

Mount Rainier National Park

Nisqually to Paradise Road Construction Update



Wayside Notes

What to Expect

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.

For the remainder of the year the majority of work will occur between Longmire and Paradise.

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:

“The area east of Ricksecker Point..., where the pale spires of burnt Alaska yellow-cedar marked the site of a disastrous attempt by Ben Longmire to burn out a nest of yellowjackets. Fanned by high winds, the fire raced through acres of conifers... The area’s loss later proved to be the Rainier National Park Company’s gain, for the forest remnants were salvaged for use in building the Paradise Inn.”

-Excerpt from: *Mount Rainier National Park: Tales, Trails, & Auto Tours* by Jerry & Gisela Rohde

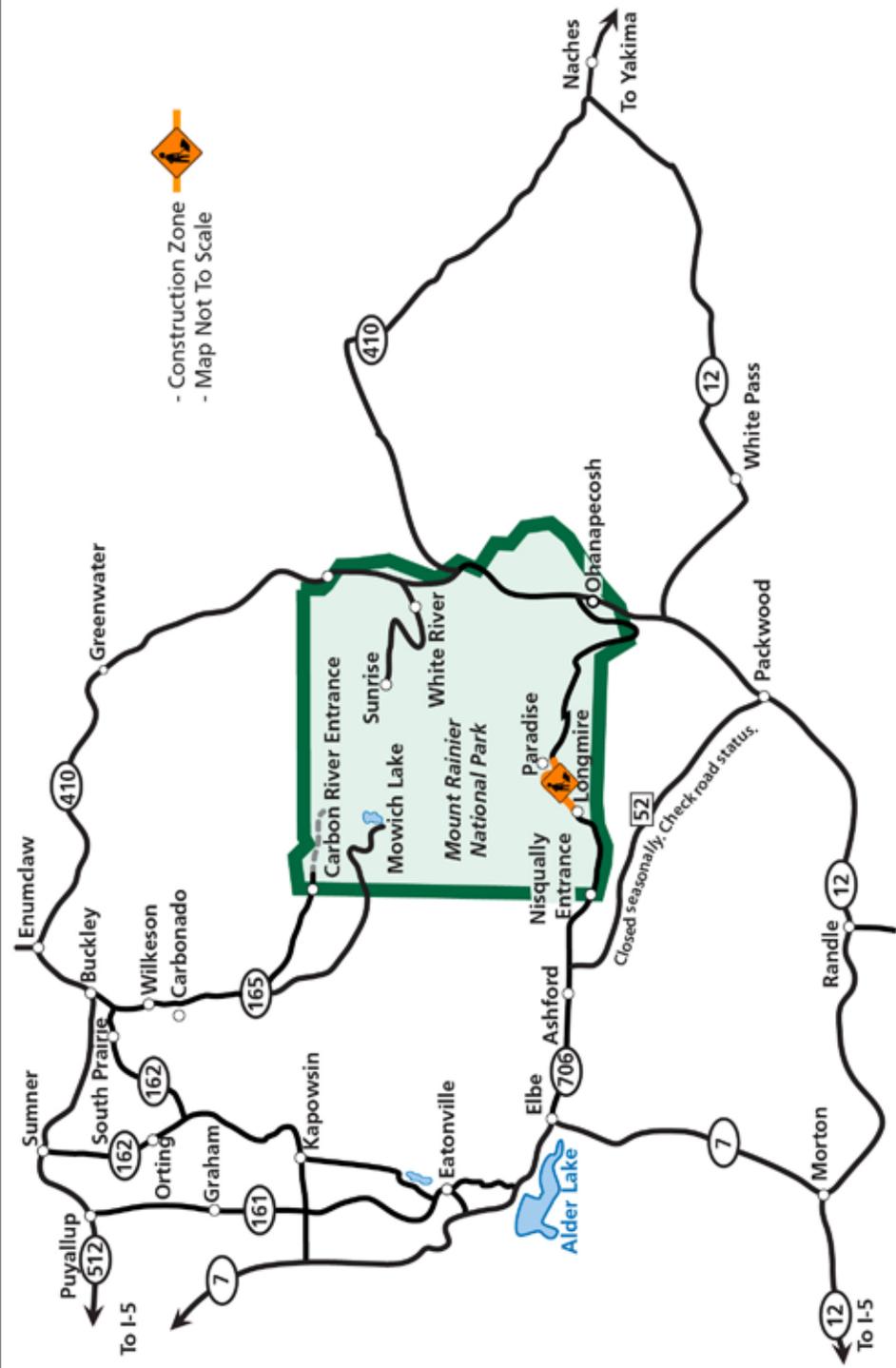
- **Road Construction** will not take place October 10 - 12.
- **Work** this week will be concentrated at roadside utility vaults. *Expect delays.*
- **Power outages** will occur at Longmire and Paradise weekdays October 13 - 23.
- **Know Before You Go.** Expect delays during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. *Currently no work is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday.*
- **Be Prepared.** *Total construction delays should not exceed 30 minutes between Longmire 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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- Construction Zone
- Map Not To Scale