

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: A Wonderland Indeed

Each year over a thousand backpackers make the trek around Mount Rainier on the 93 mile Wonderland Trail. The historic route was used in the early 1900s by visitors and rangers alike. The patrol cabins built for rangers during the early Wonderland days are important components of the park's National Historic Landmark District today. The oldest, at Indian Henrys Hunting Ground, was constructed in 1915 and is still in use today.

What to Expect

- **Road Construction** will take place until late October, 2016.
- **Work this week** will be focused on paving and striping. At Paradise paving in the lower parking lots will take place throughout the week. Lower lots will remain closed during paving. Parking in upper lot will be limited.
- **Other work this week** may occur in various pockets along the road between Longmire and Paradise and along the Paradise Valley Road.
- **Paradise Overnight Parking** will be along the Paradise Valley Road or in the Paradise Picnic Area.
- **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.

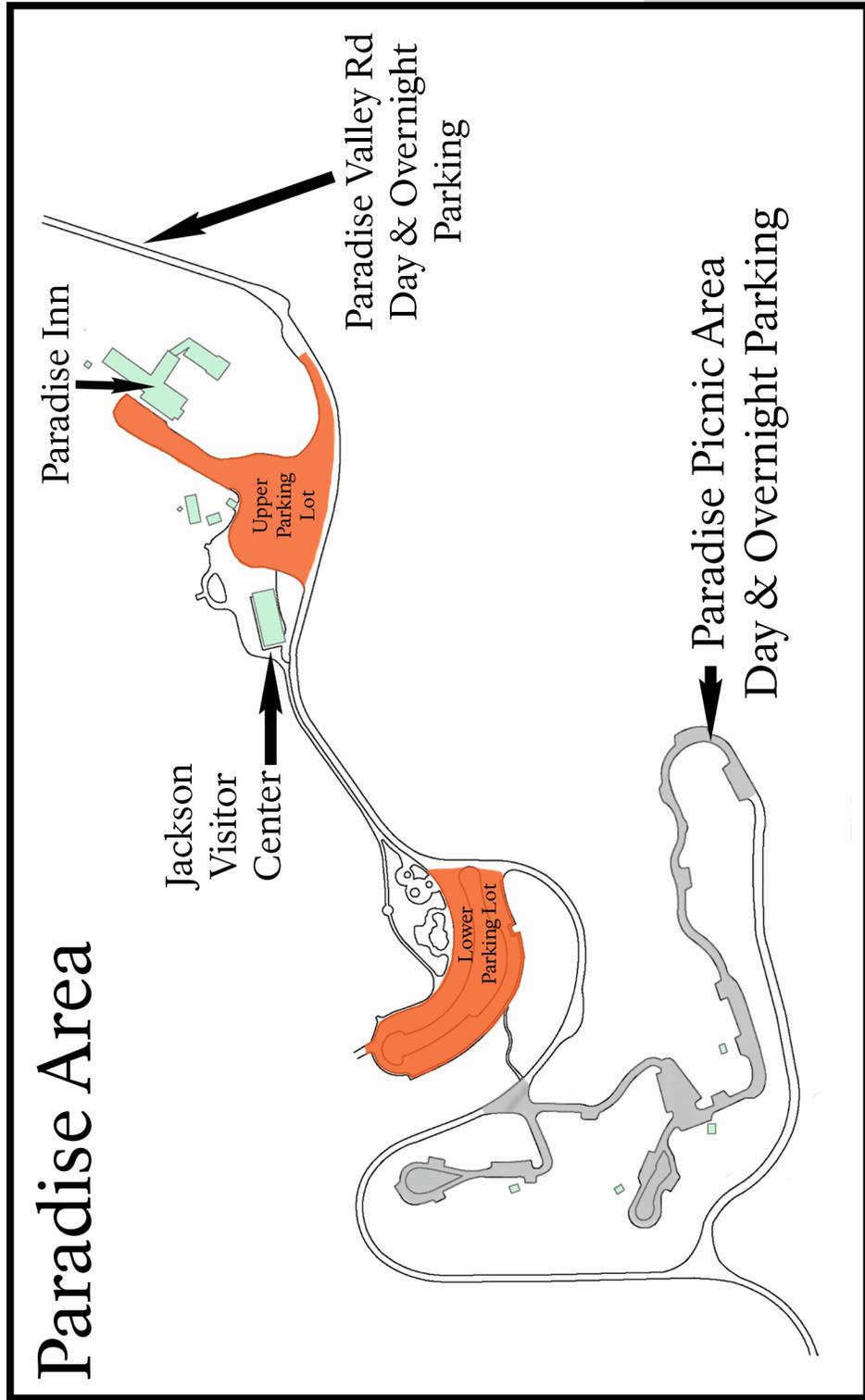
For more information go to:

<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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