

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: National Public Lands Day

Have you ever wanted to help care for your national parks in a more tangible way? If so, a volunteer project on National Public Lands Day might be a perfect way to jump into volunteering at Mount Rainier. Each year 1,700 volunteers donate their time maintaining trails, helping rehabilitate meadows and working on a variety of other projects throughout the park. On Saturday, September 24, volunteers will work on trail maintenance, invasive plant removal and revegetation projects on the east side of the park.

What to Expect

- **Road Construction** will take place until late October, 2016.
- **Work this week** will be focused, weather permitting on grading, paving and striping. At Paradise paving in both the upper and lower parking lots will take place throughout the week. Parking will be limited in both lots. Road work may occur anywhere along the route between Longmire and Paradise.
- **Paradise Overnight Parking** at the Paradise Picnic Area until the end of the paving project.
- **Vehicles parked in the closed area will be towed.** Vehicles parked in the upper lot at Paradise on Monday morning will be towed.
- **Access.** Accessible parking spaces will be limited for the next week. 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. Possible weekday closures along the Paradise Valley Road.

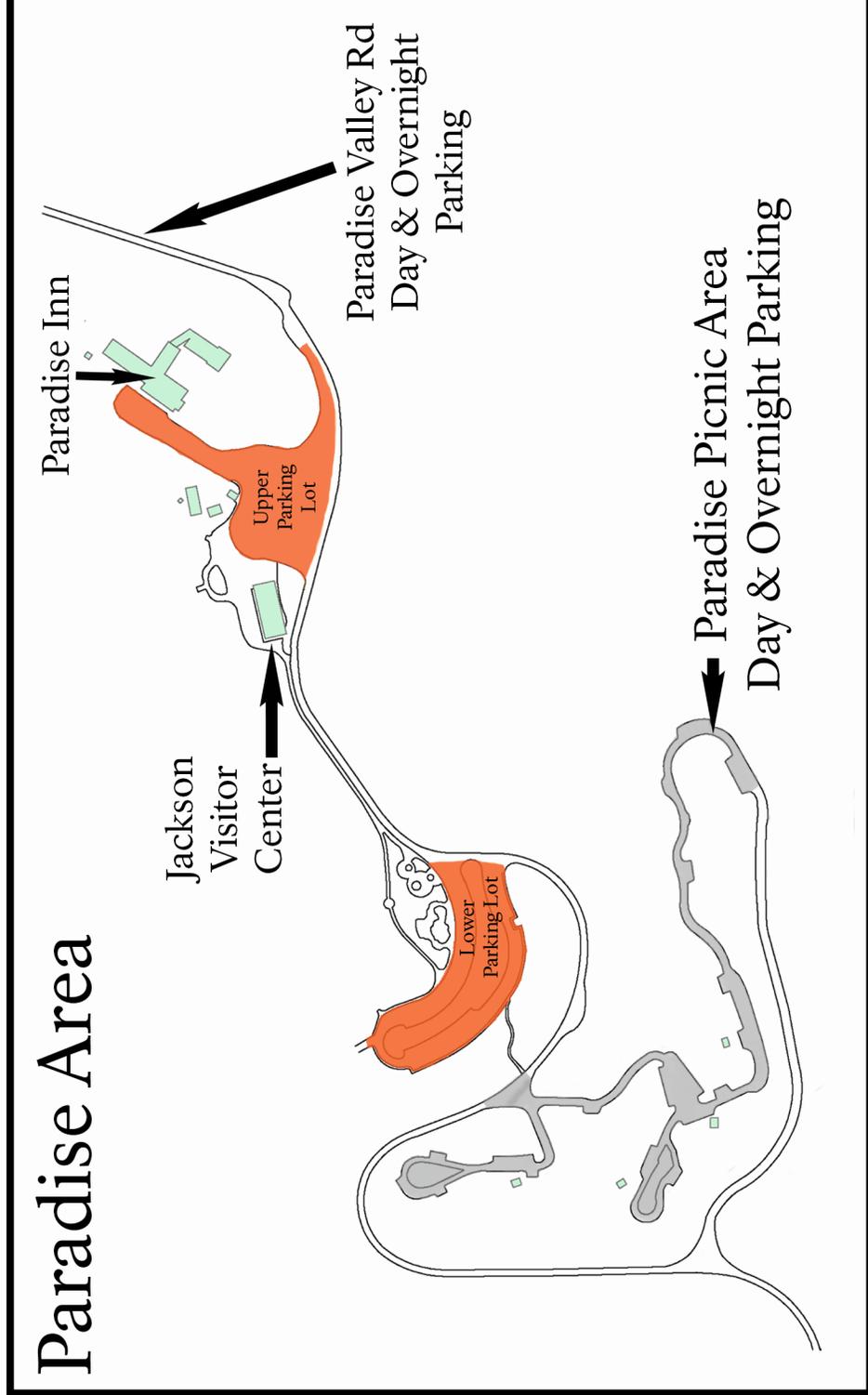
For more information go to:

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

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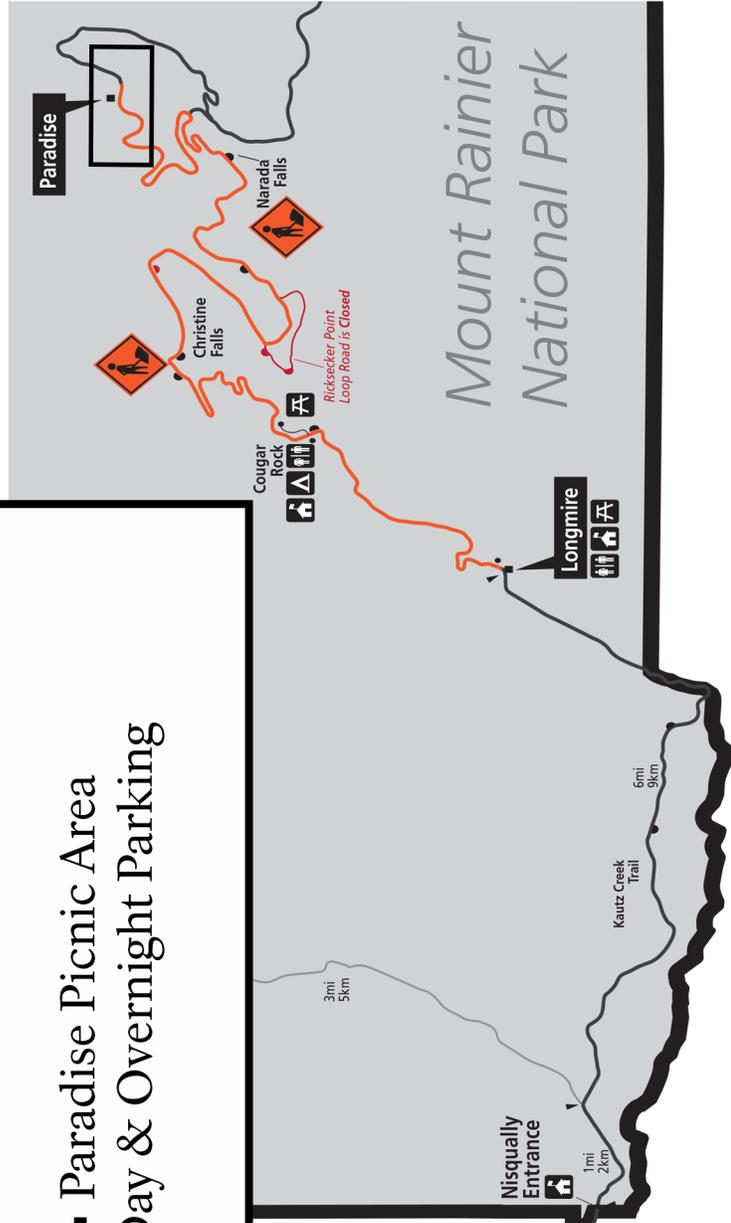
Paradise Area



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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