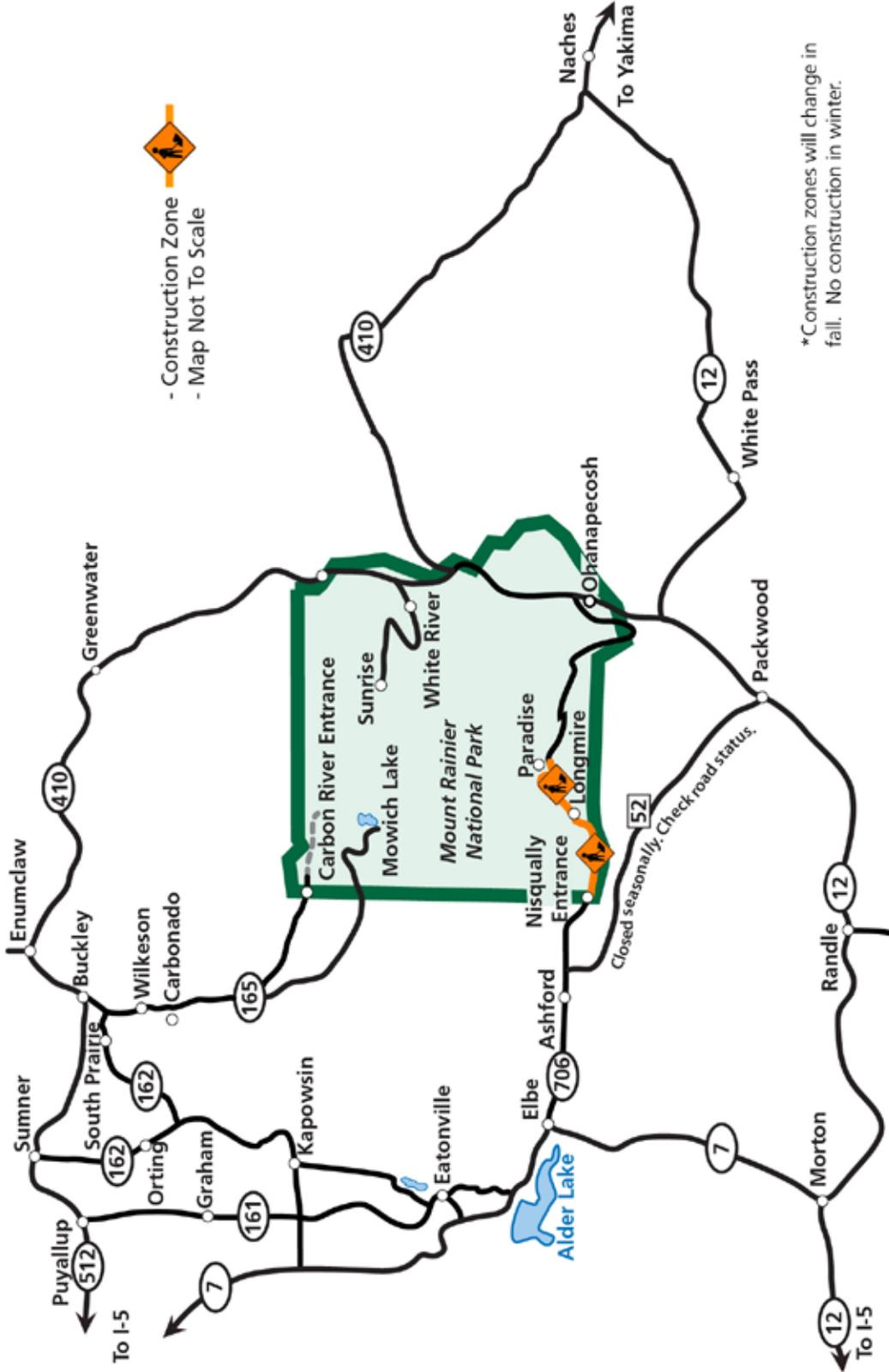
What to Expect

- **Paving is complete!** Some work continues between Nisqually Entrance and Longmire.
- **Trenching** continues above Longmire on the Nisqually-Paradise Road and near Ricksecker Point.
- **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 each stop. *Total construction delays should not exceed 30 minutes between Nisqually Entrance and Paradise.*
- **No Idling.** Please be considerate of the air quality and turn off your vehicle when stopped at construction.
- **Plan Ahead.** Restroom facilities are located at Longmire, Kautz Creek, Narada Falls, and Paradise.

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

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Summer 2015*



- Construction Zone
- Map Not To Scale

*Construction zones will change in fall. No construction in winter.