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RAINIER IS OPEN TO HIKERS AND SNOW SHOERS

November 27, 2006--Although all roads remain closed at Mount Rainier National Park, there are several areas where you can hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski. From the closed park gate on Highway 123 you can snowshoe or ski the road towards Ohanapecosh. You can also park at the junction of Highway 410 and the Crystal Mountain Road and explore Highway 410.

“While we work to repair damaged roads, we’re glad folks can still come and enjoy Mount Rainier,” said Superintendent Dave Uberuaga. “For outdoor enthusiasts the mountain offers some good options even with the roads closed.”

The Carbon River entrance offers a great day hike for those interested in seeing the destruction wrought by flooding. Sections of the road are still intact and provide access to majestic old growth forest. A rough foot trail skirts the chasm that was once the Carbon River Road about a mile inside the park entrance.

It is not safe to enter the park on the Nisqually Road due to ongoing power line and road repair work. However, rangers lead walks to Sunshine Point, where raging torrents of water wiped out both the road and campground. Walks depart from the Nisqually Entrance at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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