

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.

Historic Routes

The first route into the area was a rough trail constructed in 1884 by James Longmire to a series of mineral springs on the southwest flank of Mount Rainier. The first settler of the area, Longmire developed a primitive mineral springs resort. In 1890-91, aided by five Native Americans, the Longmire family opened the first road to Longmire Springs. This was a toll road, suitable only for wagons travelling in good weather.

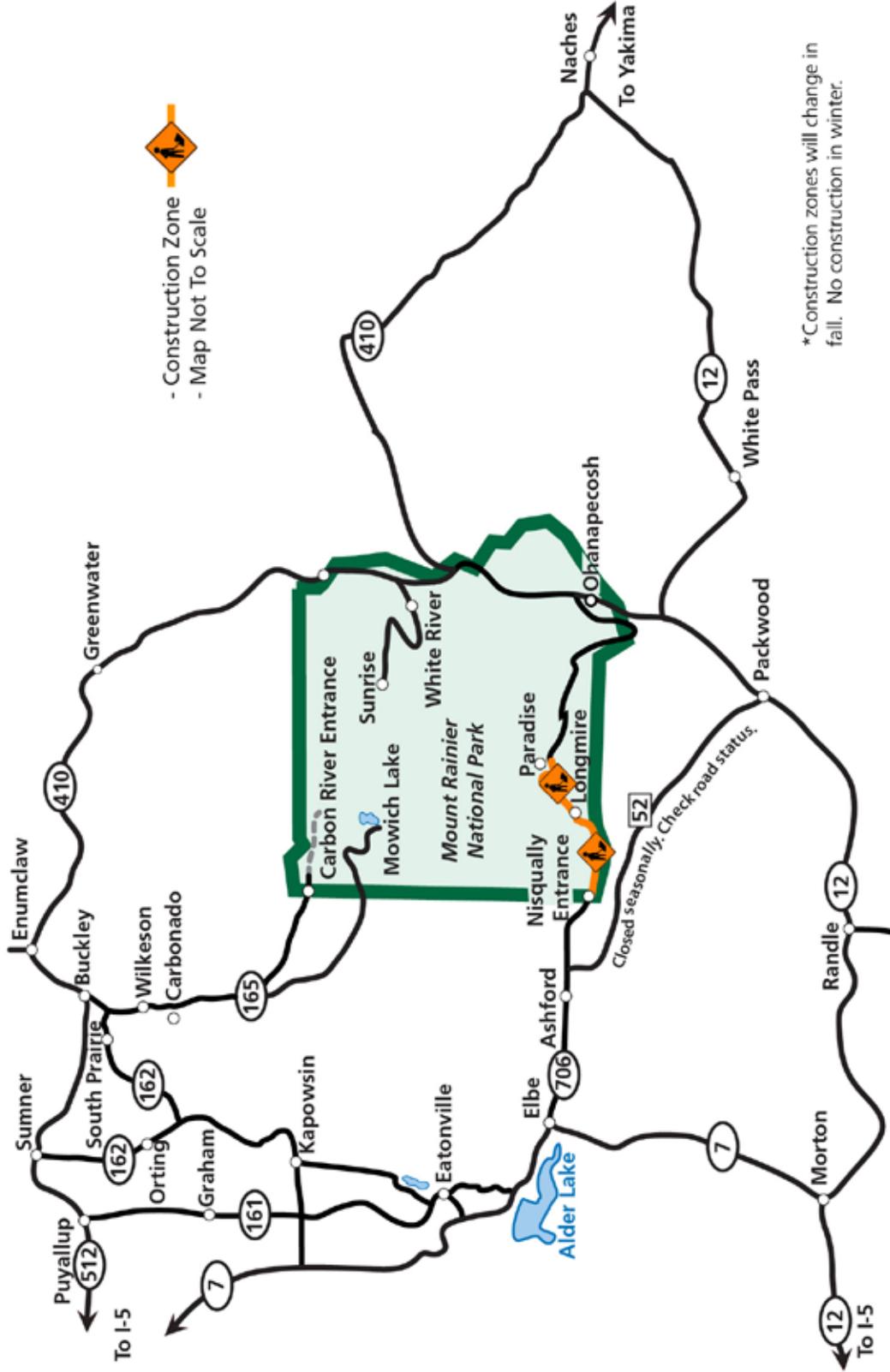
What to Expect

- **Trenching** continues above Longmire on the Nisqually-Paradise Road.
- **No Road Work** for most of August and September.
- **Know Before You Go.** Expect delays during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. There is no work scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week.
- **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 Kautz Creek, Longmire, 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.