

Mount Rainier National Park

Nisqually to Paradise Road Construction Update



Wayside Notes

In the early 1900's, the Nisqually to Paradise Road was built to offer the best views possible as visitors approached the mountain. As you can imagine, this historic route requires maintenance and periodic repairs. Due to adverse winter weather, road work must take place during the busy summer season.

This year the majority of the project will occur between Longmire and Paradise.

Each year thousands of vehicles, cycles of freeze and thaw and falling trees take their toll on the road. Improvements to the road are necessary to preserve its integrity as a popular and historic scenic drive and to provide continued safe access for years to come.

Just the Facts: Generations of Green and Grey

Dedicated park employees often joke that they "bleed Park Service green and grey". That could not be more true for Yates Clark, a mechanic at Mount Rainier. Clark comes from a long line of park employees. He is the fourth generation on his father's side and third on his mother's side to work for the agency. His parents met as kids living and playing in Death Valley National Park. Years later, they were reunited when his father was cutting hazard trees at Mount Rainier where his mother lived. Few have such a close connection between park and family history.

What to Expect

- **Road Construction** will take place until late October, 2016.
- **Work this week** will be focused at Paradise on milling and repairing damaged areas in both the upper and lower parking lots and in the lot in front of the Paradise Inn. Parking will be very limited in both lots.
- **Other work this week** may occur in various pockets along the road between Longmire and Paradise.
- **Paradise Overnight Parking** will be along the Paradise Valley Road or in the Paradise Picnic Area until September 23, 2016.
- **Vehicles parked in the closed area will be towed.**
- **Access.** Accessible parking spaces will be very limited for the next two weeks. Flaggers will direct visitors needing access to the Paradise Inn and Visitor Center.
- **Be Aware of Closures.** The entire Ricksecker Point Loop Road and the parking area at Glacier Bridge will be closed June through early fall.

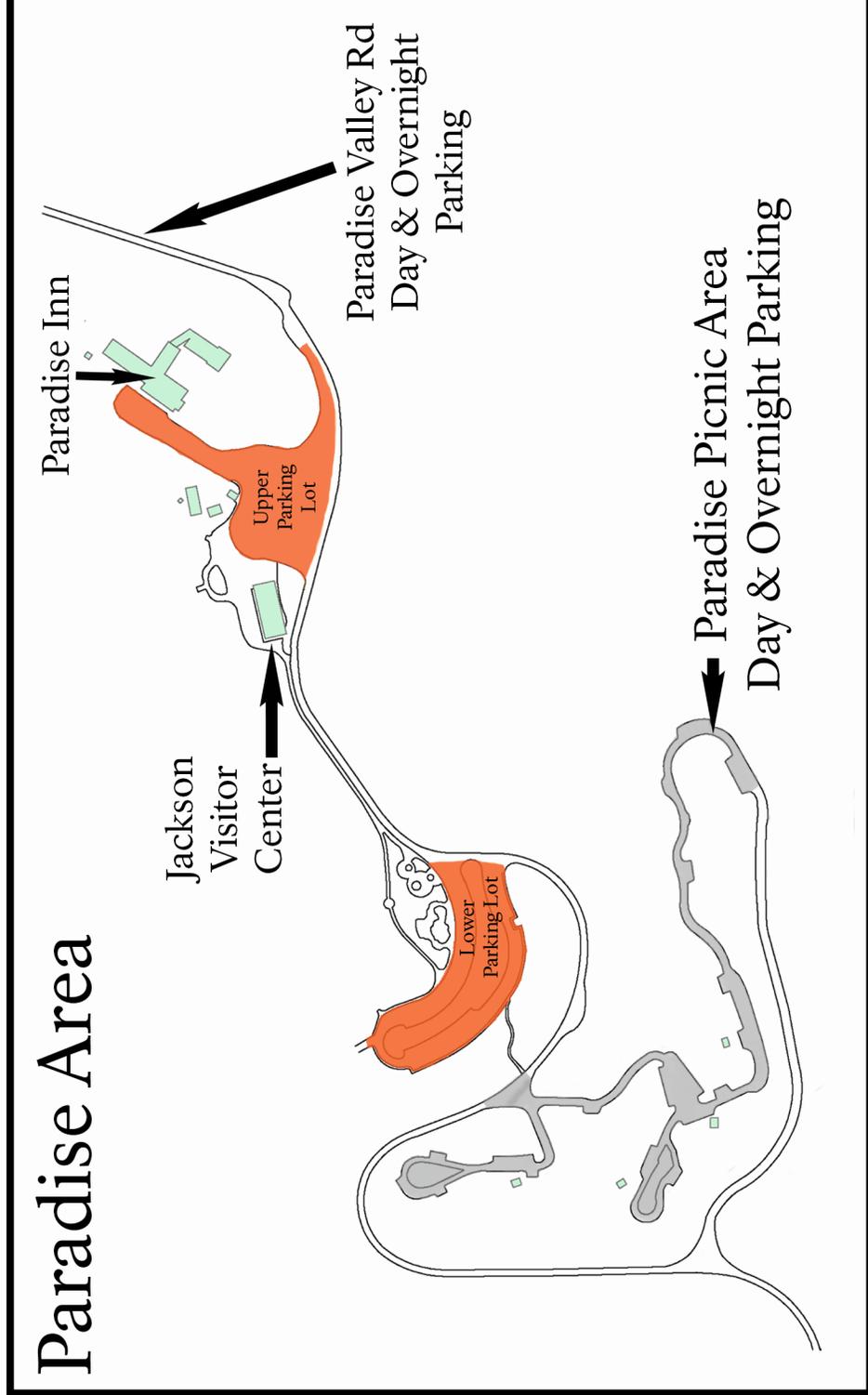
For more information go to:

<https://www.nps.gov/mora/getinvolved/nisqually-paradise-road.htm>

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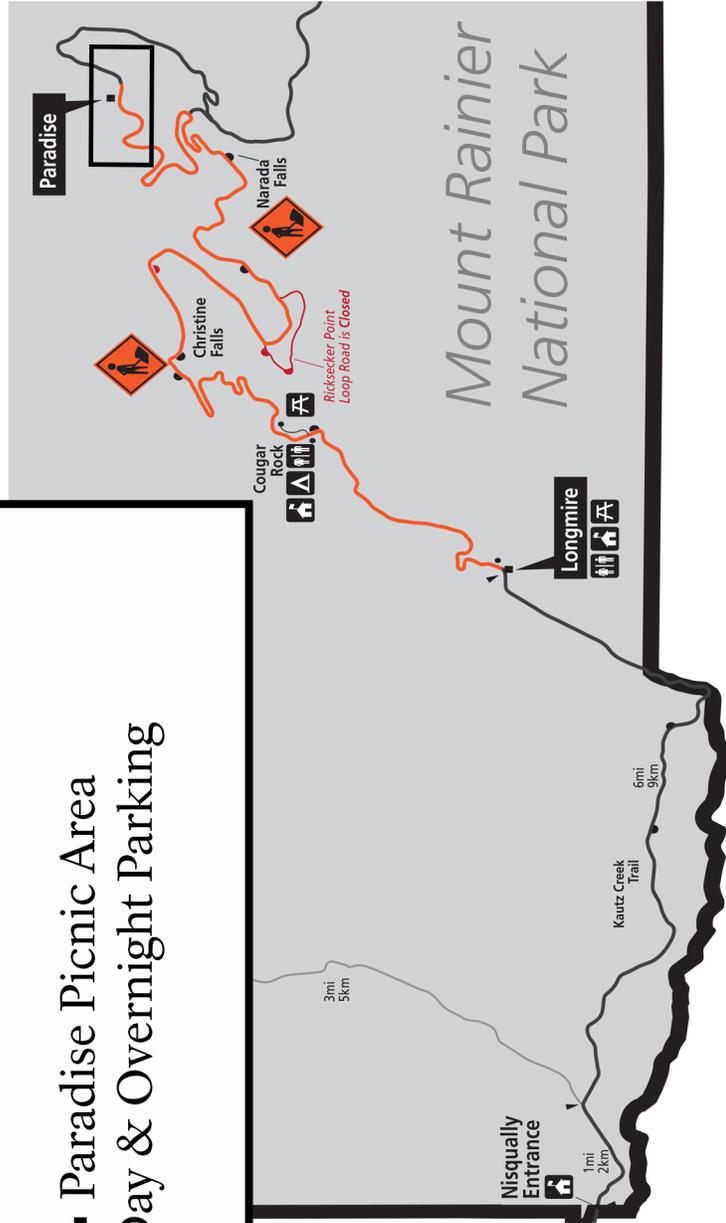
Paradise Area



During construction operations 1/2 of The Upper Parking Lot and 1/2 of the Lower Parking Lot will be closed.

Park in designated areas.

 Construction Zones
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